

Minutes of a Meeting of FULBOURN PARISH COUNCIL held in the Fulbourn Centre, Home End, Fulbourn on Wednesday, 11th February 2009.

Present: Councillor Patten (Chairman) and Councillors Andrews, Bullen, Comins, Doggett (and District), Gaskell, Goodall, K Hardwick, S Hardwick, Lockwood, Pope, Scarr (and District), Stalley and Ward. County Councillor Turner. Georgina Butcher and Kathy English both from the Standards Committee and Mr Ian Smith.

The Chairman advised the meeting that the Clerk had now passed her CiLCA (Certificate in Local Council Administration) and was now a Qualified Clerk. Members congratulated the Clerk who was thanked by the Chairman for putting in extra hours to achieve this.

Public & Press - You are invited to attend the whole meeting and are welcome to speak at our Open Forum at the beginning of the meeting.

PCSO's Leanne Allan and Julie Abbott reported they had effectively used a Speed Camera in Teversham Road yesterday. Although unable to prosecute, they intend maintaining high visibility throughout the year using the camera targeting various locations around the village and if necessary Road Traffic will attend who will be able to prosecute persistent offenders. They are also checking for drivers using mobile phones or not wearing seat belts. The Speedwatch initiative seeking volunteers was also discussed and we await further information. On 10th February 2009 youths attacked a Stagecoach bus near the Baker's Arms and one youth was arrested this morning in connection with this crime. Acting on information a warrant was executed in the village today and although unable to find evidence, the occupants have been made aware they are being watched. PC Andrew Pulley from the Metropolitan Police has been appointed as PC Livermore's replacement. He is completing his driver's training at present and should start working in the village at the end of the month. The Chairman invited him to attend the March meeting if PC Pulley's shift permits. Council members also praised the arrests following a vigilant resident in Apthorpe Street who reported a suspected burglary. Both PCSO Allan and Abbott were thanked for attending.

The Chairman of the Standards Committee, Georgina Butcher, and her colleague Kathy English attended the meeting as observers. Mrs Butcher has been Chairman since June 2008 as an independent. She advised they are learning and are in the process of producing a mission statement working hard to bring the committee together. It is made up by Councillors from all parties having lay members to chair meetings. The first thing the committee is doing is to promote the Code of Conduct and Mrs Butcher is trying to change the way Parish Councils views the Code. A new Chairman has been appointed to the Standards Board of England who has requested feedback about what Parish Councils believe to be good or bad about the Code and Mrs Butcher welcomed any comments from members. She praised Councillors who worked tirelessly for no payment and welcomed the opportunity of working together to bring about good practice for everyone. The Chairman thanked Georgina Butcher for attending and addressing the meeting.

146. To accept apologies for absence. None received.

147. To notify the clerk of any declarations of interest that will be declared by members for any item to be discussed. None received.

148. Custodian Vacancy - Update.

Cllr S Hardwick advised he, Cllrs Bullen and Goodall interviewed three applicants, and have appointed Mr Chris Ralph from Cambridge.

Discussion followed regarding various jobs that regularly need doing at the Recreation Ground. It was agreed to look into this further and hold a meeting to get this matter resolved.

149. To resolve Precept 2009/10 and Invest/Disinvest Council Funds.

Cllr S Hardwick proposed keeping the Precept at £115,000, seconded by Cllr Goodall and agreed by the Council. Following discussion the following amended proposal as discussed at the Precept Meeting was agreed: - That at anytime when agreed by two out of three of The Chairman of the Finance Committee; The Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council and one other, supported by either the R.F.O. or Parish Clerk, they will have the authority to invest/disinvest funds up to £30K as deemed necessary.

150. Parish Plan Update.

Cllr Ward advised the Steering Group will hold a meeting on 19th February to put a timetable together and get the Action Plan started. A meeting of the Chairmen of the Working Groups and representatives from the Parish Council would be arranged after that date. The Proposal Rankings from the public exhibition have already been done. Cllr S Hardwick congratulated the Steering Group for setting up the exhibition and for its professional layout, Parish Councillors endorsed his comments.

151. The Swifts Update and to resolve purchase of internal furniture and fittings.

The Chairman had spoken to John Walton today who advised several man hours had been lost due to the recent weather but still expected the building to be handed over at the end of March minus the scaffolding. The access road to the centre is being put in next week. Cllr Patten had also spoken to Janice Brown who will be dealing with the bookings in conjunction with the Townley Trust. Everything else connected to The Swifts will come under the Parish Council remit, and it was made clear these facilities belong to the whole village. A meeting with the library is planned for next week. There are plenty of chairs but extra tables are needed, and the Chairman will speak to the potential regular users before any decision is made. Cllr Doggett advised only trees on the Phase I plan are to be taken out.

152. Litter Pick - Sunday, 8th March 2009.

It was agreed to meet at the church lych gate at 2.00pm. The P.T.A. and school will work in the morning borrowing the available litter pickers.

153. Website update.

Cllrs Patten and Pope met Abi Cochran to discuss redesigning the website with a view to making its workings easier, Colin Wood who had kindly set it up in the first place, was quite agreeable. Further enquiries will be made before any decision is agreed.

154. Speedwatch. This item was brought forward to the beginning of the meeting.**155. To approve the minutes of the last meeting.**

The Minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

156. Matters arising from the last meeting.

156.1 Scout Hut Lease. The Clerk will contact the association for an update on the situation.

156.2 Pavilion boiler service. Work has now been completed.

157. Correspondence. The following items were received this month: -

157.1 **Smith of Derby** - Pavilion clock has received its annual service.

157.2 **CPALC** - Draft minutes of the 2008 AGM sent.

157.3 **CCC & Peterborough City Council** - Details of new sites proposed for Mineral and Waste development. Affecting Fulbourn would be south of Worsted Lodge, A11 at Pampisford.

157.4 **C Rayner** - Copy of email sent to Highways regarding unkempt garden in Harebell Close.

157.5 **SCDC** - Adoption of Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD) now form part of the Local Development Framework and have been published on the District Council's website. We have three months to apply for a judicial review if we feel aggrieved by the SPDs.

157.6 **Vital Communities** - Details of planned workshops and events in Fulbourn.

157.7 Cambridge Transport Commission - Opportunity to make views known regarding proposed congestion charges; improvements to public transport; whether the CCC is going the right way with its proposals to spend the £500 million from the Government under the Transport Innovation Fund Scheme. Responses by 9th March 2009. Cllr Turner has always been against the Congestion Charge but advised it had to be implemented to receive the government funding under the TIF Scheme. He had sympathy with the volume of traffic but felt infrastructure should be in place before any Congestion Charge is agreed.

157.8 Independent Review Service (irs) - Details of government scheme offering grants and interest free loans to people on low income. It was suggested including this in the next edition of The Pump.

157.9 Allotment Association - Still having problems with rabbits and suggesting if the PC cannot offer them financial support, then could they use the rent monies for 2009 to invest in rabbit proofing equipment. They are happy to meet with representatives from the Council if it would be helpful. We will write suggesting a meeting with the ACE Committee.

157.10 SCDC - Copy of documents and letters sent to all tenants regarding the consultation to transfer to South Cambridgeshire Village Homes.

157.11 War Memorials Trust - Bulletin, February 2009.

157.12 CPALC - Monthly newsletter.

157.13 D Wright - Beech tree outside his property needs some limbs trimmed and he will be doing this soon unless he hears to the contrary. The Clerk will reply advising that in a Conservation Area, permission is needed from SCDC Tree Officer before any work can be carried out.

157.14 SCDC - Copy of a letter confirming no objections to tree works adj. Denbigh Ward, Fulbourn Hospital.

157.15 SCDC - Details and guidance notes for the Local Strategic Partnership's new small grant scheme.

157.16 SCDC - Strategic Leisure has been commissioned to complete an audit of village halls and community facilities across the district.

157.17 - Correspondence between the Parish Council and the County Council regarding potholes.

157.18 H Smith - Requesting any assistance or advice regarding the verge outside her property in Station Road that has again been damaged by a large lorry. This is not a completely grass verge so the Clerk has explained the grass contractors will not be able to maintain it and she is unable to do anything with it herself. Council agreed that if the rockery is removed by Mrs Smith, they will be able to have it re-seeded and maintained by the grass cutting contractor.

158. To resolve the accounts for the month.

Wages: Pavilion Cleaner.....	65.30R	Barclays: Commission fees.....	62.00R
Wages: Clerk plus expenses.....	715.99	M&M Building: Pavilion repairs.....	69.00R
Inland Revenue: Tax & NI 3rd quarter.....	744.56	Falcon Print: Village Pump.....	120.00R
Petty Cash: Stamps & Admin.....	3.50R	B's Travel: Shopper Bus.....	220.00
Konica Minolta: Photocopier hire.....	86.70R	SLCC: Additional fee.....	5.00R
Cambridge Printers: Exhibition panels.....	405.72	Fulbourn Centre: Room hire.....	147.00
CCC: Street lighting, maint. & energy...1,629.36		Ernest Doe Ltd: Supplies.....	42.50C
Opal: Jan 2009 phone calls.....	24.85R	Camb Flooring: Townley Hall.....	506.00C
Fulbourn Centre: Donation for cleaning.....	150.00		

Cllr S Hardwick proposed, seconded by Cllr Doggett that the accounts be passed. Agreed by Council.

159. To consider planning applications.

To receive Minutes from a meeting held on 3rd February 2009.

S/1643/07/F - Kelsey Housing (Dominion), Thomas Road - Erection of 29 dwellings with associated works. Amended plans received regarding vehicular access. Recommend approval.

Tree works - Fulbourn Manor, Manor Walk - Fell Sycamore, Crown reduce Horse Chestnut and Prune a Yew.

160. To receive reports from County and District Councillors.

160.1 Councillor Turner issued a written report covering the Guided Busway that now hopes to be finished late summer; Northstowe planning applications expected in March are now likely to be delayed according to the developers; Construction of the Addenbrookes access road remains on target and is expected to open in September; The recent cold weather has meant there have been more runs by gritters compared to last year and the Council Tax has been set to rise by 3.9%.

160.2 Councillor Scarr reported from Full Council that members voted for the housing transfer to go ahead despite a few Councillors who tried to get any decision postponed. A meeting to set the Council Tax rate will be held at the end of this month with an anticipated increase of 4.9%.

160.3 Councillor Doggett has attended various meetings including Full Council and the Windmill Steering Group.

161. To receive recommendations from the Finance Committee.

The attached minutes of a meeting held on 27th January 2009 were moved for approval by Councillor S Hardwick, seconded by Councillor Doggett and agreed by the Council.

162. To receive items for inclusion on the next Agenda for decision and/or action.

Village Pump, Grass and Verge maintenance at the Beechwoods Estate.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 10.05pm.

Diary Dates:

Full Council - 11th March 2009

Annual Village Quiz - 28th March 2009

Annual Parish Meeting - 22nd April 2009.