

Minutes of a Meeting of FULBOURN PARISH COUNCIL held in The Fulbourn Centre, Home End, Fulbourn on Wednesday, 10th June 2009.

Present: Councillor Patten (Chairman) and Councillors Andrews, Bullen, Comins, Doggett (and District) (to Item 33.16), Fison, Gaskell, Goodall, K Hardwick, S Hardwick, Lockwood, Pope, Scarr (and District), Stalley and Ward.

Mr G Carter from S & B Herba Foods, Mr A Threadgold and another parishioner – for the Open Forum only.

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.

Mr Carter, General Manager of S & B Herba Foods provided additional information regarding their submitted planning application discussed at a Planning Meeting held prior to Full Council. He explained that since their last application which went to Appeal following refusal, their situation had not changed and they would have to consider looking for a larger site as the present is no longer adequate. He was aware of lorries travelling through Fulbourn and Wilbraham and the company does try to avoid movements at the weekends. Mr Carter advised that rice is imported from USA so larger vessels are used and the company is more busier for 2/3 days per month. He confirmed when questioned that the loads are weighed at the silo then tipped out at Lacey's farm further along Wilbraham Road. Mr Threadgold enquired how many employees from Fulbourn worked there. Mr Carter advised of the 37 employees, 3 were from the village but 31 were from a ten mile radius. *Cllr Bullen arrived at this point.* Mr Threadgold then read out his letter of objection in full and reported on the previous two days, he had counted 14 lorries along Home End between 2-5pm. He was disappointed no mention had been made that this was a Conservation Area and that residents were suffering from noise, vibration and fumes. Mr Threadgold enquired if the railway siding could not be used but Cllr Patten explained this had been considered some time ago but was not practical or financially viable. The Railway Company had closed off the siding and refused to pay several hundreds of thousand pounds for the signalling.

Cllr Doggett remarked that it was an Approved Lorry Route that was being used. Mr Carter concluded that additional space would not mean increased production as the company was going at full capacity now.

23. To accept apologies for absence. Councillors Lockwood and Clarke.

24. To notify the clerk of any declarations of interest that will be declared by members for any item to be discussed. Cllr Goodall – Personal Item 33.16 and Cllr Fison – Personal Item 34.

25. The Swifts - Booking Clerk and Cleaner's remuneration.

Having liaised with The Fulbourn Centre, members agreed to pay the Booking Clerk £300 p.a. and for the cleaner to be paid for 3 hours per week.

26. The Swifts - Hygiene Contract for Resolution.

Four quotations had been received. Following discussion Cllr Doggett proposed accepting the one from Pristine Washroom Services, seconded by Cllr Andrews and agreed by the Council.

27. The Swifts - Update.

Accent Nene held an official opening on 9th June 2009 which went well. Most items have now been completed although the lighting in the library needs re-adjusting. Investigations into cycle racks and their positioning are being made. The Health Centre like the Council would also like a wooden fence erected to finish off the area. A survey is being carried out on 11/7/09 to see how many swifts are on the estate. The BBC also intend to film about the swifts at the end of June for its "Inside Out" programme. Cllrs Patten, S Hardwick and Goodall met the SCDC Tree Officer with regard to the row of trees along Haggis Gap that need addressing as they will soon be touching the flats above The Swifts. We await the Tree Officer's report. Cllr Doggett felt it important that the residents are consulted prior to any decision being made. It is possible these trees belong to Highways who should also be consulted. Likewise Highways should be contacted regarding the yellow lines that we had previously requested and had been agreed.

Over the last 5 to 6 years it was reported that the Windmill Steering Group had met every 2/3 months always attended by the SCDC Housing Portfolio Holder. Mark Howell is the fifth one to take up this position since the Group started and as he works full time, will not be able to attend. Councillors

agreed to write to the Leader of SCDC stressing the importance of this regeneration programme so either the Housing Portfolio Holder or the Leader should be present as authority is needed to make decisions.

28. Parish Plan - Update.

A further meeting has been arranged for 22nd June 2009 when the rest of the Action Plans should be in. These plans need to come before Full Council for approval and it was agreed to hold a separate planning meeting prior to this on 2nd July 2009 at 7.30pm. A Patient Participation Group Meeting has also been arranged for 10th September 2009.

29. Proposed Football Club Car Boot Sales.

A letter had been received from the Football Club addressing many of the questions raised by Council. The Club wish to hold a sale on August Bank Holiday Monday, 31st August 2009. Members agreed but that this should be as a trial. Cllrs Comins and Stalley will meet with the Club to go over the details.

30. Funding for Play Equipment/Skate Park.

Cllr Ward and the Clerk had met with a representative from Eibe along with 10 youngsters to ascertain what additional equipment they would like. Quotations from Eibe and Wicksteed had been received and another meeting with a third company has been arranged for 12th June 2009.

Cllr Patten advised members a contribution of £8,000 had been received from C L Eaglen and Company for this project. Members were grateful for his donation and agreed to apply for a grant from SCDC for the balance. Cllr Ward advised the possibility of an internal gate from the MUGA to the Tennis Courts to retrieve balls had been considered but at £1,000, the cost was too expensive.

31. To approve the minutes of the last meeting.

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

32. Matters arising from the last meeting.

32.1 Sunday Car Boot Sales. The recent parking problems now appear to have been resolved.

33. Correspondence.

33.1 **Standards Committee** - Newsletter Spring 2009.

33.2 **Fulbourn Parish Plan** - Minutes of a meeting held on 28th April & 26th May 2009 received.

33.3 **P&A Wharrier** - Request to borrow Christmas Tree lights for a garden party. This was declined as it is difficult and expensive to replace bulbs.

33.4 **SCDC** - Details of a free event at Imperial War Museum in Duxford on 1 July 2009 to assist businesses during the recession.

33.5 **CPRE** - Fieldwork, June 2009 magazine.

33.6 **SCDC** - Request to install a textile bank near the recycling bins at the recreation ground. There is a Clothes Bank at Tesco and members felt this was sufficient.

33.7 **A Hands** - Reply from Streetcar confirming the Council's concerns that this scheme works well in high urban density areas although if financially viable, villages might be considered in the future.

33.8 **Parishioner** - Request to use part of the recreation ground for a 6year old birthday party. Agreed.

33.9 **mySociety** - Invitation to attend a training event at Saffron Walden Town Library on 23/6/09.

This is a charitable project that builds websites bringing people closer to the democratic system.

33.10 **Domino Nursery** - Response to last month's meeting that should any funds be received from the Stackyard Development, £8,000 has been earmarked for the Fulbourn Pre-School. As they operate on the same basis, they wish to be considered for any future funding that might become available.

Cllr Doggett is awaiting more information from SCDC. Based on this response, we will then reply.

33.11 **SCDC** - Vacancy arisen on the Standards Committee. Nominations required by 7/8/09.

33.12 **SCDC** - Copy of the Comprehensive Equalities Policy 2009-2012 that was adopted on 16th April 2009 received.

33.13 **Open Space** - Summer 2009 magazine.

33.14 **Moore Stephens** - Acknowledgement from external auditors of annual accounts.

33.15 **SCDC & Accent Nene** - Copy of ongoing negotiations between both parties regarding trees adjacent to The Swifts obstructing light to the building and flats.

33.16 **Friends of Fulbourn Library** - Seeking permission to use The Swifts for monthly book sales on a Saturday morning and for storage space for the books. Members agreed Cllrs Patten, Andrews and Pope to meet with both the Friends of the Library and LAP (Library Access Point) so we can all work

together. Storage however remains a problem.

Cllr S Hardwick proposed these book sales should be regarded as a normal booking for the hall. Proposal seconded by Cllr Ward. With 5 votes in favour and 4 against, the motion was carried.

33.17 **R Smith** - Complaint that the litter bin in The Haven is not emptied regularly by SCDC and asks for our assistance in getting this matter resolved. Clerk has contacted Environmental Health.

33.18 **Fulbourn Feast** - Request permission to use the recreation ground on 28th June 2009. Agreed.

33.19 **CPALC** - 9 page monthly newsflash covering topical issues.

33.20 **Youth Shelter & Pavilion** - Permission needed from Council to have the shelter painted and various works in the pavilion. It was agreed to obtain quotations for these works.

33.21 **SCDC** - Details of an event on 23/6/09 at The Guildhall to discuss climate change in partnership with the Energy Savings Trust and Cambridge City Council. 4pm-8pm.

33.22 **CPRE** - Annual subscription of £29.00 due. Agreed by Council.

34. To resolve the accounts for the month.

Wages: Custodian.....	236.00	Wages: Pavilion Cleaner.....	132.00
Wages: Clerk plus expenses.....	757.68	Dent Ltd: CCTV contract.....	95.68R
Demco: Library Shelving.....	6,658.68RC	Hooper Ltd: Supplies.....	173.22R
Comet: Refridgerator.....	115.99R	NRF Contracting: Open Spaces.....	1,696.25
B's Travel: Shopper Bus.....	220.00	Petty Cash: Stamps & Admin.....	56.37R
L Duffy: Internal Audit Fees.....	100.00	PWLB: Loan repayment.....	15,503.95
Greenham: Soap Dispensers.....	32.20R	Suffolk Acre: Swifts Ins.....	127.50R
J Furner: Various Maintenance.....	796.95		

Cllr S Hardwick proposed, seconded by Cllr Andrews, that the accounts are passed. Agreed by Council

35. Investment of Parish Funds for Resolution.

Barclays Bank is currently offering a Bond for six months investing £100,000 at 1.2%. This would generate £600 interest as opposed to an Instant Access Account at just 0.05% making £25 for the same period. With the PC investing £75,000 and the MUGA £25,000 but control remaining with the Council, Cllr Bullen proposed investing in the Bond, seconded by Cllr S Hardwick. Agreed by Council.

36. To consider planning applications.

Minutes of a meeting held at 7.15pm on 10/6/09 prior to Full Council were accepted.

Appeal: Hall Farm, School Lane to be heard on 30 June at 10.00am at SCDC, Cambourne.

Permission received for: - S/0057/09/CAC - 43 Pierce Lane, Total demolition of House and Garage.

Tree works: Pierce Lane, Fell one Sycamore and trim another. Deemed Consent for the removal of a dead Pine tree at The Gate Lodge, Hinton Road: Tree works at 1 High Street and 2 Brunswick Court.

37. To receive reports from County and District Councillors.

37.1 District Councillor Scarr advised both he and Cllr Doggett attended a Windmill Steering Goup Meeting on 9/6/09; The SCDC Leader has been elected for the rest of his term; Council tenants had voted against the transfer from SCDC and Cllr Scarr offered his congratulations to Cllr Nick Clarke following last week's County Council election. Report Accepted.

38. Minutes from a Highways Committee Meeting held on 20/5/09.

More quotations to re-paint street lights are needed. Cllr Pope proposed as a test piece, part of the footpath in Pierce Lane is evened out, seconded by Cllr Comins and agreed by Council. Accepted.

39. Report of Cambridge City Airport Consultative Committee held on 20/5/09. Report Accepted

40. Report from 1st Annual Walk - Recreation Ground & Cemetery.

Members agreed to write thanking Mr Copeman for keeping Twopenny Green (Balsham Road lay-by) under control and to advise the hedge needs cutting back to 4ft to make it safe to cut. Pest Control will be contacted to deal with several rat holes found around the recreation ground. Report Accepted.

41. Parish Council - Barbeque.

As this is the last year of the present council, it was agreed to hold a social evening.

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

Financial Implications for The Swifts, Quality Status and a Policy to determine funding from future planning applications.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 10.16pm.