

Minutes of a Meeting of FULBOURN PARISH COUNCIL held in The Fulbourn Centre, Home End, Fulbourn on Wednesday, 9th March 2011.

Present: Councillor Webdale (Chairman) and Councillors Farmer, Hardwick, Lacey, Lockwood, Mair, Newell, Scarr (and District) (from Item 180), Stalley, Ward and Williams (and District), County Councillor Clarke, Messrs I Smith and R Ward 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. There were no questions from the floor.

179. To accept apologies for absence. Cllrs Bullen, Dawson, Drage and Patten.

180. Parish Councillor Vacancy – Co-option for Resolution.

There was nominee from the floor interested in filling the vacancy. Cllr Williams proposed, seconded by Cllr Ward that Mrs Alison Farmer is co-opted onto the Council. Mrs Farmer then signed her Declaration of Office and was welcomed to the Council by the Chairman.

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

Cllr Ward – Personal Item 188.1; Cllr Farmer – Personal Item 188.18.

182. Sally Fletcher – January’s.

Proposed plans for 312-322 Cambridge Road – Metropolitan Housing Association.

Also attending the presentation were Phil Rogers and Andrew Grout of SHP Architects; Alikem Brese and Liz Addae from Granta/MHP and Lesley Dickinson the Landscape Designer.

Mrs Fletcher explained the plans for the site had evolved since their last visit to Council and Members were given a design pack with background information; site plans; layout of the dwellings; aerial views and landscaping designs. Mrs Fletcher said there were no other suitable sites available and the present residents needed continuity in the locality. If approved, she confirmed the row furthest from the road would be built first to accommodate the existing residents.

Mr Rogers continued that they were aware the site was in the Green Belt and near a Conservation Area when designing the plans. The design is of one and half storeys high, lower than at present and they will keep the visibility splay free, retain essential views, used the Parish Council’s idea of the look of the Almshouses in the design and have considered planting on the site. An underground pumping station could be accommodated in the central green and Public Art will be included in the scheme.

When asked, Mr Rogers confirmed they would be using Cambridge brick and the dwellings would have slate roofs. In association with Granta Housing and SCDC a requirement of the build will be to incorporate renewable energy. The majority of the building will be set back from the road and as the site drops over 2 metres the roof height will appear even lower. Granta/MHP confirmed they would be responsible for the landscaping maintenance.

They are considering the options regarding having a septic tank as at present which needs to be emptied, or whether to plug into the mains along Teasel Way or as mentioned, incorporate a private pumping station into the design. Cllr Farmer suggested Arts and Minds could help with the Public Art. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending. Cllr Scarr pointed out at this stage the Council could not comment further as to not compromise its position when the planning application was received.

183. Public Transport Survey.

Cllr Williams advised as a result from the Parish Plan, it had been requested the above survey should be done. With all the proposed bus service cuts now seemed an appropriate time to do one. The survey will be delivered within the next two to three weeks, and the data will be very useful for both the

Parish Plan Working Group and the Parish Council. Cllr Clarke confirmed this was a very good exercise, something the County Council is planning.

184. Wadlow Wind farm update.

Cllr Williams advised community funds of £40,000 would be available annually over the next 25 years as a result of the above. Using the Cambridgeshire Community Foundation (CCF), all the Parish Councils located near the wind farm have set up this Community Fund and the criteria was being agreed so the CCF could work on the terms of agreement. At the next meeting in April, construction of the wind farm will be looked at with transport being considered, and work is expected to commence in May. Cllr Williams hoped the Community Fund would be up and running prior to completion of the farm.

185. To approve the minutes of the last meeting.

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

186. Matters arising from the last meeting.

186.1 Guide and Brownie Hut. The Council hope to see the deeds shortly and view the property.

186.2 Scouts Lease. A draft is being drawn up for both parties consideration.

186.3 Foxhole Joint. Having consulted the County Council regarding verge damage along the road from Hinton Road to Cambridge Road, they do not like signs but would consider wooden posts. Members felt these would not solve the problem as the road is narrow and could cause more problems for traffic passing buses or lorries.

186.4 Post Office. An update is expected in April following further meetings. The Council has received parishioners' feedback from an article in "The Pump" regarding possible alternative premises to accommodate a Post Office, but these suggestions have already been explored.

187. Outreach Councillor Training.

Three sessions would be held to suit Members. It was agreed to pass this matter to the Finance Committee and contact local Parish Councils with a view to sharing costs.

188. Correspondence.

188.1 **Fulbourn Community Project** – Phase II update and report. Cllr Hardwick felt the Parish Council should consider this further but said we should hold a public meeting to hear the views of the parishioners. He pointed out the Council needed to extend the cemetery land recommending we let owners of the land know we are interested should their land become available. The Council would like to support developing Youth Facilities in the future. Cllr Hardwick said the History Society had wanted to turn the old school building in School Lane into a museum and it might be worth considering have the Parish Office there, as we would have to start paying rent when the current loan is repaid in five years. Aware the heating system would need replacing, Cllr Hardwick was not sure of its structural condition. Cllr Hardwick also advised that the Council should not expect too much S106 monies from future building projects unless the Ida Darwin site is redeveloped.

The Chairman said the final costing for the Phase II build were due this week and it would be a big commitment by the Council. This will be placed on next month's agenda. Cllr Stalley asked for a list of all the Parish Councils monies for Members for that meeting.

188.2 **War Memorials Trust** – February 2011 magazine.

188.3 **SCDC** – Reply to our letter confirming the block known as 10-18 Windmill Lane were excluded from the redevelopment planning application and at this stage it is still the intention to exclude it from the redevelopment process.

188.4 **SCDC** – Confirmation The Swift's has been granted discretionary rate relief until 2012.

188.5 **N Gutteridge** – Request to temporarily house a skip on the verge in Bird Farm Road to prevent impeding visibility on a busy corner. The Clerk has agreed and replied.

188.6 **SPEP** (Sustainable Parish Energy Partnership) – Event on 3/3/11 at The Centre on How to Reduce Your Home Energy Costs. Request funding for room hire. Agreed by the Council.

188.7 **Fulbourn Parish Plan Steering Group** has been awarded a grant of £6,000 by the Awards for All programme.

188.8 **Friends of the Roman Road and Fleam Dyke** – Annual subscription of £15 due and AGM on 9/4/11 at The Six Bells, High Street, Fulbourn. Agreed by the Council.

188.9 **Parishioner** – Concerns that footpath near Chaplin's Close/Dunmowe Way is much narrower due to new fencing making it impossible for mobility scooters to pass. Cllr Lockwood was under the impression that the footpath would eventually be closed with access for residents to store their bins. She believed another route would then be opened. Cllr Scarr will raise this matter at the next Windmill Steering Group Meeting.

188.10 **SCDC** – Review of Recycling Banks follow successful introduction of the Blue Bin service, they are proposing to remove can and glass banks from recycling sites and replace with others for small electrical items, books, shoes and textiles. We have now been formed of the intention to remove can banks between 4/4/11 – 15/4/11; Glass bank removal 26/4/11 – 5/5/11 and Carton bank removal – 14/3/11 – 18/3/11. Enquiries will be made into what Fulbourn will be receiving as replacements.

188.11 **Fulbourn Arts** – Request for financial support of £2,000 for 2011/12. Cllr Hardwick proposed supporting this as in previous years with half paid in April and the rest in October. Seconded by Cllr Stalley and agreed by the Council.

188.12 **Fulbourn Centre** – User Group Meeting on Wednesday, 18th May 2011 at 7.30pm.

188.13 **J Street** – Asks of the possibility of limiting the parking of vehicles in School Lane either side of Stackyard Court due to visibility splays; also if the kebab shops needs so many posters and signs and suggest the Old School Building to house a Post Office. The Clerk has replied.

188.14 **M Pegasiou** – Asks if Parish Council would consider arranging a petition to present to SCDC about the travellers site. Parish Councils do not arrange petitions.

188.15 **A Vaughan** – Concerns over positioning of dropped kerb on the bend in Church Lane and poor visibility when crossing the road in a mobility scooter. (Near to Northfields end of Church Lane). Members discussed this matter and will make further investigations.

188.16 **SCDC** – Parish Councils Liaison Meeting on Tuesday, 29/3/11 at 7pm.

188.17 **N King** (Locality Youth Work Co-ordinator) – Information on imminent changes to local youth provision as a result of budget reductions at County level; the relationship with FA4Y and an offer to attend a Parish meeting. Members agreed to invite Nicola King to a meeting to learn more.

188.18 **Fulbourn Village Library** – From last month: -

The PC did agree not to charge the library the latest Service Charge fee, their invoice was amended and they were advised they would not be charged in the future. However, they are now asking if the Service Charge can also be taken off an earlier invoice. Following discussion Members felt that the library provided a valuable service to the community, and although everyone is going through financial pressure, the Council would fund this cost.

189. HCV's (Heavy Commercial Vehicles) – Report of a Meeting.

Cllrs Clarke and Williams went to this meeting at Swavesey. A high attendance of 100, the aim was to seek a different approach of HCV's going through villages. They want Parish Councils to quickly get together to gather data of numbers of vehicles, road widths and proximity of the roads.

190. To receive reports from County and District Councillors.

190.1 Councillor Clarke issued the attached report. He added a Review Group is looking at the Park and Ride sites that cost the CCC £1m; met four primary school Head teachers including Fulbourn to discuss the effect of increased capacity in city schools and attended a Transport Forum where using mini buses on some routes was discussed.

190.2 Councillor Scarr attended the Budget Meeting. Cllr Scarr said he appreciated Cllr Williams working with the British Transport Police. See 190.3 Item 4 of the report.

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190.3 Councillor Williams issued the attached report. He advised that SCDC are holding a Landlords Forum to bring landlords up to date with new benefit payments and housing allowances.

191. To resolve the accounts for the month.

Wages: Clerk plus expenses.....787.07	Wages: Pavilion Cleaner.....115.50
Inland Revenue: Tax & NI.....1,132.76R	Falcon Print: Pump & Guide.....590.00
Townley: Room hire.....67.50R	B's Travel: Shopper & PO.....440.00
Ridgeons: Supplies.....24.59RC	SCDC: Trade Waste Bins.....896.08
NRF Contracting: Maintenance.....1,104.00	Petty Cash: Stamps & Admin.....61.74
ESPO: Supplies.....3.12	Konica Minola: Photocopier.....99.64
Suffolk Acre: Pavilion Insurance.....674.35	G Marshall: Swifts decorating.....250.00R
J Furner: Skate park maintenance.....496.80	

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

192. Quotations for Resolution.

Facit Testing – Inspection & Testing of Electrical System at the Pavilion. Total £500. Cllr Mair agreed to ask for more information before Council makes a decision.

One quotation has been received for grass cutting. A second is expected with the same specifications so Cllr Scarr proposed delegating the decision to the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Chairman of A.C.E. Proposal seconded by Cllr Williams and agreed by the Council.

193. Report of a Meeting from the Recreation Ground Working Party.

Since the attached report there have been further incidents of vandalism including broken posts and a bin; the tea room will be cleaned in April; Cllr Ward met SCDC Tree Officer following a request to have trees in Impett's Lane that overhang the cricket pitch trimmed but was advised two are in the Conservation Area must not be touched and the others only slightly trimmed; It was suggested a Holm Oak is planted to replace the recently felled Ash tree; the patio won by Cllr Ward has been laid by the pavilion today; the MUGA fund has donated £470 to the Colts; SCDC will be ask for more beech to be planted near the skate park and it was agreed not to accept the quotation for kitchen work from the report.

194. To consider planning applications.

Minutes of a Planning Meeting held 2nd March 2011.

Permissions received for S/1692/10, 2 Home End – Single Storey Extension (retrospective) and S/1831/10, Locksley House, Cox's Drove – Extensions to House and Outbuilding (Scheme A).

195. Village Quiz – Parish Council Team.

Cllrs Webdale and Lockwood will join Cllr Patten.

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

Fulbourn Community Project – Phase II.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 9.45pm.

Date of next Full Council Meeting – 13th April 2011 APM – 4th May 2011.

My report to the March 2011 meeting of Fulbourn Parish Council

1. South Cambridgeshire District Council is to freeze its council tax for this year by raiding its reserves in order to receive a 2.5% increase in its grant from government.

However, taxes will have to rise by 3.5% next year and for the following three years. The council reserves fall from £6.8 million to £2.9 million over the period. At the budget meeting I put forward the following motion which was approved unanimously.

“This council recognizes the important part that local government has to play in tackling the country’s financial deficit. Contrary to national government, local government has made efficiency savings of three per cent in each of the past eight years. However the government settlement this council and others have received is so structured to make its biggest hit in this coming financial year and this front loading means we have not had the lead in time necessary to re-engineer services on a lower cost base in a planned and measured way. The settlement is for two years only out of the five year period of the national government and therefore this and other councils could be faced with a similar situation in two years time. We therefore agree that this council should write to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government to draw attention to the difficulties caused by the current front loading and ask that before the next local government settlement takes place in 2013 there is extensive consultation with local authorities on its implementation to minimize its impact on vulnerable communities and front line services.”

2. I am pleased to report that SCDC has agreed to give Fulbourn PC a grant of £2,300 towards the cost of providing adult exercise equipment on the recreation ground and £125 to Fulbourn Primary School for bat and swift boxes.
3. Cambridge Horizons is to consult on its Green Infrastructure Strategy at Cambourne Library on March 10. The strategy includes a network of outdoor spaces and places such as country parks, historic sites, woodlands and rights of way. SCDC is in broad agreement with the objectives of the strategy.
4. I have been invited to participate in a working group led by the British Transport Police into security along the railway following my contact with the county coroner over deaths on the railway at the Yarrow Road level crossing.
5. SCDC’s Environmental Health is investigating serious noise issues at Fulbourn Mill following complaints made to it by local residents over a particular incident on March 19. This follows a number of noise incidents since Christmas, including unacceptable night time noise levels (as report last month), which has tried the patience of its neighbours.
6. Following my objection to the loss of parent and toddler parking spaces for a proposed bulk store extension to its Fulbourn store, Tesco has changed its plan and will now retain all but two parking spaces in a revised plan.

John Williams
March 2011

Minutes of Recreation Ground Working Party Meeting **16th February 2011**

Present; Gill Ward (Chairman), Malcolm Webdale, Jo Patten, Robert Lacey – PC,
Ian Still – Football and Jo Kindred – Tennis.

Minutes of the last meeting accepted.

Matters arising – all on Agenda.

Vandalism:- Table in play area needs to be ordered, otherwise nothing to report.

Dog fouling:- No recent complaints.

Storage:- Still being looked at.

Adult Exercise Equipment:- After looking at all possible sites, the most suitable appears to be next to the play area.

Spraying:- Weed spraying to be carried out in May. Cricket square not to be done.

Spring clean tea room:- To be done soon.
Replacing the sink unit etc to be looked into. One quote has been obtained (approximately £700.00 for the work top and £2,052 for units and tiles).

Car park/patio lights are all working okay.

Children Sign:- Being mounted.

Mugs:- New mugs have been donated to the clubs.

Any other business:- Request from Football Club to put posts along by the bottom hedge to mount their advertising boards on during matches.

Trees along Impett's Lane need trimming back as they overhang the cricket outfield. Gill to talk to Tree Officer who has already looked at them.

Next meeting – 11th June 2011

Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning Committee of Fulbourn Parish Council held on Wednesday, 2nd March 2011 at the Townley Centre meeting room.

Present: Councillor M Webdale (Chairman) and Councillors Bullen, Newell, Patten, Stalley and Ward

Apologies: Councillors, Dawson, Drage, Hardwick, Mair and Williams.

Refusals/Approvals to report:

S/1692/10 Single Storey Extension (retrospective) 2 Home End and report from John Williams was presented at planning Meeting. (Information Only)

S/0287/03/F

South Cambridgeshire Council grants permission for an extension at 14 Teversham Road, Fulbourn, Cambridge CB21 5EB. (Information Only)

S/1676/10

Amendments to 1 Cow Lane, Fulbourn, Cambridge CB21 5HB, Side, Rear and roof extensions.
Details of amendment: Conversion of garage into living accommodation, replacement of Garage door with a window and removal of side door. (Information Only)

New Applications:

S/0125/11

Proposal: Creation of formal garden to include brick planters, pond and reduction in ground levels.

Location: 8 Balsham Road, Fulbourn, Cambridge, CB21 5BZ

Applicant: Mr Phil Wharrier (Recommendation for approval)

S/0282/11 & S/0283/11

Proposal: Single-Storey rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory, replacement of two windows in the north elevation, replacement of timber boards to south elevation, and replacement of UPVC rainwater goods with black cast aluminium rainwater goods.

Location: 8 Balsham Road, Fulbourn, Cambridge. CB21 5BZ

Applicant: Mr Phil Wharrier (Recommendation for approval)

S/0192/11

Proposal: Two Storey Rear Extension.

Location: 56 School Lane, Fulbourn, Cambridge. CB21 5BH

Applicant: K Guberg. The Parish Council is concerned on the impact on neighbouring properties at numbers 54 & 58 together with access for building works, and therefore requests a site visit. No Recommendation.

S/0161/11

Proposal: First Floor Extension and Ground Floor Rear Extension

Location: 20 Wilbraham Road, Fulbourn, Cambridge. CB21 5GT

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Watney (Recommendation for approval)