

Minutes of a Meeting of FULBOURN PARISH COUNCIL held in The Fulbourn Centre, Home End, Fulbourn on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> October 2010.

**Present:** Councillor Patten (Chairman) and Councillors Bullen (from Item 96), Dawson, Drage, Hardwick, Lacey (from Item 88), Mair, Scarr (and District) (from Item 88), Stalley, Ward, Webdale and Williams (and District), 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.** No one present.

**86. To accept apologies for absence.** Councillors Doggett, Lockwood, Newell and County Councillor Clarke.

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

**88. Professor Patrick Smith – Public Governor of Addenbrookes Hospital.**

Although not a Professor of medicine, Professor Smith explained the role of the board who has freedom of control from the government to give services and meet the needs of the hospital. Made up of 3 Public, 3 Patient and 3 Staff Governors from all difference backgrounds they are elected on a three-year term basis. Whilst still part of the NHS, they hold the Hospital Board to account and elect its Chairman, Executive and Non-Executive Governors. Professor Smith advised Addenbrookes Hospital has 1,170 beds; 7,000 staff; 5336 births last year. Annually 82,000 patients are treated in A&E; 63,000 admissions and 93,600 day patients. Its annual turnover is between £533 million and £600 million. A world renowned hospital also housing MRC and Cancer Research Centres. Coun Scarr arrived at this point.

A question and answer session followed. Professor Smith confirmed that parking charges were controversial but that concessions were available. The site has one NCP car park built by the company for several millions who do keep any revenue it generates. All other car parks are owned by the hospital charging the same fees as the NCP one, but revenue made is fed into various projects to benefit the hospital and its patients. They have just purchased a mini bus to transport patients around the large site.

Asked about complaints procedure, Professor Smith confirmed PALS (Patient Advice Liaison Service) dealt with these internally.

He continued that the Governors role was to look at the patient experience by checking food quality and cleanliness including the hand cleaning process. They do spot inspections anywhere at the hospital at a moments notice. They also see how the Development Committee function. Funding of a children's hospital is being sought to reach the £15 million shortfall and Papworth Hospital is due to go to the site in the future. Coun Lacey arrived at this point.

Professor Smith said they also look at the remuneration and conduct of the Directors of the Hospital, Board to ensure they perform their roles in the correct way. All Board members have job appraisals and some have been known to take pay cuts if they have not been performing. Whilst he agreed there were possibly too many tiers of management, the Non-Executive members did have many other skills. When asked about extending the Rosie Hospital, Professor Smith advised this went to tender last month with work commencing shortly. Originally designed to cope with 3,000 births the extension will manage up to 10,000 annually, will have 10 birthing units, a hostel, new neo-natal unit and a child's MRI scanner that will be used by the whole region. Work is due to be completed in 2012.

The proposed Helipad is due to be built nearer to the hospital in Babraham Road costing £600K as not only will it need a base, but lights and drainage system to allow for any fuel spillages.

Asked about increased traffic when Papworth moves here, Professor Smith said no new access roads were planned. The new route from the A11 is due to open in the next few weeks and a number plate recognition scheme was being introduced to avoid it being used as a rat run. As no NHS monies were used for the road, any fines would be administered by the County Council. The Chairman thanked

Professor Smith for attending and for his presentation and he then stayed for the rest of the meeting.

#### **89. Report from High Street parking meeting.**

A meeting was held with residents, traders and Councillors on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2010. Parking issues will continue to be monitored and the new Police Sergeant starting next month will be informed of the situation.

#### **90. Post Office update.**

Coun Williams said Wendy Hamilton from Network Change did not have anything to report as yet from Royal Mail or the Co-operative Foods PLC. They are trying to negotiate a Post Office "Light" which uses an existing counter for Post Office Services. The Parish Council had a Sub-Postmistress who was able to offer mobile services but as she could only be offered a one-year contract, Post Office Ltd said this would not only take pressure off Co-operative Foods, but also jeopardise having a permanent Post Office in the village. The Council had written to the Area Committee of the Co-operative and Managing Director of the Post Office to deal with this matter as quickly as possible, but to date have not received any replies. Having spoken to Barry Missing who runs the Shopper Bus service, he is happy to also take pensioners to Great Wilbraham, and Council agreed if demand is needed, that this service be extended to another day.

Coun Patten had met two gentlemen from the Sorting Office with a view to storing bicycles and bags at The Swifts. Having a key to use other facilities there, a small hire charge would be made and any equipment left would be at their own risk. We await their decision on this.

#### **91. Home Close Day Centre update.**

A report of a meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2010 was issued. To make the Day Centre a success, volunteers are needed and John Rickett has arranged a Coffee Morning where it is hoped as many people as possible attend to learn more what is planned. Coun Webdale offered a vote of thanks for what John had achieved so far. The Council was asked to make a financial contribution which will be considered at the next Finance meeting.

#### **92. Proposed Youth Site Redevelopment at the Recreation Ground.**

We believe the Guides have received a valuation for the ground and will know more and be able to report further, after another meeting with them.

#### **93. Remembrance Sunday: Representative for Service to be appointed.**

Coun Webdale proposed, seconded by Coun Ward that Coun Bullen represents the Council. Agreed.

#### **94. Fulbourn Charity Changes.**

Coun Hardwick advised of changes to the management of the charities by wanting to combine them as one. The purpose will remain the same and these changes have been approved by the Charity Commission. For information the Bishop's Charity was set up in 1474; Caraway in 1442 and Elizabeth March in 1722.

#### **95. Website.**

Coun Drage showed members a draft copy of the Homepage explaining the layout. It will contain a link to Google Earth for street maps of the village. It will include a section for latest news and what's on to keep parishioners better informed. Giles Vernon will build a dummy site over the next two weeks, and Coun Drage said it is hoped the new site will be launched in January 2011.

#### **96. To approve the minutes of the last meeting.**

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

#### **97. Matters arising from the last meeting.**

97.1 The Firs. Following advice from SCDC, Coun Ward proposed erecting a 3.5" Kindersley lettering sign at least twelve inches away from the "Fulbourn Old Drift" sign, seconded by Coun Stalley and agreed by the Council.

97.2 Legal Concerns about Parish Land. Concerns were raised if Parish Councils ceased to exist in the future and it was agreed to consult with our Solicitors about a Deed of Dedication.

97.3 Laptop and Projector. 3 quotations will be obtained for the Finance Committee to consider.

## **98. Correspondence.**

**98.1 Fulbourn Forum** – September 2010 newsletter and request financial assistance if room hired for refreshments after litter pick. Funding of room hire agreed by the Council.

**98.2 CCC** – Feedback following consultation relating to integration of the Connexions and Youth Work functions.

**98.3 Village Library** – Copy of correspondence sent to parents of disruptive children who will now only be allowed to use the library when accompanied by an adult.

**98.4 Cambridgeshire Acre** – Community Action, Autumn 2010 magazine.

**98.5 East of England Ambulance Service** – Copy of a letter sent to SCDC reporting of the sad case of a death of a child at a local sports ground when none of the callers could give a specific address. They suggest notices are displayed including grid reference for the location. Upon receipt of this communication, the Clerk has done this at the pavilion and recreation ground.

**98.6 CPALC** (Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Association of Local Councils) – AGM, 13/11/10 at Bluntisham Village Hall.

**98.7 NHS** – Public consultation on Pharmaceutical Services in Cambs from 27/09/10 to 25/10/10.

**8 Linton Neighbourhood Panel** – Notes from 21/09/10.

**98.9 SCDC** – Standard Board election, ballot for 4 candidates to be returned by 22/10/10.

Cllr Patricia Awberry-Maskell, Sawston; Cllr Alan Brett, Melbourn; Cllr Norma Kay, Waterbeach and Cllr Bill Agg, Caxton. Having considered supporting statements, Coun Webdale proposed electing the candidate from Sawston PC, seconded by Coun Patten and agreed by Council.

**98.10 CCC** – Copy of notices to be advertised regarding alterations to the upper and lower age limit and change of admission numbers at Cherryhinton Infant and Junior School.

**98.11 Accent Nene** – October 2010 news magazine.

**98.12 SCDC** – Exception Sites Parish Review Meeting on 8 November. Coun Webdale to attend.

**98.13 A&C Threadgold** – Concerns of road safety in Home End due to new building works. It was agreed to look at the planning application and our District Councillors agreed to investigate this.

**98.14 SCDC** – Suggestion received from Girton PC to set up a joint panel to improve IT planning systems and asking for 6 parish representatives to join this. Reply by 15/10/10

**98.15 E Hoffman** – Request for financial support of £120 to fund concerts for elderly parishioners. In view of the amount, instead of referring this to the Finance Committee, Coun Stalley proposed we support this request. Proposal seconded by Coun Mair and agreed by the Council.

**98.17 CCC & Peterborough City Council** – Minerals and Waste Plan.

Hearing sessions 30/11/10 to 17/12/10 at Castle Hill.

**98.18 CCC** – Promotional material for our local Mobile Library Service. See notice boards.

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

**99.1** Councillor Clarke issued the attached report.

**99.2** Councillor Scarr issued the attached report. The Chairman also shared Coun Scarr's concerns that the last Windmill Steering Group meeting had been cancelled and another date not set. Council agreed to write to SCDC Housing Portfolio Holder advising that meetings were important even if held quarterly rather than monthly as at present. SCDC Leader, Ray Manning, Stephen Hills, SCDC Corporate Manager and Accent Nene would also be copied in.

**99.3** Councillor Williams issued the attached report.

## **100. Report from Highways Committee Meeting.**

Apologies from Coun Williams will be included in the notes of a meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2010. It was agreed to write to properties with overgrowing hedging obstructing footpaths around the village. A meeting will be arranged between Couns Scarr and Mair with Keith Fauch from CCC to see what needs attention in the village. Concerns were also raised about the traffic calming bollard in Balsham Road and this will be reported again.

**101. Report from ACE Committee Meeting (Allotments, Cemetery & Environment).**

From the report it was agreed to ask SCDC under the Tree & Hedge Scheme for various trees to be planted around the village and purchase more daffodil bulbs for Tuopenny Green (Balsham Road lay-by). These need to be bought as soon as possible and Coun Mair offered to assist with the planting.

**101.1 Recreation Ground Update.**

This item was permitted in view of the recent problems. Last evening the picnic table in the play area was vandalised along with fencing and a litter bin. The Youth Club was broken into last week and the tennis nets have been repeatedly vandalised. The Police have been helpful and CCTV will be checked.

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

Wages: Pavilion Cleaner.....50.95R	Petty Cash: Stamps & Admin.....19.86R
Anglia Midland: Tennis lines.....446.50R	Konica: Photocopier.....96.15
57 <sup>th</sup> Scouts: External light.....50.25R	ESPO: Supplies.....45.78R
Water Co: Swifts Rates.....111.07	Barclays Bank: Fees.....62.58R
B's Travel: Shopper Bus.....275.00R	DBS Electrical: Test appliances.....131.60R
Water Co: Recreation Gd.....488.39	Progreen: Maintenance.....2,962.76RC
B Gas: Swifts Electricity.....202.84	J Furner: Maintenance.....700.30
D Cornwell: Install bins.....101.00R	B's Travel: Shopper Bus.....275.00R
Opal: Sept Phone calls.....23.18R	Fulbourn Arts: Donation.....1,000.00R
Swifts: Cleaners' wages.....310.05	Ridgeons: Door levers.....57.96RC
Wages: Clerk + expenses.....783.53	3 Dimensions: Acoustic panels.....2,890.50C

A quotation of £311.38 was received from M&M Builders for maintenance works at the pavilion. Coun Hardwick proposed accepting the quotation and accounts for the month, seconded by Coun Webdale and agreed by the Council.

Contractual costs for recreation ground maintenance as against engaging an employee were raised, and the Clerk will obtain figures for the next Finance Committee meeting to consider.

**103. To consider planning applications.**

Appeal: S/0415/10/F, Cherry Orchard – Extension. Inspector dismissed appeal.

Refusals: S/0922/10/F, Land to North of Lanthorn Stile – Erection of 11 Bungalows: S/1061/10/F, Balsham Road – Creation of Formal Garden and reduce ground levels.

Permissions: - S/1214/10, 14 Apthorpe Street – Change of Use of Land to Garden Land and Erection of a Garden Room; S/1341/10: Fulbourn Silo, 2 Wilbraham Road – Canopy extension; S/1360/10/F, Golden Gables, Sanders Lane – Conversion of Garage to form Annexe and S/1408/10: 25 Station Road – Extension.

New Applications: -S/1202/10, EDF Energy, Fulbourn Old Drift – Extension to Switch Room. Recommend approval.

Amendments: S/1163/10, Teasel Way – Extension: S/1214/10, Apthorpe Street.

Tree works:

1 The Pines – Pinus nigra – remove side limbs. “Visited site, limbs should be removed”;

Six Bells, High St – High pollard Sycamore and Ash, fell 2 Sycamore, Lilac, Cypress and 2 Eucalyptus. “Visited site and no object to most proposals but can see no reason to fell Cypress and Eucalyptus. Although unattractive, consider they should be retained”;

4 Town Close – Crown reduce 3 Ash and reduce height of 2 Sycamore. “Visited site, all very large trees close to property, no objection to proposals”.

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

RES Wadlow Windfarm; Meeting Places for Committees; Christmas Bonuses and Drinks.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 10.35pm.