

Minutes of a Meeting of FULBOURN PARISH COUNCIL held in The Fulbourn Centre, Home End, Fulbourn on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> April 2009.

**Present:** Councillor Patten (Chairman) and Councillors Comins, Doggett (and District) ( to Item 199), Goodall, K Hardwick, S Hardwick, Lockwood, Scarr (and District), Stalley and Ward.

**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.** None present.

**182. To accept apologies for absence.** Couns Andrews, Bullen, Fison, Gaskell and Pope. Also County Councillor Turner who was attending Quy APM.

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

Coun Scarr - Personal & Prejudicial, Item 184. Coun Stalley – Personal, Item 196.

**184. Football Club: Resolution to hold Car Boot Sales on the Recreation Ground.**

There had been concerns about sales affecting our VAT Exemption and our enquiries will continue. Coun Scarr left the meeting prior to further discussion. At this stage finer details still need to be presented based upon the Council's decision, therefore Coun Doggett proposed that we agree in principle to the Football Club holding Car Boot Sales. Proposal seconded by Coun Comins and agreed by the Council. Coun Scarr returned to the meeting.

**185. The Swifts Update.**

The meeting room handover is expected at the end of April 2009. Coun Patten reported the walls are plastered and painted; kitchen fitted and toilets are in. Fireproof curtains from the Old School Building will be used; The library aim to move in between 7th-11th of May; Accent Nene will hold an Official Open Day probably at the beginning of June in conjunction with more houses in Phase 1A being complete. As the handover is later than agreed, the Council has accepted a late payment of £5,000 from the developers. Although road names have not changed, it was agreed to check numbers and layout with the District Council.

**186. Parish Plan Update.**

Meetings are beginning between the Parish Council Sub Groups and the equivalent Parish Plan Groups. Couns Doggett, Patten and Ward agreed to represent the Council on the new Policing Committee. Coun Pope will be asked to sit on the Communication Committee.

**187. Parish Council Replacement Representative for The Townley Trust for Resolution.**

Coun Patten has resigned feeling the need to cut back due to other commitments. Coun Stalley then agreed to take over this position.

**188. Grass cutting quotation for Resolution.**

A quotation of £5,615.00 has been received from Streetscene plus a further £1,006 to cut the County Council's verges along Yarrow Road as per last season. The County Council only cut 4 times per year and have offered a proportion of this figure. Following discussion, Coun S Hardwick proposed accepting the quotation and subsidising the Yarrow Road area, proposal seconded by Coun Scarr and agreed by the Council.

**189. Community Car Scheme for Consideration.**

Whilst not against the idea of the scheme, members felt it was better suited to cities rather than urban areas. Further enquiries as to whether other villages are successfully operating this will be pursued.

**190. Good Neighbourhood Scheme - Proposal from "Can Do Communities" for Consideration.**

Volunteers covering various skills would co-ordinate this scheme offering services including shopping, collecting prescriptions, gardening, form filling amongst others, and would be contactable by mobile phone held on a rotation basis. Funding is being sought at grass roots. Can Do Communities have set up a public meeting to raise awareness and get this project started. Members felt this was an excellent scheme and Coun Ward proposed we agree to this in principle, seconded by Coun Doggett and agreed by the Council.

**191. Annual Parish Meeting for Discussion.**

It was decided to trial not issuing written reports this year, but to hand out the comprehensive leaflet recently produced outlining what the Council does. Confirmation that the new Police Constable can attend is still needed.

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

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

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

193.1 Dog bin. Members will consider re-positioning the Stonebridge Lane bin on its Annual Village Walk in June.

193.2 Linton Neighbourhood Panel Meeting. A report of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> March was issued. Standing Orders were suspended. Coun S Hardwick recently attended a meeting of the Townley Trust Phase II Committee and advised that the SCDC Planning Officers were not co-operating and wanted a new planning application. He was disappointed that projected figures involving use and income were not issued until the meeting. He also felt that not everyone was always in favour of the project, but with representatives from the County Council in attendance, people did not have the freedom of speech to air their views. Coun S Hardwick has been connected to the Townley Hall for numerous years but feels the proposed increase in size Phase II is too big and would become a commercial business needing to employ staff. Both the Secretary and Treasurer have resigned, leaving later in the year. Coun S Hardwick gets the impression that Phase II will create management problems and give cause for concern. Standing Orders were resumed.

**194. Correspondence.** The following items have been received this month: -

194.1 **SCDC** - Copy of a DVD explaining its proposal to transfer homes to South Cambridgeshire Village Homes.

194.2 **CCC** - Contact Centre has changed its telephone numbers and has sent a revised list.

194.3 **CPRE** - Countryside Voice, Spring 2009 magazine.

194.4 **C Jones** - Concerns about Sycamore Tree on bend in Pierce Lane. Clerk has arranged an inspection.

194.5 **SCDC** - Minutes of a meeting of the Housing Portfolio Holder's Meeting held on 3/3/09.

194.6 **Fulbourn Village Library** - Copy of their Annual Accounts for our records.

194.7 **Cambs Acre** - Entry form for the Village of the Year competition. Closing date 15/6/09.

194.8 **N Osborne** - Planter donated at the cemetery by the memorial wall by Mr Osborne and his family. The Clerk has written to thank them.

194.9 **Friends of the Roman Road** - Newsletter No. 28.

194.10 **Twelve** - Details of a national initiative "The Big Lunch" for 19/7/09. Other organisations have been advised and it was agreed the School should also be notified.

194.11 **CCC & Peterborough CC** - Consultation of Mineral and Waste Development Proposals, comments needed by 12 May 2009. <http://consult.peterborough.gov.uk>

194.12 **Domino Nursery** - Request funding up to £290 to build a gate to secure play area. The Clerk will advise of various organisations who might be able to assist.

194.13 **Village Library** - Request Council purchases an additional directional sign for the library. Following discussion, members felt one sign would be sufficient so declined this request.

194.14 **High Street** - Complaint about amount of rubbish generated from food outlets. Also it is possible someone is disposing of fats down the drains. The Council have been asked to put more pressure on SCDC Environmental Health to alleviate these problems. Members agreed and will consider installing another litter bin on its Annual Village Walk.

194.15 **A Tanser** - Public Art Work for Thomas Road. A site meeting has been arranged for 20/4/09.

194.16 **SCDC** - Second Parish Forum Meeting - Date has changed to 23 July, 5.30 - 8pm at Cambourne.

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

195.1 Councillor Scarr advised from a meeting at The Swifts it was still in the air what the final mix of replacement dwellings would be. He attended a site meeting at Fulbourn Old Drift/Yarrow Road with the intention of getting the area litter picked. Coun Scarr asked if the County Highways could be asked to trim growth including brambles and ivy from the rear entrance of Capital Park to the crossing, so arrangements can be made to clear whatever is then revealed. Coun Scarr advised that people

are still parking in Haggis Gap instead of using the Health Centre car park so it might become necessary to contact the police to install bollards to prevent this. Report accepted.

**196. To resolve the accounts for the month.**

Wages: Pavilion Cleaner.....115.20	B's Travel: Shopper bus.....220.00R
Barclays Bank: Fees.....59.58R	SCDC: Office rates.....679.00
SCDC:Cemetery Rates.....329.80	BT: Internet services.....110.36R
e.on: Pavilion gas.....392.06	Petty Cash: Stamps & Admin....22.46R
J Stalley: Village maintenance.....778.00	Furnleaf: Grass cutting.....265.65
C Stalley & Sons: Grass cutting.....747.50	

The War Memorial is looking excellent and John Stalley is to be congratulated. Coun S Hardwick proposed, seconded by Coun Doggett, that the accounts are passed. Agreed by Council.

**197. To consider planning applications.**

Minutes from a Planning meeting held on 31st March 2009.

The Chairman asked the Clerk to leave the meeting to consider the following application: - S/0280/09/F – S Newman, Caraway Road – Extension. Recommend approval.

Clerk returned to the meeting. Appeal by Fulbourn LPP, Land at Hall Farm, School Lane (To enable unrestricted occupation). Representations by 4/5/09. The Parish Council has already made its representation recommending refusal and this date has been extended.

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

The Haven, Crown reduce an Ash tree and remove a second Ash due to basal decline.

Church Lane - Crown lift one Robinia and 2 Horse Chestnuts outside the Almshouses.

**198. To receive Minutes from the Recreation Ground Working Party.**

Minutes of a meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2009 were issued. A quotation for a Pyramid Box and Grinding Box to add to the skate-park had been received. It was agreed to apply for grants from the County Council and Awards for All; The Tennis Club will be contacted to mend fencing near to the MUGA; An Ash tree near the court is causing damage and the Tree Officer will be contacted to ascertain if this should be felled and replaced. It was also reported that a group of youths were moved off the MUGA having gained illegal access. Later that day the church door was vandalised causing thousands of pounds worth of damage. Report Accepted.

*Coun Doggett left the meeting at this point.*

**199. Quality Status for Consideration.**

Members felt this was worthwhile and agreed to complete the criteria needed to apply.

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

Replacement bin for Manor Walk, Finance Committee and Phase II

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 10.10pm.

Date of next Full Council Meeting – 13th May 2009.