

Minutes of a Meeting of FULBOURN PARISH COUNCIL held in The Fulbourn Centre, Home End, Fulbourn on Wednesday, 10th February 2010.

Present: Councillor Patten (Chairman) and Councillors Andrews, Bullen (from Item 173), Comins, Doggett (and District)(until Item 183), Fison, Goodall, K Hardwick, S Hardwick, Lockwood (until Item 176.3), Pope, Scarr (and District) (until Item 183), Stalley and Ward. The Clerk, Mr A Tanser (until Item 172), Mr & Mrs Butcher (until Item 173) and Mr B White.

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.

169. To accept apologies for absence. County Councillor Clarke.

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

171. Andrew Tanser - Windmill Estate Artwork, next phase.

Andrew Tanser presented illustrations of Public Art for the Windmill Estate and wanted clarification for the Wave Bench base. Members had agreed metal legs were more suitable so as not to attract litter. The Human Sundial would go ahead but, due to maintenance and running costs, the Light Tree had been rejected. Instead a large black granite, mirror polished slab was suggested to subtly reflect Life in Fulbourn. Members raised concerns about graffiti, but Mr Tanser explained the granite could be treated and would clean up well. Exhibitions of these images will be held around the village to invite feedback from parishioners and Mr Tanser will also attend the A.P.M. in April. It is hoped the art will be in place in October 2010. The Chairman thanked Mr Tanser for attending.

172. Richard Butcher - Post Office Update.

Mr Butcher explained that despite putting the Post Office business up or sale, no prospective purchaser had materialised during the last 12 months. Mr Butcher will seek to submit a Change of Use for the property, and once he hands in his notice to the Post Office, this will be irrevocable. Before considering consent to relocate the Post Office to other premises in the village, Post Office Ltd will think about the need to recruit a Manager or Sub Postmaster and look at the future economic viability of the business. Mr Butcher explained that business is different as changes have been made as to how the Post Office is used and they receive no financial support from the Government. Mr and Mrs Butcher intend to retire during the next 12 months and will keep Council informed. The Chairman thanked Mr Butcher for attending and explaining the situation.

173. Fulbourn Primary School - Falling Numbers & Threat of One Classroom Closure.

Meetings had been held with Head Teacher, Fiona Thorpe and our County and District Councillors and Chairman. The number of children on the school register dictates how much funding the school receives. There are concerns that if children cannot be accommodated at the school, they will be moved elsewhere and will not come back. Should the school lose a member of staff, this will be the case. Following discussion, it was agreed to write to the County Council Portfolio Holder for Education with our concerns pointing out that under the Local Development Framework, 250/275 dwellings are proposed for the Ida Darwin site that would increase the capacity of the school.

174. The Swifts - Constitution for Adoption enabling Rate Relief for Resolution.

Subject to adding objectives, Cllr Andrews proposed we adopt the Constitution, seconded by Cllr Doggett and agreed by Council. Application for Small Business Rate Relief had been submitted and a reply waited.

175. Minutes of the 1st User Meeting of The Swifts.

Adjustments to the settings of the fans to reduce noise were to be done; requests for a coat/umbrella stand and ladder were approved by Council and the Minutes accepted.

176. Reports from Council Committees:

176.1 ACE. Minutes of a Meeting held on 19th January 2010 were issued. A site meeting with CCC had been arranged to seek advice to improve street lighting along Manor Walk; verges along Fulbourn Old Drift needs cutting 3 times a year and Cllr Stalley offered to do these. Report Accepted

176.2 Finance. Minutes of a Meeting held on 28th January and Precept Meeting held on 2nd February were issued. It was agreed the Precept should remain at £115,000.00. Tarmac work near the church had been completed. On behalf of the Townley Trust, Cllr S Hardwick thanked members for the financial contribution for Phase II.

Cllr Andrews is arranging a meeting with the Scout Leader and is trying to contact the Guides, to discuss working with the Council to improve the entrance to the Recreation Ground.

Cllr Comins had been contacted by Nick Toovey asking for a 21 year lease for the Scouts, and Mr Toovey will be advised of this proposed meeting. Reports Accepted.

176.3 Highways. Minutes of a Meeting held on 1st February were issued. Mr Wright will be asked to clear the verge along Babraham Road and Cambridge Road. Numerous large potholes especially along Fulbourn Old Drift will be reported. Report Accepted.

176.4 Recreation Ground Working Party. An electric oven has appeared at the pavilion. Members were concerned with numerous groups using the pavilion, that if left there permanently, damage could be caused unintentionally so 6 Councillors voted to have it removed. Cllr Ward reported of a break in over the weekend (6th or 7th February) damaging the garage near the pavilion.

177. Parish Plan Update.

John Williams for the Steering Group and Cllr Comins for the Council will make representations at the LSP (Local Strategic Partnership) on 17th February. This is another stage in the Adoption of the Parish Plan.

178 Report from Meeting with RES (Renewable Energy Systems) - Wadlow Windfarm.

Cllr Pope issued a report following a meeting with representatives from RES along with Cllr Patten. It proved a useful meeting and it is hoped to form a liaison group with neighbouring parishes to meet for updates regarding the development of the windfarm. RES will also arrange for both Councillors to visit an established windfarm shortly.

179. To approve the minutes of the last meeting.

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

180. Matters arising from the last meeting.

180.1 Wooden Bus Shelter. The redundant shelter on Cambridge Road has now been demolished.

180.2 Play Equipment for All Ages. Following positive feedback from the January edition of "The Pump", Cllr Patten will make further enquiries regarding equipment and positioning.

180.3 Litter Pick. In conjunction with the newly formed Fulbourn Society, this has been arranged for 21st March 2010.

181. Correspondence & Items for Consideration/Resolution.

181.1 Cambridgeshire Acre - Renew Annual Membership of £25.00. Agreed.

181.2 Bottisham Village College - Request for financial assistance to support the Extended Schools Cluster offering a range of services and opportunities including pupils at Fulbourn Primary

School. This request is not the Policy of the Council, so following discussion, investigations into Village Charities will be made and this item will be placed on next month's agenda.

181.3 **United Reformed Church** - To mark the 200th anniversary of the opening of the church, the PC is invited to provide either a flower arrangement or a small exhibit representing our activities. To be held on 12th & 13th June 2010. Cllr S Hardwick will arrange a floral display.

181.4 **Campaign to Protect Rural England** - Cambridgeshire Voice, Spring 2010 newsletter.

181.5 **Law consultants** - response to mail drop regarding High Street parking. The Clerk will acknowledge their letter and comments therein.

181.6 **SCDC** - Copy of pack from Exception Sites Parish Review Meeting held on 18/1/10.

181.7 **Cambridgeshire Horizons** - Dates of public consultation events regarding the planned revision to the Green Infrastructure Strategy for Cambridgeshire.

181.8 **Vital Communities** - Details of planned events until March 2010 when, due to funding cuts, Vital Communities will come to an end. We will write thanking them for their hard work.

181.9 **J Williams** - Response to the Countrywide Advisory Freight Map and how it affects Fulbourn.

181.10 **CCC** – Plans of a major project to showcase the historical, built and natural environment landscapes of the UK called Launch of Discovering Places and details of Open Days.

181.11 **CCC** – We will shortly receive a draft of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Plan due to be submitted to the Secretary of State later this year.

181.12 **CCC** – The Countryside Access Team being funded by three Housing Growth Fund (HGF) has been aiding improvements across the county under the Cambridgeshire Rights of Way Improvement Plan. Now the government has reduced the HGF so from 1/4/10 some countryside access projects will be terminated.

181.13 **M Bailey** – Suggestion re early loss of leaves from trees and thanks for work done on the footpath in Pierce Lane.

181.14 **K Goode** - Disappointment and comments over work carried out along Hinton Road/Fulbourn Old Drift. CCC has since inspected the works and will get the contractors back to complete the job properly. Cllr Scarr and the Clerk have replied to Mrs Goode.

181.15 **N Copeman** - Due to health reasons, unable to maintain hedge bushes near Twopenny Green and requests our Contractor takes this work over. We will write thanking him for his help in the past.

181.16 **Fulbourn Society** - Invitation for all Councillors to attend meeting on 23/3/10 where Constitution will be presented for adoption. They might ask Council for financial assistance in the future with regard to set up costs and future projects.

181.17 **C Bennett** - Unhappy with dog bin recently erected outside the Almshouses. Clerk to reply

181.18 **Village Library** – Concerns that CCC are reviewing the level of support given to Library Access Points and all Council invited to a meeting with Sir Peter Brown, Cabinet Member for Communities on 23/2/10 at 3.00pm to offer support.

Also a response to an invoice we sent regarding The Swifts with various points to be answered. The Clerk will reply.

181.19 **A Morris** - Authority for tree work in Dogget Lane in the summer from SCDC.

181.20 **Bottisham Village College** – They are considering becoming a Trust School and changing status from a Community School to a Foundation School. A meeting will be held on 26 January 2010 at 7.00pm, and Consultation Paper available at www.bottishamvc.org to be completed by 26 February 2010. This was taken at Item 173. Cllr Pope issued a comprehensive written report. It concluded that there would be no changes to the running of the college, just the need for intellectual input and that the Trust would own and manage the land. Members agreed to write to the governors thanking them for the information and to wish them well in their endeavours to achieve this,

182. To receive reports from County and District Councillors.

182.1 Councillors Scarr and Doggett issued the attached joint written report. From this Council learned that SCDC had passed a decision to build 263 dwellings on the Ida Darwin site with the exception that 215 will be built by 2015. Members agreed to write to SCDC to clarify the terms of the Masterplan after hearing there is no longer a requirement only to recycle the footprint of the existing buildings.

Council also supported SCDC in calling for the government to clarify the law on snow clearance especially regarding liability for injury and agreed to write to our M.P. to introduce a short Act of Parliament to add to the Town Police Clauses Act. Report Accepted.

183. To resolve the accounts for the month.

Wages: Pavilion Cleaner.....	116.00	Wages: Clerk + Expenses.....	1,042.41
A&B Glass: Maintenance.....	115.00R	Konica: Photocopier hire.....	72.38R
ESPO: Tables & Trolley.....	818.98	B's Travel: Shopper bus.....	220.00
Dents: Maintenance contract.....	85.54RC	CCC: Grass cutting.....	8,048.75
J Furner: Demolish shelter.....	163.32R	Falcon Print: Village Pump.....	120.00R
Petty Cash: Stamps & Admin.....	29.24	Shelford Heating: Boiler service.....	1,242.36
Ridgeons: Door lock.....	60.38C	Domain Group: Website fees.....	65.00

Council agreed that Cllrs Patten and Stalley should sign the Indemnities for the Public Open Space contributions for Hall Farm, School Lane and Thomas Road.

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

184. To consider planning applications.

Tree works: Balsham Road, Crown reduction to Sycamore and 2 Acacia Trees.

Hall Farm, School Lane, Crown reduce Walnut Tree up to 40%.

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

Fulbourn Primary School; Financial contribution to BVC to support the Extended Schools Cluster; New computer and Becoming a Councillor.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 10.30pm.

Dates of Future Meetings – Full Council, 10th March 2010.