

Minutes of a Meeting of FULBOURN PARISH COUNCIL held in The Fulbourn Centre, Home End, Fulbourn on Wednesday, 13th April 2011.

Present: Councillor Patten (Chairman) and Councillors Bullen (from Item 202) Dawson, Drage, Farmer, Hardwick, Lacey, Lockwood, Mair (from Item 202), Stalley, 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.

197. To accept apologies for absence. Cllrs Clarke, Newell, Scarr and Ward.

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

Personal Item 202 – Cllrs Bullen, Hardwick, Mair, Stalley and Webdale.

Personal Item 204.2 – Cllr Dawson.

199. Council Meetings – Attendance.

The Chairman expressed concern over non-attendance at meetings and Members were reminded to send apologies if unable to attend any meetings. Cllr Webdale said many Members were involved on other committees and Cllr Patten continued that as most committees meet quarterly, these could be planned for the following year in advance. Members agreed at their next meetings to do this.

200. Annual Parish Meeting and The Village Pump.

A draft of the Pump was circulated to Members. This needs to be finalised as it will contain the agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting. Chairmen of Council Committees will be asked to write brief written reports for distribution on the night. Cllr Patten reported it was the 26th edition of The Pump and as she has done every one, feels it time to step down although will be happy to assist with its distribution. Cllr Drage proposed, seconded by Cllr Webdale that this is passed to the Communications Committee for future publications.

201. Fulbourn Community Project Phase II.

202. FA4Y – Consider funding for redevelopment of Youth site at the Recreation Ground. These Items were taken together.

Cllr Hardwick said the Council now had two items to consider and felt both Phase II and Youth facilities should have a claim on Section 106 monies on an equal status. He believed the Council could support both projects and was a matter for the Finance Committee to consider once it had the Council's final year end figures. Cllr Hardwick felt if the Council did support Phase II, it should be subject to various conditions to be agreed. The Youth will not need funds yet, whereas not to delay Phase II, their project would. *Cllr Mair arrived at this point.* Cllr Webdale said we needed Business Plans for both, and Cllr Williams felt it unrealistic in the present financial climate for the Council to be expected to meet the shortfall of Phase II. Members agreed more accurate figures are needed from The Trust. *Cllr Bullen arrived at this point.* Cllr Bullen said everyone would benefit from a nice new entrance at the recreation ground as well as the Scouts and Youth having new facilities. Cllr Hardwick said we were in a worse position for square feet per public use than 5 years ago. Council agreed The Trust should provide an accurate development plan stating what funding is required at each stage of the project.

203. To approve the minutes of the last meeting.

The Minutes were accepted and signed by the Chairman.

204. Matters arising from the last meeting.

204.1 Post Office. The Co-operative Food Groups is not interested in housing a Post Office at this present time. They are trialling them in other stores, but not Fulbourn. Despite the Post Office Limited's reluctance for a mobile service, the Council agreed to pursue the possibility and also approach other High Street establishments due to their location.

204.2 Scouts Lease. Cllr Dawson said the Scouts will be meeting to discuss their requirements and Cllr Webdale will contact Mr Toovey regarding the lease.

204.3 Village Quiz. Cllr Patten said the evening went well with Fulbourn Day Centre benefiting from the raffle proceeds.

205. Linton Neighbourhood Panel Meeting.

Cllrs Patten and Ward attended. Fulbourn has been fairly free of incidents recently but the Police will continue to maintain a high presence in the village.

206. Correspondence.

206.1 **SCDC** – Request what replacement bins we would like at the recreation ground. i.e. textiles, small electrical. Members agreed the paper bank should be sufficient as the Tesco site holds various recycling banks and parishioners are making good use of the blue bins.

206.2 **Cambis Acre** – Community Action magazine, Spring 2011.

206.3 **Talk Talk** – Offer better package from £20 per month excluding line rental with provision of mobile, free land line calls and up to 1,000 free minutes to mobiles. Cllr Drage proposed, seconded by Cllr Stalley that the Clerk should accept if this will assist her. Agreed by the Council.

206.4 **Carter Homes** – Timetable of proposed works for Phase 2A.

206.5 **Mr Thorby** – Concerns about potholes in Windmill Lane. Members agreed the condition of the road could not be left until redevelopment of the Windmill estate has been completed, and CCC Highways will be contacted again. It is now the only route for heavy site traffic that is not helping the situation although no provision had been included for this in the contract with the developers.

206.6 **S Jones** – Asking who is responsible for crossovers in Caraway Road. CCC advises it is not their responsibility. Further enquiries will be made.

206.7 **SCDC** – Vacancy on the Standards Committee for a Parish Councillor.

206.8 **Village Library** – Advise the County Council cannot have a Service Level Agreement with more than one party i.e. Library Volunteers and the Parish Council. It is suggested the Agreement is between the Parish Council on behalf of the Fulbourn Village Library Volunteers. The library has a meeting and this will be discussed further. Cllr Farmer added the library had taken legal advice who advised it would be better to have the agreement between the CCC and the library as the Parish Council had not been involved with the day to day running of the library.

206.9 **Geoffrey Bishop Avenue Residents** – Request to hold a party on the green to celebrate the Royal Wedding on 29/4/11. They assure everything will be cleaned up afterwards. Agreed by the Council.

206.10 **SCDC** – Advise the Parish Council has been awarded a grant of £2,300 towards Adult Exercise Equipment.

206.11 **FA4Y** – Report of inaugural meeting of parties interested in a new youth building.

Members noted that Cambridgeshire Acre had distributed the Affordable Housing Survey as agreed at the January 2011 meeting.

207. To receive reports from County and District Councillors.

Councillor Clarke, Councillor Scarr and Councillor Williams issued the reports attached at the end of these Minutes. Cllr Williams added that he had met with the British Transport Police about railway security concerned around the Yarrow Road level crossing as there had been four fatalities in the last 2 years. Tesco will be asked to reduce their landscaping so trespassers could be seen on the line. Cllr Williams advised that work on the Wadlow Windfarm site will commence in May 2011 and the calibration mast turbines are due to arrive in 6 months time.

208. Report of a Highways Committee Meeting.

Notes from a Meeting held on 23/03/11 were issued. From these the CCC will be asked for lines to mark the cycle path as soon as possible in addition to the longer term objective of having lighting on the cycle path from the windmill to towards the hospital. It was noted the lines have also faded in The High Street. Members agreed jobs need to continue being recorded as before and Cllr Mair offered to do a spreadsheet after consulting Cllr Scarr.

209. Report of an ACE Committee Meeting.

Cemetery fees have not been increased for over 2 years and will be placed on next month's agenda for resolution. The Clerk will see if a contact still wishes to purchase the ride on mower, if not, this will be part exchanged for a different type. Cllr Stalley to obtain quotes.

Recreation Ground. Cllr Patten had been called out tonight and last week as lighting at the pavilion had gone out. It could have been caused by either a surge or bulb and the situation will be monitored.

210. To resolve the accounts for the month.

Wages: Pavilion Cleaner.....	108.80R	Ridgeons:Supplies.....	160.35
J Stalley: Cemetery & Gate opening.....	1,246.00	C Stalley: Grass cutting.....	587.50
Cambridge Water: Cemetery rates.....	14.09	BT: Internet fees.....	115.16
Talk Talk: February phone calls.....	25.46	Water: Recreation Gd rates.....	112.43
SCDC: Office Rates.....	62.68	SCDC: Cemetery Rates.....	50.73
SCDC: Trade Waste Bins.....	74.82	B's Travel: Shopper & PO bus.....	550.00
NRF Contract: Tree works.....	1,080.00	ESPO: Supplies.....	248.35
Allpay: Swifts Service Charge.....	92.03R	Fleam Dyke: Subscription.....	15.00R
Petty Cash: Stamps & Admin.....	5.70R	E-on: Pavilion Gas.....	374.54
Fulbourn Arts: Donation.....	1,000.00	Townley: Swift's cleaning.....	286.20
Townley: Water for allotments.....	30.00	TalkTalk: March phone calls.....	33.13

Cllr Hardwick proposed, seconded by Cllr Williams that the accounts are passed.

211. To consider planning applications.

Minutes of a Meeting held on 22nd March.

Permissions: S/0125/11, 8 Balsham Road – Creation of formal garden; S/0161/11, 20 Wilbraham Road – First Floor Extension and Ground Floor Rear Extension; S/0192/11, 56 School Lane – Two Storey Rear Extension; S/0243/11, Farmers Row – Advertisement board. S/0282/11 & S/0283/11, 8 Balsham Road – Single storey rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory.

New Applications: S/0430/11, Fleam Dyke Pumping Station – Erection of Nitrate Removal Plant Building, Two Tanks and Hardstanding; S/0572/11, 21 Teasel Way – Extensions; S/0532/11, 32 Cherry Orchard – Single Storey Side Extension.

A Planning Meeting will be held on 19/4/11 subject to availability of The Swift's.

Tree works: Hinton Road – Remedial work on 2 Lime trees;

Cow Lane – Cut back overhang to Ash tree;

The Haven – Ash tree – Top and fell and replace with suitable garden size specimen.

No objections to these applications.

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

Cemetery Fees and Post Office.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 9.35pm.

Dates of Future Meetings: -

APM – 4th May 2011; Full Council – 11th May 2011.

Attached reports for Items 207 and 211

FULBOURN DIVISION COMMUNITY NEWS April 2011

Parish Council report from County Councillor Nick Clarke

CAMBRIDGESHIRE WINS £4.5 MILLION EXTRA CASH BOOST

Campaigning Cambridgeshire councils have secured an extra £4.5 million in Government funding after persuading Ministers the County had been given a raw deal. Last year the Government told Councils that they would not be getting Local Public Sector Agreement reward money that they had earned for meeting tough targets.

This meant Cambridgeshire was left £4.5 million short and had to stop many vital community based projects. However, Cambridgeshire County Council lobbied Government on behalf of the Cambridgeshire Together partnership that this treatment was unfair as authorities had met what was asked of them and had already allocated the money.

Ministers have listened to the Council's arguments and have confirmed the County will be getting an extra £4,503,334. The money had been previously shared out under the Cambridgeshire Together partnership and helped initiatives across the county, improving people's opportunities and quality of life. Partners will now have to meet to discuss how this extra funding will be used.

This is very good news. One of our duties as councillors is to stand up for our communities and fight for what is fair and what was promised us. We understand in this economic climate why the Government has made savings. But councils and partners worked hard to meet the tough targets set for them and this money was providing real community benefits. That is why we argued hard for the Government to look at this again and we are very pleased that the Minister had heeded what we have said. We will now look very carefully at where this money can be spent with our partners.

PUBLIC HEALTH CHANGES

Cambridgeshire County Council and NHS Cambridgeshire are jointly to establish a shared vision for the purpose, function and ways of working for the early implementer Health and Wellbeing Board in the county. Pre-meetings are being held with a range of stakeholders, including all District Councils, the Children's Trust, the county-wide GP commissioning Senate, and voluntary sector representatives, to make sure that relevant background information is shared, and to enable the themes and issues raised by different stakeholders to be identified and brought together. The output from the stakeholder event will be used to shape the development of the Cambridgeshire Health and Wellbeing Board. We are supported in this work by 'Local Partnerships' (part of the LGG), and will be actively sharing learning with other areas.

Public sector organisations in Cambridgeshire will be making a joint response to the Public Health White Paper 'Healthy Lives, Healthy People' and its associated consultations on public health outcomes and on funding and commissioning routes for public health. Preparation of the draft response has enabled the viewpoints of different organisations to be brought together and common themes identified. The increased public health role for upper tier local authorities is welcomed, but a common theme of the responses was concern about how to ensure the role and engagement of second tier local authorities. The County Council has raised concerns as to whether a sufficient proportion of the public health ring-fenced budget will be devolved from Public Health England to local authorities, to enable the local authority public health role to be fully developed.

COUNTY TAKES UP BUS PASS RESPONSIBILITY

From 1 April, Cambridgeshire County Council become responsible for managing and administering the national concessionary bus pass scheme in the county. Those who already have a bus pass don't need to apply for a new one as their current pass will remain valid under the new arrangements. Those who are eligible for a bus pass but don't currently have one should call 0345 045 1367 to apply for their pass.

The concessionary bus pass entitles holders to travel free of charge on off-peak local bus services anywhere in England. The statutory requirements under the bus pass scheme mean free travel is allowed during the following times:

- Monday to Friday after 9:30am
- Saturday and Sunday at anytime
- Bank holidays at anytime

In Cambridgeshire, free travel where the only bus serving a village departs prior to 9:30am will be allowed and people who are blind or partially sighted will still be able to use their bus passes before 9.30am. Bus passes may also be used on certain Dial-A-Ride services to give a 50 per cent reduction of the fare. These will be funded by the County Council. Cambridge City Council will provide some funding to increase the concession for specific groups in Cambridge.

As the County Council takes over responsibility from the Districts, it is important we maintain a high standard and provide a good service to those who are entitled to free travel. Despite budgets being tight with the Government giving us more than £1 million less money to run the scheme, we have been working hard with operators to keep the extra discretionary concessions that are not included in the national scheme. This means for people who live in the more rural communities or use community transport they can use their passes either before 9.30am in some cases or to reduce the fare price on dial a rides.

More information can be gained from calling 0345 045 1367, charged at the normal landline rate or local rate although charges from mobiles will vary and could be more. Alternatively contact our website at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/buspass

THE LOCALISM BILL and LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORKS

The Localism Bill which is currently being considered by the CLG Select Committee includes a **new 'duty to co-operate'** in relation to the preparation of Local Development Frameworks (clause 90 of the Bill). This new duty is intended to be wide ranging but has a particular focus on the provision of strategic infrastructure. The intention is that the principles outlined in the 'Open Source Planning' document will be incorporated into the Localism Bill and associated regulations etc.

However there is no explicit reference to the proposal for upper-tier authorities, including County Councils, which are responsible for infrastructure such as waste, roads etc to compile infrastructure plans (although this had been recommended in page 3 of Open Source Planning). Strengthening the arrangements around the duty to co-operate and ensuring a clear purpose around which LPA's should co-operate would be a helpful approach.

The County Council's suggestion is that the duty to co-operate as proposed should be amended to include a specific requirement for more co-operation around strategic infrastructure assessment and that upper tier authorities can play a key role working with local authorities and LEP's in this regard, similar to that suggested in the Planning Officers Society's written evidence to the Public Bill's Committee.

PLACEMENTS STRATEGY for LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN

Children and Young People's Services is addressing the increase in the number of children in care in the county of more than 25% since 2007 through the creation of a Placements Strategy for Looked After Children. The Placements Strategy aims to respond to increasing need and create a financially sustainable model which delivers a planned £8.3m of savings, as part of the overall Children's Services savings of more than £40m from 2011 to 2015.

These savings are planned over the next 4 financial years:

2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	Total
£-1,630,000	£-2,000,000	£-2,500,000	£-2,261,000	-£8,391,000

These savings will be delivered primarily by:

Reducing the number of children coming into care through a combination of successful and well-targeted preventative services; high quality, family-centred social work and other support at the edge of care; and good care planning that avoids drift and supports children and young people to return home where this is in their interests.

Altering the mix of placements so that a greater proportion of children and young people are supported by in-house carers rather than private providers and fewer receive high-cost residential or residential school placements.

SCHOOL FUNDING IN CAMBRIDGESHIRE

In 2010 -11, Cambridgeshire received Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) of £4,093 per pupil, resulting in the county being ranked 132nd out of 151 local authorities. For the financial year 2011-12, Cambridgeshire will receive £4,643.51 per pupil. This means Cambridgeshire will fall from 132nd to 143rd out of 151 local authorities.

What is of greater concern is the per pupil difference between ourselves and other local authorities. Every £100 difference equates to approximately £7.9m of overall funding. If Cambridgeshire was funded at the national average of £5,082.53 per pupil this would provide additional funding of nearly £35m for Cambridgeshire schools.

Cambridgeshire's funding position in relation to its geographical neighbours is shown in the table below.

Geographical Neighbours	2011-12 GUF £ per pupil	2011-12 National Ranking
Peterborough	£5,168.59	55
Essex	£4,816.23	108
Lincolnshire	£4,797.87	111
Hertfordshire	£4,786.53	115
Norfolk	£4,785.83	116
Northamptonshire	£4,698.68	126
Suffolk	£4,676.45	131
Central Bedfordshire	£4,658.10	138
Cambridgeshire	£4,643.51	143

CAMBRIDGESHIRE TOP PERFORMING COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL CARE CONTACT SERVICES

Cambridgeshire County Council is one of the top performing local authorities in the country for the way it handles first time contact from the public re Adult Social Care Services. The Care Quality Commission (CQC) has just published the results of a survey of all local authorities across the country which are responsible for providing social care to people over the age of 18.

Of the 152 authorities surveyed, Cambridge was awarded a range of 'excellent' and 'good' scores and received a overall rating of four – making it one of the 25 best performing local authority adult social care organisations in the country for the way it responds to 'first-time' callers. The CQC inspection is an independent assessment of how well adult social care services across the country are performing when they are first contacted by the public and I am very pleased to see that Cambridgeshire County Council is rated as one of the top 25.

The CQC rating is a tribute to our staff who are the first point of contact for people that are often in distress and needing urgent help, support, services or advice. Clearly the public in Cambridgeshire are getting a high quality and professional service from the start of their involvement with Adult Social Care services in the county. The survey, carried out between December 2009 and August 2010, included an online survey of data collection by councils, a 'mystery shopping' exercise and an assessment of how councils ensured their contact arrangements are accessible and supportive.

The 'first port of call' for most people seeking Adult Social Care services in the county is the authority's Contact Centre, Cambridgeshire Direct, which operates extended hour over six days a week. For Adult Social Care enquiries or information, contact: 0345 045 5202.

Report to Fulbourn Parish Council April 2011

A considerable amount of time this month has been spent on matters arising from the re-development of the Windmill Estate:

Gates were erected along the footpath from the end of Dunmowe Way leading to Swift's Corner running behind Chaplin's Close. This caused difficulty to the user of a mobility scooter who has used the path for a number of years as the most direct route from his home to the shops and village centre. Following discussions with officers of South Cambs DC and Accent Nene these have now been removed and the path is open again. I am at a bit of a loss as to why the gates were erected in the first place. Had this been done in response to concerns from residents of Chaplin's Close, then I should have expected the Manager of the Sheltered Housing Service to have been consulted about their removal. I see no evidence that this was done. We can only await further developments and do our best to respond appropriately and sensitively to them if need be. I believe that with a bit of application and good will we could find a solution which meets the needs of residents of the area and users of the path quite quickly, if in the future we are asked to do so.

Following on from the decision at January's Council meeting to end the District Council's policy of not using compulsory purchase powers in order to advance the redevelopment of the Windmill Estate, Cllr. Williams and myself have been asked to approach an individual parishioner about the offer available, following a briefing from officers. It is my understanding that the official spokesman for the Council in this instance should be an officer, and certainly not a local member. I am willing to accompany an officer to such a meeting (if this is acceptable to our parishioner) and play a constructive role but not to take on any role properly carried out by an officer.

Cllr. Williams and I have discussed at some length what might be the right approach, and neither of us is convinced that it has been found yet.

At a recent Portfolio-holder meeting, concerns have been expressed at uncertainty regarding the development to capacity of Northstowe, Orchard Park (between King's Hedges and the A14) and the NIAB site in north-west Cambridge. Since these sites will accommodate much of the growth the area is expected to take, non-completion could add pressure for more development on other sites, which might percolate down through the "settlement hierarchy" to South Cambridgeshire villages. If this occurs, it would be impossible at this stage to predict the possible consequences for Fulbourn, but increased pressure for sites to come forward might be a result, due to our relative nearness to Cambridge.

Neil Scarr

My report to the April 2011 meeting of Fulbourn Parish Council

1. Since the last Parish Council meeting I have attended a meeting about railway security at the Yarrow Road crossing, the Wadlow Wind Farm Community Liaison Group, a meeting of SCDC's Corporate Governance Committee and a workshop on risk management.
2. To incentivise home building and the use of empty properties the Government announced on 4 April the New Homes Bonus and final allocations to local planning authorities. For each addition to the district's housing stock, including dwellings brought back into use, South Cambridgeshire will receive match funding for the council tax paid on the property for each of the next six years. The council will be able to use the money in whatever way it likes, although the bonus should also make development more acceptable to local people so I expect it will go to benefit the community where the development is located. Moreover, the council will receive an additional £350 per year for each new affordable home, again for the following six years.
3. As part of a strategic housing review following the Government's decision to scrap regional housing targets, over the summer SCDC will be asking the public to put forward potential sites for housing development. Proposals will be judged against the council's current Local Development Framework, but will also be mindful of changes proposed in the Localism Bill (due to become law in the autumn of next year), which includes the

opportunity for Local Neighbourhood housing developments (up to 200 homes) on all but Green Belt designated land subject to a local public referendum.

4. SCDC is currently undertaking a survey to update its social housing stock database and to assist in the preparation of its 30 year business plan. Some 35 council properties in All Saints Road, Cambridge Road and Chaplins Close are being surveyed in Fulbourn.
5. The Government has introduced the Community Infrastructure Levy which can replace Section 106 agreements. However, the local planning authority will need to conduct an audit of existing facilities and demonstrate and quantify short falls in infrastructure arising from a new development. It also has to set a universal charging schedule for the levy based on the floor area of any development.
6. And finally a non housing matter, SCDC's environmental health team are monitoring night time noise levels from Fulbourn Mill.

John Williams
April 2011

Minutes of a Meeting of the **Planning Committee** of Fulbourn Parish Council held on Wednesday, 22nd March 2011 at the Swifts meeting room.

The following recommendations to be agreed at the April Full Council.

Refusals/Approvals to report: None to report

Amendments Notified to Committee:

S/0282/11

Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory, Erection of garden shed, and alterations to dwelling
Location: 8 Balsham Road, Fulbourn, Cambridge
Applicant: Mr P Wharrier

S/0375/11

Proposal: Change of use of Land designated as public open space/landscaping to garden land, together with associated boundary works and driveway resurfacing.
Location: Rosemary House Haggis Gap, Fulbourn, Cambridge.
Applicant: Mr Robin Chapple, Kier Partnership Homes.

S/1787/10

NON MATERIAL AMENDMENT

Proposal: Entrance Extension, Link Extension Conversion of Day-Care Centre to 4 Care Home Bedrooms and Ancillary Services.
Location: 4 Cow Lane, Fulbourn, Cambridge
Applicant: Healthcare Homes Group Ltd

New Applications:

S/0336/11

Proposal: Single Storey Rear Extension.
Location: Mount Farm, Worsted Lodge, Babraham, Cambridgeshire,
Applicant: Mr Robert Todd. (Recommendation for approval)

S/0391/11

Proposal: Extension and Change of Use of Light Industrial Workshop (Class B1c to Veterinary Surgery (Class D1)
Location: Greg Rider Designs, Coxes Drove, Fulbourn, Cambridge,
Applicant: Miss Mini Wright. (Recommendation for approval)

S/0243/11

Proposal: Advertising Board.
Location: Farmers Row, Fulbourn, Cambridge.
Applicant: Mr Colin Knight, Carter Homes. (Recommendation for approval)

S/0404/11

Proposal: Conservatory
Location: 2 Oslars Way, Fulbourn, Cambridge
Applicant: Mr John Morrill (Recommendation for approval)

S/1691/10

Proposal: Proposed Bulk store Extension to North Side of Store
Location: Tesco Stores Ltd, Yarrow Road, Fulbourn, Cambridge
Applicant: M Clark, Tesco Stores Ltd
The Council requests that a condition is attached preventing deliveries to that side of the store. It is used by families and young children (prone to run about) could be put in danger. Recommendation approve.