

MINUTES OF THE **MEETING OF FOWLMERE PARISH COUNCIL** HELD
IN THE SCHOOL ROOM, UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, CHAPEL LANE
17TH FEBRUARY 2015 AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT: Cllr D Roberts (Vice-Chairman), Cllr J Bottrill, Cllr C Howe, Cllr J Peacock, Cllr M Sunderland and Mrs J Wright (Clerk)

IN ATTENDANCE: There was no one in attendance

		Actions
1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr Wragg and Cllr Bearpark sent their apologies.	
2.	DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS: No items were declared.	
3.	MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 20TH JANUARY 2015: The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.	
4.	<p>MATTERS ARISING: The War Memorial has now been listed by English Heritage. Clerk to mention this in the FATN / web-site. Clerk to mention the tunnel and ask what records they hold and what protection does it have? It isn't known who actually owns it.</p> <p>There have been some changes of tenure at The Triangle. Clerk to write to King Street again to remind them of their responsibilities, copied to Steven Hills and Uzma Ali at SCDC.</p> <p>The PC have noted that the pillar at The Green has still not been mended which gives cause for concern and should have been made safe.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
5.	<p>COUNTY COUNCIL AFFAIRS: Cllr Topping was unable to attend the meeting but sent the following report after the meeting:</p> <p><i>"1. John Akhtar is due at Cambridge Crown Court for sentencing this coming Monday, re the Dottreell Hall prosecution by the County Council.</i></p> <p><i>2. I do not know and neither do the County whether the police are ready to press charges regarding the alleged arson at Flintcross.</i></p> <p><i>3. Andrew Greenwood from the County will inspect the "bungalow" site to see what is actually going on there behind the bund. It would be helpful if South Cambs, who granted the planning permission, could also keep an eye on it.</i></p> <p><i>4. Regarding the Flintcross fire site:</i></p> <p><i>4a. <u>Environment Agency report that</u> There is still residual heat from the site but no above ground burning.</i></p> <p><i>The EA have re-issued the suspension notice with a revised deadline for compliance (13/04/2015). Further details explaining the reasons for re-issuing the notice will be published on the SCDC website before the end of the week. Basically the site was too hot for remediation in the original timescale. The site is being cleaned up now and eg the metal that was burnt in the fire being sorted through and put into skips. No waste or ash has yet left the site.</i></p> <p><i>Remediation work on site has started. Representatives from the EA will be meeting with the</i></p>	

	<p>landowner and his contractor next week to discuss the waste removal process.</p> <p>4b. Groundwater. <i>Ssamples taken on 15/12/2014 have been tested against contaminants associated with burnt waste material following the fires and results showed no impact at time the samples were taken. However, further testing is due to be carried out in the near future. The waste has to be got off the site to avoid any problems in this area.</i></p> <p>4c. Air quality - <u>Public Health England</u> have no immediate concerns. The air quality data is on the south cambs website. "</p> <p>A) STREET LIGHTING Jeremy Pymer has spoken to Balfour Beatty and they say they have no outstanding issues in the village... Clerk to speak to them and ask them to log it as a formal complaint.</p> <p>B) TRAFFIC BID Clerk to chase feedback on the bid from Stephen Thulbourn</p> <p>Clerk to chase Pipers Close sign, as leaving village.</p> <p>Cllr Bearpark noticed root damage at Ryecroft lane. Clerk to report.</p> <p>No sign outside 1 Piper's Close - Cllr Roberts to let SCDC know.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Roberts</p>
6.	<p>SUSTAINABLE PARISH ENERGY PARTNERSHIP EVENT Cllr Peacock and Cllr Wragg attended this event and there are several things you can do. The PC could organise an event (with SCDC) in the village, people will be told at the meeting how they can save money on their energy bills - energy saving bulbs, borrowing thermal imaging cameras and insulation, particularly around the loft-hatch.</p> <p>This is something the PC could organise for a few months time. Clerk to write to the contact and say that Cllr Peacock is the point of contact. To go on the next few agendas.</p>	
7.	<p>PLANNING COMMITTEE</p> <p>There was nothing further to report, a meeting was held earlier.</p> <p>The meeting was opened, and then closed to members of the public and press</p> <p>It was agreed that there needs to be an extra item on the agenda for District Council Information</p>	
8.	<p>BURIAL BOARD: An application was submitted which was a little out of keeping with the consistency the PC are trying to achieve. It needs to be made nearer to a symmetrical shape. Clerk to report back to the applicant and suggest they look at the more recent applications.</p> <p>The bench is to be installed at the cemetery in better weather by the Mulhollands..</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
9.	<p>TREES, GRASS AND HEDGES: There has been concern over the forked tree at the junction of Ryecroft Lane and Jacksons Way. The tree has been assessed previously but Cllr Bearpark has asked Shire Trees to take a look. Clerk to ask SCDC Tree Officer to take a look too. There is also another overhanging tree in Dovehouse Close for the Tree Officer to look at. Cllr Bottrill to pass on photos.</p> <p>A) SAVILE WAY PLANTING The PC to progress with the planting work that Lamorna proposed after seeking three competitive quotes. Clerk to confirm with Lamorna.</p>	<p>Clerk (Cllr Bottrill)</p> <p>Clerk</p>

	<p>B) PROTECTED VERGES FPC was contacted by Rob Mungovan at SCDC who apologised as he had not been aware of the rapid progress of the site-work for the solar farm, which impinges on the protected verge and he is trying to liaise with the solar firm to see if FPC could get some financial help towards the remedial work but nothing has been heard yet. A lump sum would pay for several years worth of work and would help to fund the lifting of the cuttings. The associated works have been very muddy and this needs to be reported to Peter Topping. Clerk to ask if SCDC have had any success with negotiations and is there anything FPC can do to aid that process. Cllr Bottrill reported that the road is breaking away and an area of road and verge has been tarmaced over, so the road has been improved.</p>	<p>Clerk Clerk</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES A) FINANCE MINUTES FROM 20TH JANUARY 2015 Minutes of the meeting of Fowlmere Parish Council Finance and General Purposes Committee held in the School Room, URC, Chapel Lane, Fowlmere, Tuesday 20th January 2015 at 7:00pm.</p> <p>Present: Cllr M Sunderland (Chair), Cllr T Bearpark, Cllr J Bottrill, Cllr C Howe, Cllr J Peacock, Cllr D Roberts and Mrs J Wright Clerk.</p> <p>1. Apologies for absence Apologies were received from Cllr L Wragg and Cllr Howe apologised he would be late arriving.</p> <p>2. Minutes of previous meeting/Matters Arising The previous minutes of 21st October 2014 had already been agreed and signed at a previous PC meeting.</p> <p>3. Review of income and expenditure. a) Moving Bank Account Progression Further identification is needed to progress the new bank account at Cambridge Building Society in Melbourn and the additional Of Cllr Sunderland as a signatory with Santander</p> <p>4. Precept The precept has been accepted by SCDC in Jan 2015.</p> <p>5. Trees, Grass and Hedges a) Savile Way Planting 3 quotes have been sought and the PC agreed to progress with Lamorna Thomas if no further responses were received by next month.</p> <p>Cllr Bottrill asked about the latest in the Moat regarding tree work . The Clerk advised that all tree work in the village is up-to-date from a health and safety point of view but will share the paperwork with Cllr Bottrill.</p> <p>6. Future Projects a) Village survey of spending priorities The article is in the FATN, asking for feedback, Clerk to report back at the next meeting on responses.</p> <p>b) Village map (Stand) The Clerk to seek a new stand for the village map and look to getting it printed according to the resulting size of the stand. Clerk to contact Kevin Clark in Thriplow for details of the stand they had built.</p>	

	<p>c) Replacement train /play equipment at The Butts The Mulhollands would like to be involved in choosing a new piece of equipment, the Clerk to keep in touch. The Clerk to seek a third quote for the table-tennis table.</p> <p>7. Other Matters There were no other matters.</p> <p>8. Date of next meeting Tuesday 21st April 2015 (presumably 7:00pm), prior to the PC Meeting at the URC, Chapel Lane.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 7:30pm.</p> <p>***** The minutes were signed as a true and accurate record.</p> <p>B) CHEQUES PAID Mrs J Wright February 15 Salary - £629.37 Data Protection annual Charge (DD) - £35.00 Mileage Reimbursement for Cllr Sunderland - £17.10 Mileage Reimbursement for Cllr Bottrill - £17.10 Seniorlink Eldercare Jan 15 (monthly charge for residents' pendant scheme) - £ Cheques in for: £180 - Smith memorial stone fee, VAT rebate (Jul - Dec 14) - £1522.18 Alan Jackson - repairs to fencing after fallen moat tree £184.99</p> <p>C) PROPOSED NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT Clerk to circulate the details.</p> <p>D) UPDATE ON BANK ACCOUNT The new savings account at the Cambridge Building Society is now open and just needs Cllr Wragg and Cllr Roberts to go there with ID and sign the passbook. The process of getting Cllr Sunderland on as a third signatory with Santander is, as we would expect, extremely painful and hopefully nearing completion....</p> <p>E) ASSESS SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION TO GRASS CUTTING (BUTTS) Contribution to increase by an inflational 3% - Clerk to report back.</p> <p>F) VILLAGE MAP The Clerk is progressing the new stand with a contact from Thriplow Parish Council</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
11.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE The correspondence list was noted.</p> <p>The PC will look further at the proposal from the Village Hall and it will go on the next agenda</p> <p>The Planning Inspectorate responded regarding the Ion Science proposal. Clerk to circulate to all.</p> <p>Feedback from Cllr Bottrill and Cllr Sunderland on the SCDC Planning Training Session was not favourable - the SCDC Planning Officers missed many points which were picked up by the Cllr's....</p>	<p>All</p> <p>Clerk</p>
12.	<p>ACTION LIST UPDATE: The action list was updated accordingly.</p>	

	<p>Re the triangular piece of land at Flint Cross - the owner of the land was apparently given the wrong planning advice by SCDC but whatever the details, the development has been allowed to continue. Clerk to call John Koch at SCDC about this as the PC was not consulted to ask him to delay sending out the associated paperwork.</p>	Clerk
13.	<p>OTHER MATTERS:</p> <p>A) UPDATE ON THE VILLAGE HALL There is no-one in place as Chair at present and so the VH will have real issues if no-one steps into place.</p> <p>B) POST-CHRISTMAS MEAL The 22nd April was suggested as a proposed date</p> <p>The meeting closed at 9:00pm</p>	