

Minutes of a Meeting of FULBOURN PARISH COUNCIL held in The Fulbourn Centre, Home End, Fulbourn on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2010.

**Present:** Councillor Patten (Chairman) and Councillors Andrews, Bullen, Comins (from Item 192), Doggett (and District), Gaskell, Goodall, K Hardwick, S Hardwick, Lockwood, Pope, Scarr (and District), Stalley and Ward. County Councillor Clarke (from Item 191) and the Clerk.

**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.**

Sally Fletcher from January's, Phil Rogers, SHP/GHM Architects, Liz Addae and Carlyne Pottinger both from Granta Housing advised members of an impending planning application to demolish 312-322 Cambridge Road and replace the 3 pairs of semis with self contained accommodation for up to 26 tenants. The present dwellings built in the 1930's are no longer fit for purpose with tenants having to share communal facilities and only having a small area of personal space. Granta Housing has managed and owned the site since 1980. They want to look at the site, give consideration to future tenants with enduring mental health issues and encourage them into the community. Various planning drafts were shown to Council, who explained they could not comment until an application is received and pointed out the footprint must be taken into consideration and landscaping was important.

**186. To accept apologies for absence.** Councillor Fison.

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

Cllr Scarr – Non Prejudicial for the Open Forum.

**188. Fulbourn Primary School Update.**

Item deferred until Cllr Clarke arrives.

**189. Parish Plan - Update on Representations to LSP (Local Strategic Partnership).**

Cllr Comins will be speaking at the meeting (see Item 200.14) to explain the villages experience as we have only just completed the process. Cllr Comins advised the Steering Group is getting the Constitution recognised.

**190. Report of Site Meeting regarding Street Lighting.**

Cllrs Patten and Goodall met Tony Hull from CCC in Manor Walk and discussed various options to improve the lighting. Mr Hull advised it would be impossible to get replacement parts for the older style lamps and they could not be fitted with modern lighting. He would arrange for them and others to be cleaned. Under EEC regulations, new white lights would be introduced, but this would take time. Members noted these lamps were in a Conservation Area and contributed to the street scene. Cllr Goodall also advised the original lamps had been bought by Public Subscription.

**191. Bottisham VC - Funding to support Extended Schools Cluster for Resolution.**

The Clerk will recommend BVC contacts the Village Charities direct who will look favourably on assisting pupils from the parish.

**192. Windmill Estate Public Art, Sun Dial for Reappraisal.**

The company who provide the plans pointed out the benefits and pitfalls of erecting this feature on a housing estate. Following discussion, members asked the Clerk to check with our insurers and Accent Nene and provided they approved, Council would sign a waiver that the company had explained the position to them and arrange for Andrew Tanser to go ahead with this project.

**193. Becoming a Councillor.**

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An article had gone in The Village Pump that has been distributed to every household in the village. Some interest had been shown, and we will have to wait for the election to see who comes forward.

**194. Possible Future Development of the Recreation Ground.**

Cllr Andrews has had an exploratory meeting with an Executive Group of Scouts to come in on a joint venture with the Guides and Youth. Cllr Andrews now has a contact for the Guides and is arranging a meeting with them. This item will be placed on next month's agenda when more should be known.

**195. Play Equipment for All Ages.**

Cllrs Patten and Ward have met 2 representatives and this week visited Vinery Road, Cambridge who has various items of equipment in place. The Council will need to provide some funding that is available from the S106 to enable them to apply for grants. Cllr Andrews proposed £3,000 from next year's budget, seconded by Cllr Doggett and agreed by Council. Cllr Ward advised both Jane Lampshire and Jane Thompson are leaving SCDC. They have helped the Council a considerable amount during the last few years, and members agreed to write to thank them. Council will also need to decide where to site any equipment on the recreation ground.

**196. Request for weekly Mobile Fish & Chip van for Resolution.**

Members felt the request to have a weekly mobile fish and chip van possibly at the recreation ground on a Saturday, would affect trade at the Institute who are about to have a new kitchen fitted and also The White Hart who already offer a takeaway service. There is a van that comes weekly on Wednesdays, so Council voted against this request on this occasion.

**197. Request for financial donation to support Fulbourn Arts for Resolution.**

Cllr Gaskell informed members that Fulbourn Arts intend to hold visual performing arts throughout the year to spread the cost for people instead of holding a festival as they had in the past. Workshops are planned for Arts and the Youth. Other events with affordable ticket prices are also planned. Cllr S Hardwick proposed a £1,000 donation in April 2010 and another £1,000 in October, seconded by Cllr Scarr and agreed by Council.

**198. To approve the Minutes of the last meeting.**

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

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

199.1 Litter Pick. The Clerk will contact SCDC who will collect any bags gathered free of charge.

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

200.1 **War Memorials Trust** – February 2010 Bulletin magazine.

200.2 **Energy Saving Trust** – Invitation to join Green Communities that gives advice on Climate Change.

200.3 **CCC** – Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Minerals and Waste Draft Supplementary Planning Documents – Consultation 15/2/10 to 29/3/10.

200.4 **Cambridgeshire Horizons** – Green Infrastructure Strategy Review, Consultation and questionnaire sent.

200.5 **res** - (renewable energy systems) Proposal to arrange first meeting of the Wadlow Wind Farm Liaison Group. JP & BP have been consulted regarding dates.

200.6 **St Vigor and All Saints PCC** - Grateful thanks for work to hard standing area outside the church.

200.7 **A Polak** - Suggest bus stops have electronic displays to provide up to date information on services e.g. delays. The Council will write to the CCC in support of this suggestion as monies were received by the CCC from the Windmill Estate redevelopment.

- 200.8 **Fulbourn Feast** - Request to use the recreation ground and all entrances on 27/6/10. Agreed by the Council.
- 200.9 **Amanda's** - Response to request to remove advertising board on School Lane/Cambridge Road triangular verge.
- 200.10 **Open Space** - Spring 2010 magazine and details of Open Day on 26/6/10.
- 200.11 **Townley Trust** - Thank you for confirmation of grant for £50,000 towards the Sports hall.
- 200.12 **E Clarke** - Confirmation the Parish Council may keep the Village notice board in The High Street and she will look after the notices.
- 200.13 **James Paice MP** - Reply to our concerns about legalities regarding snow clearance.
- 200.14 **Cambridgeshire ACRE** - Along with S Cambs Local Strategic Partnership are holding a Parish Planning meeting on 31/3/10, 6.30pm in Histon. To share experiences of successes and challenges for those who have or are considering producing a Parish Plan.
- 200.15 **Townley Trust** - Meeting on Weds 31/3/10 for Users of The Centre to discuss progress on the Sports hall. 8pm, 2 representatives invited. Cllr S Hardwick will be attending.
- 200.16 **J Brown and CCC** - Correspondence regarding latest accident at the traffic calming in Balsham Road.
- 200.17 **Village Library** - Thank you for meeting Sir Peter Brown on 23/2/10 and for continued support of the library. Members who attended felt this had been a good meeting and await developments.
- 200.18 **Vital Communities** - Survey sent to assist with research as this project is coming to an end at the end of March 2010.
- 200.19 **Fulbourn Forum for Community Action** - Meeting Tues, 23/3/10 at 7.45pm to adopt draft constitution.
- 200.20 **Clerks & Councils Direct** - March 2010 magazine.
- 200.21 **Stagecoach** - Service changes for bus routes including Citi 1 and 2.
- 200.22 **CPRE** (Campaign to Protect Rural England) - Information on Village Litter Picks.
- 200.23 **PCSO Julie Abbott** - Changing her shift to help with the litter pick on 21/3/10 and an update on notices left on parked cars around the village.

## **201. To receive reports from County and District Councillors.**

- 201.1 Councillor Clarke issued a written report covering an update on the A14 Public Enquiry; Guided Busway and the Fulbourn Village Library Access Point. He advised of the withdrawal of the £500 million from TIF (Transport Innovation Fund) that had been awarded in conjunction with the congestion charge that was now unlikely. Central government had now set up a new "Urban Challenge Fund" and had praised both Reading and Cambridge regarding the former. Cllr Clarke had met Fiona Thorpe, Head Teacher of Fulbourn Primary School today and will meet Officers from the CCC on 11<sup>th</sup> March to discuss the planned changes in funding. He will argue that redevelopment of the Windmill Estate should be considered as more families are likely to move to the village and increase the school roll. Cllr Clarke, when questioned also explained in great detail the problems surrounding the Guided Busway having spent some time in various meetings and researched the subject. Report Accepted.
- 201.2 Councillor Scarr reported SCDC had set the Council Tax at just under 3%. Tenants' rent would increase by 2.7%, some of which will go to Central Government. SCDC will be able to claim part of this back to retain Sheltered Housing Wardens. Report Accepted.
- 201.3 Councillor Doggett did not support the Council Tax increase fearing there might be a chance SCDC would be capped. A windfall of £320,000 had been received of which £300,000 would go to Disabled Facilities Adaptations and £20,000 on Ground Maintenance. Report Accepted.

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

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Wages: Clerk plus expenses.....790.40	Wages: Pavilion Cleaner.....89.25
Ernest Doe: Supplies.....76.67RC	J Knight: Church Hardstanding.....1,880.00R
CCC: Street Lighting.....1,732.68	Dents: Security sign.....17.63RC
Suffolk Acre: Pavilion Insurance...700.18	Accent Nene: Swifts Service Charge.....259.11
Petty Cash: Stamps & Admin.....56.23	Talk Talk: February Phone calls.....25.00
ESPO: Supplies.....159.76R	
Cambridge Water Co: Rates....Cemetery.....57.67....Recreation Ground...324.54....Swifts....133.21	

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

**203. Payment of Public Open Space for Resolution.**

In accordance with Section 106, Cllr Doggett proposed Council signs the Indemnity form in respect of development in Pierce Lane. Seconded by Cllr K Hardwick and agreed by Council.

**204. New Computer for Parish Office.**

The Clerk had asked Cllr Clarke for advice as the present system, although quite old, had possibly been a victim of phishing and was very slow. Following discussion, Cllr Clarke will have a look at the computer with the Clerk and report back next month.

**205. Report from Meeting of Recreation Ground Working Party.**

Minutes of a Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2010 were issued. Pupils from Cambridge Regional College had broken into the MUGA. They had been reported to CRC who are investigating having taken this matter seriously. Report Accepted.

**206. New Standing Orders for Adoption.**

NALC (National Association of Local Councils) had amended the 2003 version of Standing Orders. These have been modified to Fulbourn Parish Council. Cllr Doggett proposed we adopt the new Standing Orders, seconded by Cllr Scarr and agreed by Council.

**207. To consider planning applications.**

Permission: Received for S/1925/09/F, 23 Geoffrey Bishop Avenue - Extension.

New application: S/0265/10/F, 3 Teversham Road - Extension to garage;

S/0059/10/F, 30 Geoffrey Bishop Avenue - Extensions. Both applications recommendation approved.

Certificate of Lawfulness for Existing Dwelling: S/0183/10/DC, L'Abri, Teversham Road. Letter sent.

Amended application for information only: S/0847/09/F, 1 The Maples.

207.1 Notes on Ida Darwin and Fulbourn Hospital Master Plan.

Tree works: Home End – Silver Birch – Crown Reduction to enhance Wellingtonia;

The Chantry - Fell Sycamore. No objection to these applications.

The Council had received several compliments about the tree and hedge work carried out along Hinton Road.

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

Possible future development of the recreation Ground.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 10.50pm.