

DRAFT Minutes of a Meeting of FULBOURN PARISH COUNCIL held in The Fulbourn Centre, Home End, Fulbourn on Wednesday, 14th October 2009.

Present: Councillor Patten (Chairman) and Councillors Bullen (from Item 93), Comins, Doggett (and District), Fison, Goodall, S Hardwick, Lockwood, Pope, Scarr (and District), Stalley and Ward. County Councillor Clarke (from Item 86), the Clerk and Mr M Webdale.

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 Webdale confirmed his letter (coming up in Item 86) regarding concerns about proposed development of the Ida Darwin site had also been sent to the Parish Plan Steering Group. He thanked Cllr Scarr for his lengthy reply and wished to be kept informed of any proposed developments.

84. To accept apologies for absence. Councillors Andrews and Gaskell.

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

Coun Scarr – Non Prejudicial, Item 86.

86. Parish Plan.

Coun Comins read the preface of the Parish Plan to Council. Members had all received a copy of Mr Webdale's well written letter voicing concerns and changes since the Village Action Plan was drafted to take into account proposed development of the Ida Darwin site and the proposed Gypsy and Traveller Plan. Coun Scarr explained that since the 1996 adoption of the Fulbourn and Ida Darwin Masterplan, it had permission in line with government policy within the Green Belt, to recycle the footprint. *At this point Coun Clarke arrived from Quy PC.*

Cllr Scarr was Chairman of the Parish Plan's Planning & Housing Committee, and what was suggested one year ago had been sensible at the time, but things had changed once Chesterton Sidings had been taken out by SCDC for development. He felt Fulbourn should never have been designated as a Rural Centre, and that SCDC would now be taking a vote to develop in Fulbourn. Although Coun Scarr will be voting against, he considered it likely the majority at SCDC Councillors would be in favour. Following discussion, Cllr Scarr proposed that he should recommend to the Parish Plan Steering Group Committee at its meeting next week, that they are mindful of Mr Webdale's letter, and under the circumstances we now find ourselves in the Parish Council recommends all references to the development of Ida Darwin or any other site in Fulbourn, should be removed. Also to make any consequential changes as necessary. Proposal seconded by Cllr Goodall and agreed by the Council.

87. Presenting a draft for a new Fulbourn Charity Scheme – for approval.

Cllr S Hardwick advised of possible management changes subject to approval from the Charities Commission. The Bishop and Caraway Charities were originally set up to assist parishioners (with the exception of paying their income tax or rates), and both are managed together. The March Charity was set up to assist youngsters with schooling and apprenticeships. The latter's annual income is now very low and is becoming ineffective. The recommendation is to unite all 3 charities for management purposes, but retain their individual names and purposes and keep the same number of Trustees.

Cllr S Hardwick reminded members that every five years they should appoint Trustees. Council felt this should be changed to every four years in line with elections. Cllr Scarr felt parishioners could be reminded that should they wish, donations to Village Charities would be most welcome.

Report Accepted.

88. Remembrance Sunday – Representative for Service to be appointed.

Members agreed Councillor Bullen will attend the service and lay a wreath on behalf of the Council.

89. Investigations into Electricity Suppliers and Costs.

The Clerk had made enquires but had found our present supplier to the pavilion offered the best deal. The Clerk then asked British Gas about the supply to The Swifts. They offered a better rate than we are currently paying, so this will be considered further by the Finance Committee.

90. Cambridgeshire Celebrates Age Report.

Cllr Patten reported that this had been a good event held at The Swifts on 30th September 2009 but was poorly advertised so not very well attended. More events are planned in the county in the future.

**91. SCDC Crime & Disorder: (1) Anti-Social Behaviour Report.
(2) Neighbourhood Panel Meeting Report.**

Reports of meetings were issued. Cllrs who attended the Neighbourhood Panel meeting were disappointed that attendance figures for these are dropping. Cllr Clarke advised that East Cambs use a different model and suggested he and two other Councillors attend one of their meetings.

92. Windmill Estate Welcome Guide for information.

Accent Nene had used a blueprint from SCDC to produce a very useful guide that was shown to Council. Parish Council produces an information guide every four year and felt something along these lines allowing for future amendments, should be possible.

93. Post Office information/update.

Cllr Patten advised that from mid November the Postmaster would be able to apply for a Change of Use and sell the site as a residential property. It is possible a Post Office could be accommodated in other shop premises or outlets, but we should keep monitoring the situation as we do not wish to lose the valued village facility.

94. Environmental Law Foundation – Annual Subscription of £24.00 for Resolution.

Cllr Scarr proposed we renew the subscription, seconded by Cllr Doggett and agreed by Council.

95. Youth Report.

The attached report was accepted by members. Cllr S Hardwick, having been told it was hoped the club would not have to close during cold weather for fear this facility could then be lost, asked for a brief report on the condition of the building as Council is to receive \$106 monies.

Cllr Ward heard that SCDC were promoting Street Football sessions and had provided them with dates the MUGA was free to enable Fulbourn to be included in this initiative.

96. Village Pump – Articles to be included in the Next Edition for discussion.

Suggestions from members were: - Details of our new Police Constable; Report on the Conservation Area; Post Office update; Village Charities; Brief reports from our County and District Councillors.

97. To approve the minutes of the last meeting.

Following an amendment to Item 79, the Minutes were accepted and signed by the Chairman.

98. Matters arising from the last meeting.

98.1 Benches. Another letter had been received from the Football Club as to whether if they are repairable, when would they be returned. Cllr Bullen is arranging for replacement slats and they will be back shortly.

98.2 The Swifts. Work to move and install additional ceiling lights has now been completed.

98.3 Haggis Gap, trees and hedge. Agreement is still awaited from SCDC Tree Officer and Accent Nene.

98.4 Register of all Council land in the parish. The comprehensive list compiled by Cllrs Pope and Goodall will be circulated to members and advice sought to register the land.

99. Correspondence. The following items received this month: -

- 99.1 **Cambridgeshire Acre** – Impact Report 2008/09 and Community Action magazine.
- 99.2 **B.T.W. Solicitors** – Claim for damages to injuries in connection with dog bin accident earlier this year. Clerk has passed information to our insurers who will deal with this matter direct.
- 99.3 **Carillon WSP** – Notice of overnight repairs to the A11 Trunk Road between the A1307 Babraham Junction and the A14 eastbound at Junction 36; Commencing 19/10/09 for three weeks.
- 99.4 **SCDC** – Intend to target residents to recycle more in areas including Fulbourn using tonnage data and participation monitoring.
- 99.5 **E Wright** – Detailed letter of impact heavy traffic is having on their wall and request for a site meeting. We will ask County Council to have a site meeting with us and Mrs Wright.
- 99.6 **M Webdale** – Concerns over Village Action Plan. See Agenda Item 86.
- 99.7 **CCC** – Maintenance works along Roman Road to commence 12/10/09 to take 2 weeks.
- 99.8 **Domino Nursery** - Offer of up to 30 trees that were awarded under the Sainsbury Scheme - 10 each of Rowan, Ash and Cherry. Members felt some could be planted at Tuppenny Green (Balsham Road lay-by) and the Nature Reserve.
- 99.9 **Open Spaces** - Request we write supporting that the Marine and Coastal Access Bill goes through the House of Commons within the next fortnight. Once implemented, it would enable people to walk right round the coast of England whereas at present they do not have general access to walk on beaches and the foreshore. Following discussion, members agreed not to support this request.
- 99.10 **SCDC - Inside Out** will be broadcast on BBC TV on 19/10/09 at 7.30pm that will include coverage of the Swifts filmed in the village. Numbers of these birds have almost halved in the last decade.
- 99.11 **Football Club** - Asking when and if the benches are to be returned as they are greatly missed. See Item 98.1.

100. To receive reports from County and District Councillors.

- 100.1 Councillor Clarke issued the attached written report.
- 100.2 Councillor Scarr gave a joint report from him and Councillor Doggett advising the County Council had made a £125K donation to match the one by SCDC for Milton Country Park; A Climate Change Working Group are working to reduce CO2 and Carbon emissions; Requested alterations to the running of the Chairman's Delegation Committee will be known in December once the Planning Committee have made their decision about how it should be run; With 1.6 million pound cuts to the budget next year, SCDC are making savings of £500,000 in Corporate Services and it should soon be known which services are to be reduced.
- Cllr Doggett said James Fisher from SCDC would be happy to attend a Parish Meeting informing members how \$106 monies could be spent as she has just received a list and was not aware of all it allowed. Members agreed this would be beneficial and the Clerk should invite him.

101. Highways Report.

The attached report Cllr Pope went through, was accepted by the Council. *Cllr Doggett temporarily left and returned to the meeting during this report.*

102. ACE (Allotments, Cemetery & Environment) Report.

The attached report was issued and accepted by the Council.

103. Recreation Ground Working Party Report.

The attached report was issued. Since the meeting, skate park equipment has been broken and the contractor has been informed; Moles are rife on the second football pitch and pest control will be contacted; an offer subject to costs of a Kissing Gate to replace the stile near the Stonebridge Lane footpath entrance to the recreation ground had been received. Members were happy to accept this gesture. Report Accepted.

104. To resolve the accounts for the month.

Wages: Pavilion Cleaner.....112.00R	Wages: Clerk plus expenses.....739.12
Suffolk Acre: Insurance.....2,240.08R	Fulbourn Centre: Hall Hire.....63.00R
Gopak: Tables.....384.72RC	Safety Shop: Dog Fouling Signs.....44.84R
Swifts: Cleaners Wages.....277.20	ESPO: Supplies.....10.06
B's Travel: Shopper Bus.....220.00	BT: Internet Charges.....110.36
Ridgeons: Supplies.....31.20	Action 4 Youth: Building Maintenance.....2,000.00
e-on: Pavilion Gas.....121.31	FA4Y: Contribution for Youth Workers.....3,000.00
eibe: Skatepark balance.....4,009.12R	Inland Revenue: Tax & NI.....1,205.10R
Arts Forum: Donation.....1,000.00	Ikea: Coat stands for The Swifts.....49.98R
Petty Cash: Stamps & Admin.....18.76R	NRF: Tree & Bushes Maintenance.....1,017.75
ProGreen: Bowls green.....2,829.00C	Chic: Window repairs.....228.39
Arts Forum: Donation.....1,000.00	

Cllr Scarr proposed, seconded by Cllr Doggett that the accounts are passed. Agreed by the Council.

105. Date of next Finance Meeting to be arranged.

3rd November 2009 was provisionally agreed.

106. To consider planning applications.

S/1339/09/F – 22 & 23 Grandridge Close – Change of Use from Residential to Temporary Site Offices. Recommend Approval.

S/1370/09/F – The Old Telephone Exchange, Church Lane – Conversion of Telephone Exchange to 1 Bed Studio. Recommend approval.

Appeal: S/0667/09/LB - Coach House, Manor Walk.

Permissions received: S1055/09/F, 1 Pettit's Close – Extension;

S/1107/09/F, Chalky Farm, Babraham (In the Parish of Fulbourn) – Extension.

Report of Meeting to Keep Marshall Aerospace in Cambridge.

Proposed Gypsy and Traveller Development Plan Representation. This response has been placed on the website.

Tree works: Pierce Lane - Crown Lift Ash and shorten branches. "Have visited site, there are signs of die back with this tree, and for safety's sake, work should be done as requested".

107. Sports hall, Phase II Update.

The bid to the Rural Initiative of Sport England has been appraised by their project team and their advice is not to proceed to a full bid. The Trust needs to decide whether to continue with a smaller project. The County and District Councils have agreed to hold earmarked funds for the project until the beginning of next financial year. Cllr S Hardwick proposed in principle, that the Parish Council supports a smaller scheme. Proposal seconded by Cllr Pope and agreed by the Council.

Council also felt it should be designed so that it can be enlarged at a later date with minimum costs.

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

Report from the Finance Committee; James Fisher from SCDC.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 10.40pm.