

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

**Present:** Councillor Patten (Chairman) and Councillors Andrews, Bullen, Comins, Doggett (and District) ( to Item 176), Fison (to Item 170), Gaskell (to Item 170), Goodall, S Hardwick, Pope, Scarr (and District), Stalley and Ward. County Councillor Turner (from Item 167). Messrs John Walton (Accent Nene), Marvin Symes (Can Do Communities), Mike Rogan (Kier) and Malcolm Webdale (to Item 170).

**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.** There were no questions from the floor.

**163. To accept apologies for absence.** Councillor Lockwood.

**164. To notify the clerk of any declarations of interest that will be declared by members for any item to be discussed.**

Coun Scarr - Personal Item 175.15; Coun Scarr Personal and Prejudicial Item 175.22 and Coun Doggett – Personal Item 175.22.

**165. PC Andrew Pulley & PCSO Julie Abbott - Meet new Officer and village update.**

The Officers were unable to attend the meeting.

**166. Marvin Symes & John Walton - Can Do Communities. Proposed Community Projects.**

John Walton, Development and Regeneration Manager from Accent Nene, has been working with South Cambs District Council as part of an obligation under Section 106, to promote and develop community projects in the village. He has met with various groups who can offer assistance in providing a variety of topics. Mr Walton explained they are working to two themes; firstly to encourage new and existing residents on The Swifts to work together and secondly to reach the wider community. Accent Nene chose Can Do Communities who have vast experience in community development. They will be in the village until the end of the year and it is hoped they will leave a lasting legacy in Fulbourn.

Marvin Symes, Co-Founder and Operations Manager went on to explain they do not want to change or improve at grass roots level community interest and they are a not for profit organisation. Once expenses had been paid, any profit goes back into the community by offering free courses or advice. Today they ran a computer building workshop open to all villagers. They also advised residents from The Swifts of an Investment Fund which is a Local Government Scheme where local businesses, developers and contractors are asked to invest. Residents form a panel and create their own criteria for applications, then local people can apply for funding so the scheme is run by people for people. *CC Turner arrived at this point.* Councillors then took part in a Target Exercise asking for ideas to benefit the village and assisting the youth came out on top.

**167. The Swifts Update.**

Mike Rogan advised the structure of the community building is almost complete; internally 1st fixing is almost complete; the hall has been plastered and finishing the roof will make the building water tight. Handover of the building is now expected at the end of April following a proposed snag day on 20<sup>th</sup> April, and with fire testing and final practicalities to be agreed. Members pointed out the handover date had been put back twice, and John Walton confirmed he had already spoken to his solicitors who will be in touch with the Parish Council's. As there are dwellings above the hall, they are just as keen to get the works completed. They are experiencing problems with the water company but this is not under Kier's control. The Steering Group meeting will be held on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2009 so more will be known then and will be reported to the Parish Meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> April. Members expressed concerns about the delay and agreed we could not accept the later hand-over without enforcing any penalty until we had legal advice. The Chairman thanked the gentlemen for attending tonight.

**168. Parish Plan - Comments needed on recent draft.**

Representatives from the Council have been invited to attend an initial meeting on 24th March 2009 together with the Chairmen of the Working Groups to agree on how to finalise the draft action plans and how we take the Parish Plan forward. It was suggested that the Parish Council together with Parish Plan members create three new committees to deal with Police: Communication and Health. The action plan cannot be finalised until these meetings. Counc Patten, Scarr, Ward, Comins, S Hardwick and Goodall will attend.

There is also a Police Neighbourhood Panel meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> March and Counc Doggett, Andrews and Pope will attend.

**169. Grass Cutting and Verge Maintenance.**

It had been noted for the first time in 20 years the Beechwoods area looked better than the Teversham side, and members hope we can keep to the same standard this season.

Due to a fire which was quickly extinguished in the fuse box and lights working on reduced emergency power, the meeting was adjourned to the Sports Pavilion. Counc Fison and Gaskell left at this point.

**170. Website - Further Update.**

Our present website needs structuring to make it easier to manage. Following discussion, Coun Doggett proposed we have an expert to do this. Proposal seconded by Coun Ward and with 8 votes in favour, the motion was carried.

**171. SureStart - Children's Centre. Report on Official Opening.**

Coun Patten was invited to the opening and was very impressed. There is a possibility they might wish to hold classes at The Swifts later in the year.

**172. The Village Pump - Next Edition.**

Coun Patten suggested printing four pages thus providing more information and room for photographs. Ideas for articles to be included were then considered.

**173. To approve the minutes of the last meeting.**

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

**174. Matters arising from the last meeting.**

174.1 Scout Hut Lease. This has now been signed and is in safe keeping.

174.2 Litter Pick. On the 8<sup>th</sup> March parents and children from the primary school worked hard during the morning in the centre of the village. Unfortunately it rained in the afternoon so the adults will now litter pick the approach roads on 15th March.

**175. Correspondence.** The following items had been received this month:

175.1 **SCDC** - Housing Futures Issue 5.

175.2 **CCC** - SureStart Children's Centre to be officially opened by Michael Marshall on 18/2/09.

175.3 **SCDC** - Confirmation given to the developers of The Swifts that trees and shrubs may be felled on 18/2/09 to avoid conflicting with the bird nesting season.

175.4 **Highways Agency** - Stakeholder News, Issue 2.

175.5 **CCC** - Details of programmes being set up to support access to the countryside and a poster seeking volunteers sent that has been displayed in the notice board.

175.6 **C Wood** - Copy of correspondence concerning narrow footpaths sent to the County Council together with a suggestion for improvement that would also make it much safer. This will be considered further by the Parish Council's Highways Committee.

175.7 **NATS** - Intend to hold a new consultation on revised proposals to redraw the aircraft route map in the south-east of England taking into consideration feedback from the original consultation.

175.8 **War Memorials Trust** - Grant received towards recent restoration and they suggest we consider listing this monument and contact the UK National Inventory of War Memorials to report the recent changes.

175.9 **CPALC** - Quarterly Bulletin publication.

- 175.10 **G Butcher** - Thank you for allowing her to attend and address last month's meeting. It was agreed that Councillor Andrews would write expressing members concerns over the Code of Conduct making it impossible to make representations if they have a Personal or Prejudicial Interest.
- 175.11 **SCDC** - Consultation on these draft Supplementary Planning Documents: Biodiversity & Listed Buildings. All representations must be received by 14th April 2009.
- 175.12 **SCDC** - Council Housing in S Cambs February 2009 newsletter.
- 175.13 **Froglife** - Publication on building wildlife ponds in garden and community areas.
- 175.14 **Standards Board** - Newsletter, Issue 4,
- 175.15 **SCDC** - Scrutiny Committee meeting at The Fulbourn Centre on 2nd April 2009 at 5.30pm. They are asking if we have any local issues they could look into.
- 175.16 **Herald Contract Services** - They have merged with CGM (Cambridge) Ltd.
- 175.17 **Football Club** - Asking if Parish Council would approve in principle the idea of holding car boot sales on the recreation ground to generate funds for the club and boost revenue at the Institute. They would also like to revive the Football Club fete. Members agreed to the resurrection of the fete but expressed concern over the car boot idea. Using parish land for commercial benefit on a regular basis might compromise our VAT status. It was recommended the Clerk investigated this further before we make a decision.
- 175.18 **SCDC** - Copy of Formal Offer document sent to all Council tenants and covering literature.
- 175.19 **Cambridge City Council** - Additional Consultation of land to the North West of Cambridge (between Madingley Road and Huntingdon Road).
- 175.20 **Cambridgeshire Acre** - Community Action, Spring 2009 magazine.
- 175.21 **CCC** - Reply to Cllr Doggett concerning her question to use the Activity Centre in School Lane as a Police Station. If the police are interested, the CCC would explore this possibility. It was pointed out that there is a clause in the deeds stating that the site to be used only for educational purposes, but members felt this clause could be lifted and would be better suited as a police station than further development.
- 175.22 **Cambs & Peterborough NHS** - Nominations invited by 26/3/09 from candidates for an election onto the Board of Governors.
- 175.23 **Open Spaces** - Spring 2009 magazine.
- 175.24 **CCC** - Many of the Bus service contracts have now been awarded with no changes for Fulbourn.
- 175.25 **CPALC** - Details of qualifying criteria before Councils may use the Power of Well-being.
- 175.26 **P McIlroy** - Concerns over siting of dog bin in Stonebridge Lane having fallen and broken bones during recent bad weather. Asks we do not let insurance considerations delay any remedial action. The Clerk will get further information from our insurers.
- 175.27 **Campaign to Protect Rural England** - Fieldwork, March 2009 publication.
- 175.28 **C Rayner** - Appeal for action to be taken as they have been trying for 5 months to get an overgrown garden encroaching on a public footpath cut back. The County Council is aware of this and Coun Turner agreed to consult further with them to get this matter resolved.

#### **176. To resolve the accounts for the month.**

Wages: Pavilion Cleaner.....	105.90R	Wages: Clerk plus expenses.....	769.35
DRE Pest Control: Rat control.....	57.50RC	Good Tech: Photocopier.....	1,144.25CR
Regent Ltd: Kitchen maintenance.....	1,105.66C	ESPO: Supplies.....	83.49R
Petty Cash: Stamps & Admin.....	35.56R	N Contracting: Open Spaces.....	506.00
Marmax: New bench.....	317.40C	Furnleaf: Maintenance.....	569.25
Suffolk Acre: Insurance Policy.....	788.34	Camb Water Co: Cemetery rates.....	14.58
Camb Water Co: Recreation rates.....	114.80	Peters Services: Supplies.....	427.81C
JM Electrical: New light by Scout Hut.....	143.75	SCDC: Waste, recreation grd.....	593.95
SCDC: Waste bin, cemetery.....	329.68		

Coun Stalley proposed, seconded by Coun Bullen, that the accounts are passed. Agreed by Council.

**177. To consider planning applications.**

Permission received for S/2161/08/F, Change of Use from B1(a) to B1 (a) and/ or D2 at West Solarium, Capital Park.

Appeal made for S/1835/08/F, Hall Farm, School Lane.

S/0057/09/CAC - 43 Pierce Lane, Total demolition of house and garage. Recommend approval.

Cambridge City Council - Consultation on draft Old Press/Mill Lane Planning Document 23/2/09-6/4/09

Acknowledgement of Parish Council's representation on the Local Development Framework responding to a Housing Shortfall consultation. Inspectors to issue recommendations in July 2009.

Application to purchase garden land at 2 Wright's Grove currently held under licence.

The Parish Council has been consulted on this matter and following discussion Coun Goodall proposed, seconded by Coun Scarr, that to protect and keep the property affordable for future First Time Buyers (FTB), the garden should be kept on licence with its annual £25 fee. Agreed by Council.

Tree works: Apthorpe St, cut down Sycamore leaning towards house.

The Haven, reduce crown of Ash by 20% to alleviate weight due to lean and notch stress.

**178. To receive reports from County and District Councillors**

178.1 Councillor Turner reported a meeting at SCDC to discuss the Development Plan Document at the Ida Darwin site went to committee held on 10th March 2009. Various sites listed including Fulbourn are being considered to cover the housing shortfall. Ida Darwin is a Preferred Site as a major development one in the Green Belt being one of the best to come forward with the possibility of up to 215 dwellings. Coun Turner voted against this feeling it would be a transit and stand alone site with residents looking at services and jobs in nearby Cherryhinton. He also felt that Teversham and surrounding villages would be used as rat runs for the increased volumes of traffic. However, it was approved to go forward. SCDC would prefer to have their sites allocated otherwise the Secretary of State would only have approved it and possibly added more sites on.

178.2 Councillor Scarr thanked Coun Turner for attending as both he and Coun Doggett were prevented due to Personal Interests. At SCDC, Coun Scarr advised the Council Tax increase approved was 4.5%. He commented on the progress of dwellings on the Swifts Estate and how nice they are looking.

178.3 Councillor Doggett had issued a written report from the Crossroads Board Meeting, a specialist voluntary organisation supporting those who care for relatives or friends in their own homes. She also attended meetings of the Standards Board.

**179. To receive a report from the ACE Committee.**

Minutes of a meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2009 were issued covering replacement trees from SCDC; painting older lampposts in Conservation Areas; pruning of Horse Chestnuts at Foxhole Joint and rose beds at the War Memorial in Manor Walk. Couns Goodall and Pope had also met with representatives from the Allotment Association to discuss the ongoing rabbit problem. There are many warrens on the Manor Estate land opposite and it was agreed to write to the estate's manager to see what could be done. After much discussion Coun Goodall proposed we supply fencing for the allotment holders to install up to the value of £500, seconded by Coun Pope and with 4 votes in favour, 3 against, this was carried.

**180. Quality Status for Consideration.**

This was deferred to the April meeting.

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

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 10.35pm.

Date of next Full Council - 8th April 2009.

Annual Parish Meeting - 22nd April 2009.