

Minutes of a Meeting of FULBOURN PARISH COUNCIL held in The Fulbourn Centre, Home End, Fulbourn on Wednesday, 8th June 2011.

Present: Councillor Patten (Chairman) and Councillors Dawson, Drage, Farmer, Hardwick, Lacey, Lockwood, Newell, Scarr (and District), Stalley, Ward, Webdale and Williams (and District), County Councillor Clarke (until Item 20), the Clerk and Messrs John Willis and David Cottee.

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.

David Cottee advised that members from Fulbourn Forum had visited the Ida Darwin site on 6th June and had made a list of ideas for consideration including landscaping and environmental issues.

17. To accept apologies for absence. Councillors Bullen and Mair.

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

Personal Item 19 – Cllrs Lockwood and Scarr; Personal Item 20 – Cllrs Lacey and Stalley;
Personal Item 29.5 – Cllrs Lacey and Webdale.

19. Proposed Redevelopment of the Ida Darwin and Fulbourn Hospital sites.

Cllr Hardwick explained in 1964, two years before the hospital opened, the Parish Council was invited to Fulbourn Hospital to see a plan of intention for the site. It showed a wide area to the eastern side that would remain in the Green Belt. The Council didn't like the idea of development, but Ida Darwin Hospital was intended for children with a short life expectancy. Now in 2011 the hospital is no longer needed, has outdated buildings and is next to a railway line. (*Cllr Lacey arrived at this point*). If it was turned into a Country Park, who would maintain it and should the site be considered for a retirement home or to house light industry.

Cllr Scarr said it is a developed site in the Green Belt. There are planning rules on how it can be developed as with most government owned sites. Consideration must be given to the present road network.

Cllr Farmer issued information of a similar situation in Scotland where a Community Development Trust had been set up to try and retain surplus land and buildings for the benefit of the community. As a responsible Parish Council, Cllr Farmer felt we should do all we could for the village.

Cllr Williams said the government had announced that all surplus public land should be used for housing including this site. This applies to England and is different in Scotland. As a designated site it would be used for housing. He suggested approaching the Mental Health Trust.

Other Members felt any development would not benefit the village or local economy as it is on the wrong side of the village and the community would be on its own. (*Cllr Clarke arrived at this point*)

Although the Health Trust would need money to develop, it was felt likely funds would be clawed back by central government. If so, Council would argue that this would go against existing planning conditions and footprint. From the Parish Plan it is clear parishioners do not want anything built on the Green Belt, but Cllr Williams explained Localism and how Referendums can get this changed.

Cllr Farmer proposed contacting the NHS in Tayside to see how they set up their group and how it may be relevant to our situation. Proposal seconded by Cllr Williams and agreed by Council.

Items 29.5 and 29.6 were then discussed and it was agreed to invite both parties to the July meeting

This item was taken next.

23.1 Councillor Clarke. The Chairman congratulated Cllr Clarke on his recent election as Leader of the County Council.

Cllr Clarke announced the sad news of Rod Craig who died of natural causes at the age of 49. He worked in Adult Social Services and had visited this Council following the closure of Home Close Day Centre.

Cllr Clarke has had Full Council and Cabinet meetings. He said there will be a flexible approach to Speed Management and whilst the CCC will still look after their statutory obligations, if communities wish to make changes they may if they take on the financial responsibility; Discussing Rural Transport, Cllr Clarke said it is hoped a trial will be set up by the end of year in Fenland with 2 more in Huntingdon and South Cambs, whereby small franchises are set up to transport children to school and Adult Social Care will be funded by a set of mini buses. Cllr Williams asked if the rural transport trial would be up and running before the 16 and 17 routes were withdrawn. Cllr Clarke was unable to give such an assurance. Gamlingay School in under special measures and in threat of closure; Local Enterprise Zone – all planning regulations have been short circuited. Cllr Clarke said to improve infrastructure we should be able to borrow against expected revenue any policies are likely to generate. The library review continues and the Guided Busway, although facing litigation, is now in the hands of the Council and an announcement when it will open is imminent.

Cllr Clarke has had meetings with Eric Pickles, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government; M.P.'s Andrew Lansley, James Paice and Jonathan Djanogly and also Sian Reid Leader of Cambridge City Council. *(Cllr Clarke then left the meeting).*

20. Possible Exception Sites to consider as identified from the Affordable Housing Survey.

Cllr Scarr proposed this Item is taken In Camera, seconded by Cllr Williams and agreed by Council. Cambridgeshire Acre carried out a housing needs survey in the village and Council now learns that Accent Nene has been selected as the preferred partners to bring forward an exception to policy regarding affordable housing in Fulbourn and in fact paid for the survey. Four sites have been identified although none of the owners have yet been approached. They may not all be suitable or available. Accent Nene is asking Council's opinion before anyone is contacted. One site that has been identified does have a willing seller. Council felt disappointed that they were not aware that Accent Nene was involved in this survey. An Exception Site is a planning matter of 15 dwellings with 100% affordable housing to accommodate local needs. Clarification is needed if properties are put back onto the market as to who they could be sold to. Cambridgeshire Acre and Accent Nene will attend the July meeting.

21. To approve the minutes of the last meeting.

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

22. Matters arising from the last meeting.

22.1 Scouts Lease. Nick Toovey is drawing up a draft lease for approval by Council and the Scouts.

22.2 Post Office. Progress is positive and more will be known before the July Council meeting.

23. To receive reports from County and District Councillors.

23.1 Councillor Clarke - see before Item 20.

23.2 and 23.3 Councillors Scarr and Williams issued the attached reports.

24. Quality Status.

The Chairman met with Diane Bayliss from CPALC who confirmed Council nearly meets the required criteria to apply for Quality Status. The Panel meets quarterly and we should aim for the December meeting. An Annual Report of what Council has done needs completing by the end of June; must be advertised on the notice boards and circulated with the July edition of The Village Pump. A Financial Report and adjustment to an account column together with a copy of the advert of Council's adoption of the Code of Conduct should complete the process. Cllr Drage was asked to help with the final steps.

25. Report from Marshall's Consultative Committee.

The attached report was issued. It is expected the airport will be busier during the 2012 Olympics.

26. School Governor's Report.

Cllr Farmer advised that following several meetings and after taking outside advice, it had been agreed that the Head Teacher and Assistant Head would split their jobs on an equal job share. New contracts were being drawn up, but Cllr Farmer had abstained from voting as she foresaw problems in the future should either party wish to leave. The person remaining would be offered the full time position of Head Teacher first, but if they did not want this, it could limit potential candidates from applying.

27. Report from inaugural meeting of the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment

Cllr Webdale attended the meeting. The current Local Development Framework (LDF) looks to 2016 and are having to use old target figures set by the last Government when there was a growth in the economy and until the plan is changed. SCDC needs to have a development plan that looks forward 15 years and is embarking on a review of its LDF. The Parish Council may complete a Site Questionnaire which needs to be submitted by 29th July 2011.

28. Annual Walks – Report and future walks for Resolution.

These walks were set up many years ago prior to the formation of Council Sub Committees. Council will continue with them in the present form although they would be more practical at the start of each new Council.

29. Correspondence. The following items were received this month: -

29.1 **Fulbourn Feast** – Request to use the recreation ground on 26th June. Agreed by Council.

29.2 **SCDC** – Invitation to nominate a Village Hero and to enter the Community Pride Awards to showcase how the PC takes pride in its community making it safer, greener and cleaner. Members agreed to nominate John Stalley for all the hard work he does around the village.

29.3 **Carter Homes** – Invitation to a Sod Cutting Ceremony on Friday, 24th June at 11.00am report to 6 Dunmowe Way.

29.4 **Bidwell's** – Planning Consultant is working on the prospect of developing the Cambridge Water site for up to 200 homes and wishes to attend a future meeting. See end of Item 231.

29.5 **G Lacey & Son** – Proposal of building land of approximately 130 acres for housing and recreational development. See end of Item 231.

29.6 **Cambridgeshire Acre** – Community Action magazine, Summer 2011.

29.7 **The Townley Trust** aware Council will need to know how Phase II will be managed when it is up and running are updating their Business Plan. They also are finding out from CCC & SCDC what their position is and what information they too will require.

The Trust do not meet until 20th July and as funds would not be required until Jan 2012 at the earliest – further discussion can wait until September.

The Trust suggests setting up a Working Party of a few Trustees and Councillors to work together over the next few months bearing in mind Council's interest in Youth Provision too.

30. To resolve the accounts for the month.

Wages: Clerk plus expenses.....	1,698.02	Wages: Pavilion Cleaner.....	173.55
NRF Contracting: Open Spaces.....	948.00	Saffron Security: Alarm contract.....	622.38C
Riverdene: Internal Audit.....	240.00	B's Travel: Shopper & PO.....	440.00R
St Vigor's: Lighting donation.....	144.90	Petty Cash: Stamps & Admin.....	78.58
PWLB: Loan repayment.....	15,503.95	CPALC: Fees.....	674.85
Konica: Photocopier hire.....	85.64	J Furner: Grounds maintenance.....	601.00
Talk Talk: May phone calls.....	26.35	Progreen: Irrigation point.....	510.00C

Quote received for spraying the recreation ground for £480.00 plus VAT.

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

31. St Vigor's Churchyard Maintenance donation for Resolution.

As Council has not been recently asked for a donation, Cllr Hardwick proposed making a payment of £500, seconded by Cllr Stalley and agreed by the Council.

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

Minutes of a meeting held on 31st May 2011 are attached. Further report of mopeds on the recreation ground tonight will be reported to the police.

33. Report of a Meeting of the Highways and Communications Committees .

Minutes of meetings held on 1st June 2011 and 19th May 2011 respectively are attached.

34. To consider planning applications.

S/2206/10/F – 12 Geoffrey Bishop Ave, Revised design. Recommend approval.

S/0595/11 – Eaglen & Co, Land adj. 4 Home End – Variation of the wording of Condition 9.

“Fulbourn Parish Council recommends that this application is refused on the grounds that the original condition 9 made by the Planning Authority should be upheld”.

Permission received for S/0771/11, Block 19, Darwin Centre of Young People, Ida Darwin Hospital – Replacement of existing 3 metre high fence and gates with 3 metre high security mesh fencing and gates.

Tree works:

High Street – Remove numerous trees for more suitable species. “No objection”.

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

Cambridgeshire Acre and Accent Nene – Possible Exception Sites; Bidwell's and Mr J Lacey re possible development in the village; Setting up a Working Party together with Trustees from The Townley Trust.

There was not further business and the meeting closed at 10.40pm.

Attached reports: -

Item 23.2District Councillor's Report June 2011

The Annual Meeting of Council was held on Thursday May 26th. At the meeting, members were informed that discussion of the proposed CPOs in order to advance the total redevelopment of the Windmill Estate was to be deferred to a later meeting in order to allow discussions with affected owners to continue. Meetings of officers and members with these parishioners have occurred, and were felt to be sufficiently useful for officers to continue efforts to see if Compulsory Purchase can be avoided. I remain willing to meet with affected parishioners if that is felt to be helpful.

One result of this sequence of events is that Compulsory Purchase Orders will now need to be discussed (if the need arises) at a special council meeting. This will be called by the Chairman of Council (at the request of the Leader) with seven days' notice as required by the Constitution. It is my understanding that a summons to this **could** be issued in the next few days. The meeting would have only this one item on the agenda.

Annual Council appointed members to various Committees of the Council, and made nominations to outside bodies. I was appointed as the Independent Members Group's substitute on the Licensing and Planning Committees. Since both of these are what is known as **regulatory committees** members need to be trained in order to sit: I have undertaken licensing training already and booked to attend planning training. I am also a substitute member on the Electoral Arrangements Committee, which deals with matters such as ward boundaries and polling stations. It is this body which examines applications by parish councils for an increase in the number of councillors, or for the parishes to be “warded” where they cover two or more communities (as ours does).

I am now the Council's representative on the management committee of the Cambridge Citizens' Advice Bureau, and on the Management Committee of the Cambridge Folk Museum. I'm looking forward to these, having served in similar capacity years ago as a representative of my union.

The last scheduled meeting of the Windmill Estate Group was cancelled, probably to allow for the council to decide the issues around compulsory purchase. A meeting has been scheduled for June 14th in order to take forward the decision of the special meeting of council. This meeting may well be conducted in a very different political landscape than any of the previous meetings.

Neil Scarr

Item 23.3

My report to the June 2011 meeting of Fulbourn Parish Council

At the annual meeting of South Cambridgeshire District Council on Thursday 26 May 2011 I asked the following question:

Given the position the council is at with its proposed gypsy and traveller policies and taking account of current adopted development control policies, why has the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Mental Health Trust been told by planning officers that it must at this time include a traveller site in its masterplan for developing the Ida Darwin Hospital site for housing?

The reply from the portfolio holder for new communities was rather disturbing because it implied that all remaining gypsy and traveller site options were now considered available, despite the absence of any draft gypsy and traveller policy document let alone an adopted policy.

I therefore asked the following supplementary:

How will the officers' action not prejudice the eventual development policy to be adopted by this council given that the government's current consultation Planning for Travellers Sites says protecting the Green Belt from development is paramount and proposes to remove the word "normally" from current guidance and thus clearly state that gypsy and traveller sites are inappropriate development in the Green Belt? Of course the Ida Darwin site is a major developed site in the Green Belt, with no plans to remove it from the Green Belt.

Moreover, in our gypsy and traveller site options and policies consultation document published in July 2009 we suggest that in relation to major developments sites in the Green Belt gypsy and traveller sites would be inappropriate unless exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated at the master planning and planning application stage. Surely, by instructing the developer to include a gypsy and traveller site in its master plan, is the council not contradicting its position as the determining local planning authority?

As to the supplementary question, in my first point I'm referring to the government's draft consultation which proposes to remove the loop hole regarding development in the Green Belt. This is relevant to the Ida Darwin site because in SCDC's site specific policies document adopted in January 2010, policy SP/9 which concerns Ida Darwin states: *Fulbourn and Ida Darwin hospitals have been designated as a major developed site in the Green Belt, and development must reflect the principle established by DCP DPD policy GB/4.* This is supported by the Gypsy and Traveller Development Plan Document Issues and Options published in July 2009 which in referring to the Ida Darwin site (site 8) says: *The site is located in the Green Belt. It is proposed that even when it is redeveloped it remains designated as a major developed site in the Green Belt. (option OPT1).*

As to the second point of the supplementary, what I was referring to was the fact that the GTDPD Issues and Options document Option OPT6 says that*Sites in the Green Belt would not be appropriate, unless exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated at the master planning and planning application stage.*

At the New Communities Portfolio Holder's meeting held on 14 December 2010 the following two recommendations were approved:

Recommendation 1 - Sites suggested through the consultation by, or with the support of, landowners, are subject to public consultation at the next stage of the plan making process, identifying whether or not they should be proposed as site options or rejected; and

Recommendation 10 - Review the approach to the GTDPD in 2011 when the new Needs Assessment has been completed and further information regarding government policy in particular the localism bill and the new guideline regarding planning for gypsy and traveller accommodation is available.

The Ida Darwin site was neither suggested by the Mental Health Trust nor has its support and we are still awaiting the Needs Assessment and the outcome of the government consultation on its proposed planning for traveller sites. I therefore suggest that the council is contradicting itself by asking at this time for the Ida Darwin master plan to include a gypsy and traveller site, bearing in mind that it is also the determining local planning authority.

Also at the annual meeting I was reappointed to the council's Corporate Governance Committee and to the Joint Transport Forum which includes Cambridge City and Cambridgeshire County Council.

John Williams

Item 25

Report – **Marshall Airport Cambridge Consultative Committee.**
Wednesday, 11th May 2011.

The main topic for the meeting was the possibility and effect of operating flight services from the airport.

The Airport Director reported that enquiries were being made regarding passenger flights. He considered it would mean 12 flights each day (6 take-offs and 6 landings). The size of aircraft would vary from 30 to 110 seater's and would not include low cost airlines. Travellers would mainly be business people, and after making local enquiries, it seemed there was a call for these services.

There were many questions regarding aircraft noise; terminal handling of travellers and accessible slots available to operators on which the whole operation would depend for success.

It was noted that there had over the last six months been less flights or aircraft movement and this was certainly due to high fuel costs.

In the last few months the airport had received three complaints regarding noise, while in the previous twelve months there had been 100.

Next meeting – Wednesday, 16th November 2011.
SDH

Item 32

Minutes of Recreation Ground Working Party Meeting 31st May 2011

Present; Gill Ward (Chairman), Malcolm Webdale, Jo Patten, Robert Lacey, Sid Dawson and Jim Stalley – PC, Ian Still – Cricket, Martin Callingham – Tennis.

Apologies: Brian Stevens – Football.

Minutes of the last meeting accepted.

Matters arising – all on Agenda.

Vandalism: - Pavilion clock, the time on one side has been altered and downpipe from guttering damaged again.

Two 50cc mopeds plus a group of lads have been riding on the recreation ground.

The PCSO's to be told of the problem and Members to try to identify a number plate.

Scout hut broken into 3 weeks ago – toffee hammers taken!

Dog fouling:- No recent complaints but it was requested that notices are put up at all entrances to ground asking for dogs to be kept on leads and owners to clear up mess.

Storage: - Nothing new to report.

Adult Exercise Equipment: - Await to hear from Wren and Donarbon who meet in June and July respectively.

Spraying: - Not done yet due to unsuitable weather conditions. JS to monitor.

Spring clean tea room: - Has been done and is satisfactory; Drawer front of cabinet under the urn to be replaced.

Keys: - All Clubs to be notified of where the keys are kept especially the Barrier Key.

Tennis: - There is an ongoing problem with the bottom of the chain link fencing between the Tennis Court and the MUGA. After full discussion (and several ideas), MW & MC agreed to look into the problem.

Next meeting – Tuesday, 6th September 2011

Item 33

Fulbourn Parish Council Highways Committee

Minutes of a Meeting held on Wednesday 01.06.2011 at The Swifts

1. Election of Chairman

In the absence of any nominations for chairman, Cllr. Patten kindly agreed to act as such until a chairman is elected. This offer was accepted gladly by the meeting.

2. Election of Vice-chairman

Cllr. Webdale nominated Cllr. Mair for vice-chairman. This nomination was seconded by Cllr. Newell, who assured the meeting that Cllr. Mair was willing to accept nomination. Cllr. Mair was declared elected unopposed as vice-chairman.

3. Matters Arising from Previous Meetings

3.(a) The meeting noted that the issue of access for wheelchairs/mobility scooters along the path behind Chaplins Close was indeed resolved by removal of the gates;

3.(b) Visibility at Church Lane (in the vicinity of the Northfield/Chantry junction) for mobility scooter users. Agreed to seek a meeting with Keith Fauch of County Highways in order to investigate possible solutions, such as moving the dropped kerb. Cllr. Scarr indicated that he remained willing to meet with Mr. Fauch, as the initial request came via him.

3.(c) The verge at Balsham Rd (in the vicinity of the traffic calming) is slowly repairing, as was suggested at the last meeting that it would. It would probably repair more quickly if we had some rain!

3.(d) Condition of Haggis Gap – it was noted that the last Windmill Estate meeting was cancelled. However, major work at that end of the site seems to have finished, so it was agreed to ask Keith to inspect the surface, with a view to carrying out repairs.

3.(e) Cycleway to Cherry Hinton via Cambridge Road (Windmill Hill) – It was agreed in addition to a request for lighting to ask for the roadside edge of the path to be white-lined to aid visibility. Along part

of the same route, it was agreed that Cllr. Scarr would check to see if there are speed limit signs on Fulbourn Old Drift between Foxhole Joint and the back entrance to Fulbourn Hospital; if there are not, then we suggest that Parish Council should ask for some.

3(f) Members agreed to re-report the cut-through from the bottom of The Maples to Hinton Road, and for Cllr. Scarr to meet Mr. Faunch if necessary on site, as he originally reported the problem.

4. Parking in the High Street – members all agreed that this is problematic again at times. Members agreed to pass this matter onto the police (and traffic wardens) to check if any are being illegally exposed for sale, and to see what action can be taken.

5. Repairs needed to the Carriageway – members agreed to report/re-report the following, all of which need attention (and some have needed it for a while):

- (a) The junction of St Vigor's Road with School Lane;
- (b) Entrance to Fromont Close from Shelford Road;
- (c) Potholes in Shelford Road (on the left, half-way along built up area);
- (d) Potholes in Teversham Road;
- (e) Windmill Lane – re-report for repair of worst bits, as the road will still be in use for a while, even though it will eventually be taken out as part of the re-development there.

6. Date of Next Meeting – Weds 28th of September 2011, venue to be arranged nearer the date.

Item 33

Report of a meeting of the **Communications Committee** held on Thursday 19 May 2011 at 10.00am at The Swifts

Present: Mary Drage, Jo Patten, Alison Farmer, John Williams, Malcolm Webdale

1 The Committee welcomed Alison who has just joined us.

2 The Pump

The next edition of the Pump is due to be circulated in July 2011. A discussion was held on what items should be included. This was tentatively agreed as:

Post office update
 Ida Darwin site
 Projects
 section 106 monies, what they are and what they can be spent on
 Bus survey results
 Beechwoods – grass cutting
 Forum news

It was agreed to arrange a meeting in the Autumn with the Mill and the Forum to look into the practicalities of a joint periodic publication.

3 Web site

Updates and new entries for the web site

Add Tina as chair of ACE
 Add Alison as member of Communications Committee
 Amend recycling section to one small bin for newspapers on the Rec
 Cllr Nick Clarke – title on web site is Cambridgeshire County 'Country' Councillor - delete 'Country'