

Minutes of a Meeting of FULBOURN PARISH COUNCIL held in The Fulbourn Centre, Home End, Fulbourn on Wednesday, 14th July 2010.

Present: Councillor Patten (Chairman) and Councillors Dawson, Doggett, Drage, Hardwick, Lacey, Mair, Scarr (and District), Stalley, Ward, Webdale and Williams (and District), County Councillor Clarke (from Item 44 until 46 – see Minutes), the Clerk and one parishioner.

39. To accept apologies for absence. Councillors Bullen and Newell; County Councillor Clarke also has Quy and Wilbraham Parish Council Meetings tonight.

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

Councillor Dawson – Personal Item 51.19.

41. To approve the minutes of the last meeting.

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

42. Matters arising from the last meeting.

42.1 Benches. These are progressing well and will be in situ in time for the Terry Willson Memorial at the end of July.

42.2 Post Office. As Change of Use to residential planning permission has been granted, Coun Williams will speak to Mr & Mrs Butcher for an up to date position. Based on this information, the Council might need to hold a Special Public Meeting to try and keep this much valued facility,

43. Report of meeting of Fulbourn Townley Trust – Phase II.

Coun Hardwick attended a meeting on 16th June 2010 where he advised the Trust had met with ACRE with a view to applying for grant monies; plans wait to be printed; a brochure regarding the proposed Sports Centre is to be distributed around the village and consideration should be given as to shared duties and costs regarding advertising and promoting the new Communities facilities along with the Townley Hall, The Institute and The Swift's. To safeguard the land intended for building leased to the Trust from the Parish Council, we will contact our solicitor's with regard to a suggested Deed of Dedication.

44. Recreation Ground – Consider Call Out Rota System.

There have been numerous incidents over the last few weeks when Coun Ward has been called out to attend to fires, broken windows and youngsters climbing the fence to gain access to the MUGA. Following discussion, members suggested speaking to security firms who offer mobile patrols and ask the CCC who they used when they employed a guard at the old community centre. The MUGA needs to be padlocked otherwise any offenders claim the gate was open and the Police are powerless to act. It was suggested looking into an angled fence around this area and/or using anti vandal paint. We will seek advice from the police who have been upping their presence recently.

At this point PCSO John Coppard arrived. He said if the Council employs a security firm, patrol times would need to be varied; felt anti vandal paint was effective and whether infrared lighting would be possible. He did advise it was up to the CPS if anyone is prosecuted. PSCO Coppard then advised that PC Lee Scott started on 13th July 2010 taking over from PC Alex Rendell.

45. Home Close Day Care Update.

Coun Patten said a meeting with representatives from the County and District Council together with Carers would take place on 16th July 2010 and a report would be given at the next Council meeting.

Item 53.1 was taken next as Coun Clarke had to attend another Parish meeting.

53.1 Councillor Clarke issued the attached report and confirmed that at present all ten LAP (Library Access Points) were to be retained although they would no longer receive any new adult fiction books. Very worrying is that Youth Services are likely to lose a third of the budget from £3 million to £2 million pounds as this money has been spent by other departments. Coun Clarke said there had been discussions as to how all the organisations work together and although as yet not known, some services are to be stopped at County level so the Parish might need to get involved. Central Government funding has stopped and things are going to get worse. *Coun Clarke then left the meeting.*

46. LAP (Library Access Point) - Information.

This item has just been covered.

47. Report of Wadlow Wind Farm Community Liaison Group Meeting held on 01/07/10.

Coun Williams issued the attached written report. The Chairman thanked him for attending.

48. ACE (Allotments, Cemetery & Environment) – Minutes of 30th June 2010 Meeting.

Coun Doggett was elected Chairman and it was agreed she would liaise regularly with our Custodian; A date for the annual Beechwoods Estate walk was set for 21st July 2010; Greene King to be contacted regarding overgrowth near the Teversham Road bus stop and a site visit to be arranged with the Manager of Healthcare Homes to discuss maintenance of the trees and hedge at its rear entrance in Pierce Lane was agreed. The Next ACE meeting will be on 6th October 2010 at The Swifts.

49. Highways Committee – Report of Meeting held on 6th July 2010.

Chairman Coun Scarr issued the attached report. From this it was noted the carriageway in Wilbraham Road is still sinking and CCC Highways, although aware of the problems, will be contacted again. Footpaths are a major problem during icy weather, Coun Doggett proposed we obtain quotes to purchase two salt boxes, seconded by Coun Webdale and agreed by the Council. This item will be put on the September agenda.

Report Accepted.

50. Draft Constitution for Fulbourn Mill Consultative Committee for consideration/adoption.

Coun Williams issued the above to members. Coun Scarr proposed accepting the Constitution as presented, seconded by Coun Drage and agreed by the Council.

51. Correspondence. The following items had been received this month: -

- 51.1 **Open Spaces** – Annual Subscription of £40 for Renewal. It was agreed not to renew at this time.
- 51.2. **CPRE** (Campaign to Protect Rural England) – Annual Subscription of £29 for Renewal. Council agreed not to renew its membership.
- 51.3 **Holywell-Cum-Needlingworth PC** – Questionnaire to assist with their budget for next year for completion. It was felt as the information requested was already available via SCDC who issue details of our precept.
- 51.4 **Bottisham Village College** – They intend to proceed to become a Trust Foundation School effective from 1st September 2010.
- 51.5 **National Grid** – Notification that gas meter at pavilion is to be exchanged.
- 51.6 **Wicksteed Playscapes** – Annual Play Equipment inspection report received.
- 51.7 **Cambridgeshire ACRE** – Community Action Summer 2010 magazine.
- 51.8 **SCDC** – Ballot for 2 nominations received for Standards Board (Councillor Ian Booth from Cambourne and Dave Kelleway from Teversham).
- 51.9 **Cambridgeshire Community Services NHS** – Keeping in Touch newsletter No. 5.
- 51.10 **CCC** – Have set a 5 year budget to realise savings that will have an impact on Connexions and Youth Work provision. Stakeholder Meetings planned 12th, 14th & 15th July. Parish Council input welcome.

51.11 **Luminus Group** – Headlines, June 2010, Issue 16 newsletter received.

51.12 **Clerks & Councils Direct** – July 2010 magazine.

51.13 **Fulbourn Feast Committee** – Suggest when pavilion is decorated that gloss paint is used for easier maintenance; install outside electricity sockets and a spare key to the corner room shared by the Tennis and Bowls Clubs is stored in the pavilion. Council noted the paint suggestion and the Recreation Ground Working Party are already arranging for a key for access. Although an outside electricity socket would need to be isolated, in view of all the recent trouble on the recreation ground, it was agreed not to install one at this time.

51.14 **SCDC** – Coun Iain Booth of Cambourne Parish Council has been elected to the Standards Board following the recent election. (See 51.8).

51.15 **CCC** – List of Summer Activities for Cherryhinton's Children Centre.

51.16 **J Furner** – Request to purchase cemetery ride on mower that is no longer used. Council agreed to speak to our Custodian and Ernest Doe Ltd to ascertain whether it is still required and its current value should it be sold.

51.17 **G Lidstone** – Offer services to empty and clean dog and litter bins and litter pick in general. The Clerk has already told that all parish bins are emptied under contract to SCDC, however Members felt consideration should be given if Mr Lidstone would be interested in street cleaning part time.

51.18 **S Hawthorne** – Asking if PC has any grazing land to house a small herd of cows and some Black Welsh Mountain sheep. The Council does not have any land and the Clerk will reply.

51.19 **N Toovey** - Report of meeting regarding lease of site of the Scout Hut. Discussion took place as to improving the entrance to the recreation ground if the fence and strip of land to the side of the Scout hut was given up subject to the Parish Council assisting financially with alterations to the hut.

Enquiries as to moving the telegraph pole would also need to be made. Coun Patten said the Youth Club had just been granted Trust Status and that the Guides are keen to sell their site for the best possible price. Coun Hardwick proposed negotiating a new lease for the Scouts with a break clause to enable development when the time is right. Proposal seconded by Coun Scarr and agreed by the Council. The hedge owned by the Moss Trust is in need of maintenance and this has been carried out by the Council during recent years.

51.20 **T Cave** – The Governors of the Primary School though grateful for the offer of Coun Lockwood to be the Council's representative on the Board, already have enough parents and would prefer a potential Governor without a child or grandchildren to achieve a more balanced body. Coun Patten suggested asking if Alison Farmer would be interested. It was agreed by Council to approach Alison.

52. Notes of a Linton Neighbourhood Panel Meeting held on 22nd June 2010.

It was incorrectly reported that damaged had been caused to The Centre and not the pavilion.

53. To receive reports from County and District Councillors.

53.2 Councillor Scarr has not had any meetings to report on this month.

53.3 Councillor Williams issued the attached report. Coun Williams advised the District Council also faces a difficult financial year.

Following the recent announcement by Eric Pickles MP that local authorities should have Gypsy and Traveller sites, both District Council were asked what was happening at SCDC. Coun Williams said at present this item was on hold although some sites would still have to go ahead. He wasn't able to second guess what this District Council would do in the future. Coun Scarr agreed.

54. Parish Council Committees:

A.C.E. – Chairman Coun Doggett
Finance

Planning – Chairman Cou Webdale
Recreation Ground Working Party

Communications – Chairman Coun Drage

Highways – Chairman Coun Scarr

Police Liaison

The Swifts – Chairman Coun Patten

Youth

Chairmen for Finance, Police Liaison, Recreation Ground and Youth will be elected at their first meetings.

55. To resolve the accounts for the month.

Wages: Clerk plus expenses.....	789.73	Wages: Pavilion Cleaner.....	101.90R
Barclays: Fees.....	73.68R	Pristine: Hygiene Contract.....	411.25
SCDC: Election Costs.....	225.00	Konica: Old Copier final fee.....	16.26R
B's Travel: Shopper bus.....	220.00	BT: Internet services.....	112.76R
Swifts: Cleaners Wages.....	310.05	Wicksteed: Inspection VAT.....	7.88R
Konica: New copier.....	83.87R	Opal: June phone calls.....	22.78
Petty Cash: Stamps & Admin.....	88.66R	ESPO: Dog bin.....	84.60
Hibbitt & Sons: Clean cemetery War Memorial.....	217.37	iTEXS: IT Services.....	78.73
e.on: Pavilion Gas.....	112.48		
Furnleaf Landscapes: June recreation ground maintenance.....	1,417.05		
Townley: Hall hire.....	64.50		

Coun Hardwick proposed accepting the accounts, seconded by Coun Scarr and agreed by the Council.

56. To consider planning applications.

Minutes of a Planning Meeting held on 7th July 2010.

Permission S/0658/10/LB: 2 School Lane – Alterations to Shop Front and Removal of Internal Partition and Counter; Form New Opening n Rear Elevation; Convert Outbuilding to Annexe and Demolish Attached Garage.

Tree works: 53 Pierce Lane – Two Cupressus; reduce height of tallest tree by 30% then Crown Reduce height of adjacent tree to same height. “Trees close to property, no objection”.

57. Report from the Communications Group.

Coun Drage advised the first meeting took place on 7th July 2010. To apply for Quality Status the Council needs to demonstrate how it communicates with the community. The website needs updating thus establishing main links to the Police, Clubs and Societies. It should be user friendly with a menu, list of activities, bookings, directory of services and a blog so messages can be posted. Coun Drage had obtained three quotes to design the website that also offered a back up service and annual update. It was suggested that the website contains an administration page that can only be accessed by the Council. Further meetings with web designers have been arranged. Council also agreed to write thanking Colin Wood for all his assistance setting up the current site that has been up and running for a few years and to explain the need for an update.

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

Coun Patten thanked Coun Dawson for assisting Coun Bullen in obtaining the new cycle racks recently installed at The Swift's.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 10.12pm.