

MINUTES OF THE **MEETING OF FOWLMERE PARISH COUNCIL** HELD
IN THE SCHOOL ROOM, UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, CHAPEL LANE
15TH MARCH 2016 AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT: Cllr L Wragg, (Chairman), Cllr T Bearpark, Cllr C Crowther, Cllr J Houghton, Cllr C Howe, Cllr D Roberts, Cllr M Sunderland, Cllr M Vinton, Cllr S Wells and Mrs J Wright (Clerk).

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs Woods, a local resident, a representative of Carter Jonas.

		Actions
1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: There was full attendance and so there were no apologies.	
2.	DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS: No items were declared.	
3.	MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 16TH FEBRUARY 2016: The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record of that the meeting.	
4.	MATTERS ARISING: The PC would not approve an additional tree being planted as a gift for a Fowlmere resident because of the ongoing costs of tree work, following the request from a member of the public (after the agenda was published.) Clerk to contact.	Clerk
5.	ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING: The date is currently Tuesday 3 rd May and it was agreed to move it to Tuesday 10 th May. Clerk to provide refreshments again. Cllrs Wragg and Sunderland to outline the ground rules, to help avoid misunderstandings.	(Clerk) Cllrs Wragg/Sunderland
6.	COUNTY COUNCIL AFFAIRS: Cllr Topping did not attend the meeting, and had not sent a report before the meeting. The Clerk to respond saying the PC were sorry not to see Cllr Topping. A) LOCAL HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS BID Cllr Howe had received a reply from Cllr Kindersley who apologised on behalf of the County Council for the unacceptable behaviour of a member of the panel. Clerk to circulate. Volunteers are needed for a Speedwatch committee. Cllr Howe to draft a leaflet inviting responses from local residents (we have been advised by the County Council that a Speedwatch scheme is a good thing to have and undertake...), the Clerk to print and all to deliver. B) DUMPING NEAR SCHOOL CAR PARK Cllr Roberts had visited the site and reported that the fly-tipping is in both directions, with a lot of dumped rubbish. Clerk to ask Cllr Topping what the results of the inspection were and when will it be cleared. Cllr Vinton asked what the results were from the use of the car registration and whether the local PCSO should be involved in relation to potential criminal prosecution, Clerk to ask Cllr Topping. At the end of the meeting this was further discussed. Cllr Vinton requested the PC examines the way the problem of fly tipping has been dealt with. The process appeared to take a long time although the PC had been quick to contact Environmental Health and CCC via Cllr Topping. There seems to be asbestos on one part and there is also a dangerous open tank of water, which needs pointing out to Cllr Topping. This needs to be a separate item on the next agenda and the PC would like Cllr Topping to attend and report back and explain what he is doing to speed up the entire process, expressing the greatest possible concern, due to the proximity to the school.	Clerk Clerk Cllr Howe, Clerk (All) Clerk Cllr Topping

7.	<p>DISTRICT COUNCIL UPDATE: A) ASSETS OF COMMUNITY VALUE SCDC have agreed to list the Queen's Head pub as an Asset of Community Value, Clerk to circulate paperwork. The PC needs to consider if it would be wish to be considered as a would-be purchaser. Cllr Wragg and Cllr Howe to investigate how the acquisition of The Green Man in Thriplow was done.</p>	Clerk Cllr Wragg/ Howe
8.	<p>QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS: With only 2 positive responses from the village residents, it was decided, with regret, that the event does not have enough apparent support to be taken forward. Clerk to contact the two respondents.</p>	Clerk
9.	<p>SUSTAINABLE PARISH ENERGY PARTNERSHIP EVENT UPDATE: A thermal camera was borrowed from SCDC, following a training session which Cllr Bearpark and Cllr Wragg attended. Cllr Bearpark to look to extending the period of time it has been loaned.</p>	Cllr Bear- park
10.	<p>PLANNING COMMITTEE: A) KING STREET HOUSING PARKING PLANNING APPLICATION The Clerk reported that KHS have replied to say there has been a delay but a new person is now in post to take this forward.</p> <p>B) SCDC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS At SCDC Planning Committee meetings, Cllr Wragg wanted to ask for the vote to be done by a show of hands, rather than electronically. Cllr Roberts had reservations, explain the powers of persuasion and debate should be enough.</p> <p>Cllr Wragg had attended the SCDC Planning Portfolio Holder's meeting regarding the revised Delegated Powers scheme, and had been allowed to speak about the remaining defects in the scheme. However, the scheme had been approved without further modification.</p> <p>Cllr Wragg suggested that SCDC Planning Officers should be asked to keep a list of when the request for planning applications to be put before the committee is refused by the Chairman of the Planning Committee. The PC supported this.</p>	
11.	<p>VILLAGE HALL CHANGING ROOM REFURBISHMENT: Cllr Crowther has declared an interest and took no part in the discussion at item 11.</p> <p>Clerk to circulate the VH minutes of the recent meeting to all. Cllr Roberts had attended the recent VH meeting on behalf of the PC, and said the Changing Rooms certainly did need refurbishment, but without extending into the car park area or the need to get a licence. It wasn't going to necessarily be a huge job. Proper designs would need to be drawn up and perhaps Section 106 money could be considered for help with this, as it is a recreational facility.</p> <p>Mrs Woods has met with an architect who has said £200 would cover a general layout scheme, to see what can be fitted in the existing space. Cllr Roberts proposed that the PC pays for half of the architect's bill (£100) as an expression of support. All agreed.</p> <p>The meeting was opened for questions from members of the public and press</p> <p>A member of the public asked if, when the PC are referring in writing to the dumping of rubbish, they say 'Dumping near school Car Park', not 'Road specific' Dumping as this can adversely affect Google searches when selling houses etc. Clerk to make the change and copy Cllr Topping into this.</p> <p>A resident has also had experience of a community buying their local pub in the North-West of England, and it had worked really well, selling shares etc to raise the necessary funds.</p>	Clerk Clerk

	<p>A representative of Carter Jonas, Ms Kate Wood, asked to speak. Councillors had received no prior written notification of the firm's wish to speak at the Parish Council meeting. It was nevertheless decided to permit her to address the meeting.</p> <p>Ms Wood made the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carter Jonas is acting on behalf of the owners of Welding Alloys. • Based on encouraging pre-application consultation with the planners her clients were preparing a scheme for some 50 houses and a small office block on the site. • Because South Cambridgeshire has not met its 5 year land supply for housing target, this was an opportunity to develop the site for housing. • An exhibition of the proposals for the site would be held on the site on 11 April, and Carter Jonas would leaflet the village in advance. • There would be no Section 106 money from the housing development, unless there was a major specific project under way, as Fowlmere had already received Section 106 money. <p>The meeting was then closed to members of the public and press</p> <p>Following Ms Woods' statement, the PC resolved to seek an early meeting with SCDC planning officers to discuss the planning context for the proposals described, as they appeared to be contrary to the emerging Local Plan as it affects Fowlmere.</p>	
12.	<p>BURIAL BOARD:</p> <p>The Clerk reported that a plot had been sold to Mrs Ginty in the village and an interment fee received for Mrs Payne, formerly of Fowlmere, but latterly of Foxton.</p>	
13.	<p>TREES, GRASS AND HEDGES:</p> <p>A) GRASS CUTTING/PROTECTED VERGES TENDERING</p> <p>Two quotes received and a third never delivered. The cheapest quote from Norse, of Norfolk, was perhaps an attractive first time commercial offer. However the PC considered that it would be preferable to stay with a proven, local firm, Hardys. Clerk to contact them about the tendering process, and give them an opportunity to revise their costs. Delegated to Cllr Wragg and Cllr Sunderland for a final decision. To be looked at again next year once the other firm (Norse) have maintained the grass in Thriplow, as they have just been taken on there.</p> <p>It was agreed to maintain the status quo with Agriplant for the protected verge cutting as they have kept their prices to last years. Clerk to contact.</p> <p>B) TREES IN RYECROFT LANE, REAR OF LONG CLOSE</p> <p>Ask Hardys to see what they can do to tidy this up and add it to the schedule with Acacia in the summer for surveying. Report back to Mr Piddick.</p> <p>The PC agreed that Lamorna Thomas could spend a further £50 on bulbs for Savile Way. Clerk to report that back and convey thanks for the work done so far.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
14.	<p>FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES:</p> <p>A) CHEQUES PAID</p> <p>March</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs J Wright, Feb 16 Salary - £648.00 • Seniorlink Eldercare Feb 16 (monthly charge for residents' pendant scheme) - £66.86 • J Wright Telecoms Feb 16 refund - £27.50 • Chris Howe Mileage - £9.00 • L Wragg mileage – 2 trips to Camborne - £30.60 • T Bearpark mileage – 1 trip to Camborne - £15.30 • Lamorna Thomas Garden Inspirations, Savile Way planting - £724.00 • CCC Streetlighting - £1118.29 • Cambridge Water Co – Cemetery Water (6 months) - £45.69 • SCDC Trade Waste Fee for 2016-17 from SCDC – Direct Debit - £90.00 • Cambs Acre, quarterly payroll fee - £36.00 incl VAT 	

