

Minutes of a Meeting of FULBOURN PARISH COUNCIL held in The Fulbourn Centre, Home End, Fulbourn on Wednesday, 11th March 2015.

Present: Councillor Williams (Chairman) and (District and County), and Councillors Brown (from Item 140), Bullen (from Item 145.16), Dawson, Lacey (from Item 140), Mair, Newell, Rickett (from Item 140), Scarr (and District) Sheldon, Sitton, Smith (from Item 140), Thorn, Ward, the Clerk and two parishioners.

	Action
137 To accept apologies for absence. Cllr Drage	
138 To notify the clerk of any declarations of interest that will be declared by members for any item to be discussed. Cllrs Rickett & Mair, Personal – Item 141.3	
139 Fulbourn Primary School Report. A written report was issued and accepted by the Council. Members wishing to accept the invitation to view the refurbished Old School building to contact the Clerk who will arrange. 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. Graham Cone asked about applying for a zebra crossing near the mini roundabouts in Cambridge Road. Council had considered this a few years ago but the numbers at that time did not meet the required criteria. The Highways Committee will do another morning count when it is busier; compare the results to the previous one then check with the Dept of Transport to see if it we might qualify. <i>Cllrs Brown, Lacey, Rickett and Sheldon arrived at this point.</i>	Clerk Highways
140 To approve the minutes of the last meeting. The Minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.	
141 Matters arising from the last meeting. 141.1 <u>Street lighting.</u> Negotiations to reinstate the columns in Birdfarm Road and near the footpath in Greater Foxes are on-going. There are concerns over the removal of the cast iron columns which the Parish Council had been told they could purchase. The Clerk has been in contact with Balfour Beatty; Cllr Williams said he will make further investigations. He suggested calling a Finance Committee meeting to consider the implications should the Parish Council be required to take on additional village lighting. 141.2 <u>Stonebridge Lane.</u> To preserve the verges near the Nature Reserve it was suggested to Council that two posts are erected near the recently laid plainings. As this is County Council Highways, the Clerk will contact CCC, Highways suggesting a site meeting. 141.3 <u>Whizz Kid Charity Event.</u> Cllr Rickett said of the 60 runners that took part, most were children and £660 was raised. He thanked Cllr Mair for setting out the route, Richard Townley for allowing the event on his land and to the Marshalls who helped on the day. It is hoped to turn this into a regular event. 141.4 <u>Defibrillator.</u> Cllr Ward advised the MUGA would fund a defibrillator for The Fulbourn Centre from its funds to develop sport. The Football Club have one at the pavilion. Members were asked to consider if another is needed more central to the village.	JW Clerk
142 To consider planning applications. <u>Non material amendment</u> S/3041/14/NM, 8 Speedwell Close – to raise mono ridge by 100mm <u>Permissions:</u> S/2299/14/FL, 71 Cambridge Road – conversion of garage and works; S/2984/14/FL, Land adjacent CPC 3, Capital Park – Erection of Café; S/2993/14/FL, 9A Haggis Gap – Extension and alterations; S/2997/14/FL, Anste-Bar-K, Church Lane – Erect raised roof and dormer windows; S/0093/15/LB, 53 Station Road – Proposed dormer window. <u>New Applications:</u> S/0158/15/FL, 46 Shelford Road – Single storey rear extension; S/0396/15/FL, 4 Cambridge Road – Single storey front extension; S/0448/15/FL, 216 Lucerne Close – Two storey rear extension. Same comments for all 3 applications: If the neighbouring properties have not raised any concerns, Fulbourn Parish Council has no objections to this application.	Agenda
	1226

143 Tree works:

Telford House – Sycamore, remove dead limb; Pine, removed deadwood; 4 Lime, Holly and Laurel – crown reduce in height. No comments from Parish Council having visited site
Disclaimer: Fulbourn Parish Council Tree Officer and the Parish Council accept no liability for the advice given above.

144 To receive reports from County and District Councillors.

County Councillor Williams issued the attached report.
District Councillor Scarr advised he had dealt with some concerns raised by parishioners. Having attended a Viability Workshop at SCDC, Cllr Scarr then revisited SHLAA regarding the Call for Sites in relation to the submitted Teversham Road application.
District Councillor Williams reported SCDC had increased the Council Tax by 1.99%.

145 Correspondence.

145.1 **Fulbourn Arts** – Diary of future events.

145.2 **NHS Cambridgeshire & Peterborough** – UnitingCare Partnership bulletin;
www.cambridgeshireandpeterboroughccg.nhs.uk

145.3 **Several parishioners** – regarding SCDC’s decision to consider the Teversham Road planning application for 110 dwellings at its April 2015 meeting.

145.4 **RES (Renewable Energy Systems)** – Intention to erect a Solar Farm in the parish of West Wrating; currently carrying out feasibility studies and intend to hold public meetings at the end of march 2015. Members asked if the village would be affected by any road works and where the farm would be fed to. The Clerk will make enquiries.

145.5 **Fulbourn Forum** – Future events including AGM on 24/4/15 in the Townley Hall.

145.6 **Concerned parishioners** – Removal of lighting columns from Bird Farm Road and Greater Foxes which the Clerk has reported to Balfour Beatty. See Item 141.1.

145.7 **SCDC** – Agenda for Parish Liaison Meeting on 11/3/15; Clerk has sent apologies as this clashes with tonight’s Full Parish Council meeting.

145.8 **A Dean** – Enquiring about ownership of verge outside her property spoilt by lighting contractors. The Clerk will reply giving details of the contractors for Mrs Dean to pursue.

145.9 **Clerks & Councils Direct** – March 2015 magazine.

145.10 **C Wood** – Concerns about vehicles parking close to the Windmill Lane junction. The Clerk has forwarded this to Accent Group Ltd as the roads have not yet been adopted.

145.11 **Plantlife UK** – Volunteers required to visit a local area one kilometre square and record all plants; The Clerk has passed this onto the Fulbourn Forum.

145.12 **Cambs & Peterborough CCG** – Invitation to attend a Workshop for Addenbrookes on 24/3/15 at Arbury Community Centre.

145.13 **Cambs Acre** – March 2015 Digest newsletter.

145.14 **Rebecca Avery** – Introducing herself as Police Commissioner’s new Outreach Worker who will be serving South and East Cambs, Cambridge City and Hunts; The force is actively seeking Police Service Volunteers and also Sir Graham Bright’s newsletter “Connect” received.

145.15 **CAPALC** – March 2015 e-bulletin. *Cllr Bullen arrived at this point.*

145.16 **R Marsh** – Request to put a bench at the cemetery in memory of her husband. This was deferred to the ACE Committee for their consideration.

146 To resolve the accounts for the month.

Wages: Pavilion Cleaner.....148.75R	B’s Travel: Shopper bus.....220.00R
FalconPrint: Village Pump.....365.00R	Barclays: Monthly fees.....21.06R
Dent: CCTV annual service.....103.98R	Ernest Doe Ltd: Supplies.....401.03R
TalkTalk: February phone calls.....35.23	J Doggett: Swifts key fobs.....32.50R
Petty Cash: Admin.....5.00R	M Gaze: Memorial fee.....51.00R
Echo: Supplies.....210.00C	Wickstead: Bearing.....877.55

Clerk

Clerk

Clerk

ACE

Cllr Newell proposed accepting the accounts, proposal seconded by Cllr Scarr and agreed.	
<p>147 Bus Shelter for Resolution. Of the three quotations received, Members asked for illustrations and providing they met with DDA regulations, wished to accept the shelter from Shelter Solutions.</p>	Clerk
<p>148 Bank Signatories for Resolution. The bank mandate needs updating. Cllr Mair proposed Cllrs Newell and Williams are made signatories, proposal seconded by Cllr Thorn and agreed by the Council.</p>	Clerk & MD
<p>149 Council Committees. <u>Swift Users.</u> Minutes of a meeting held on 25/2/15 were issued and accepted by Council.</p>	
<p>150 Cemetery Fees for Resolution. Cllr Rickett went through the ACE Committee's recommendations justifying the proposed increases stating that additional land will be required in the future, by comparison to the City and other parishes the Parish Council fees are much lower and have not changed since 2011. Cllr Bullen proposed accepting the ACE Committee's recommendations, proposal seconded by Cllr Ward and agreed by the Council.</p>	Clerk
<p>151 Village benches maintenance. All benches around the village and recreation ground require sanding down and oil applied for preservation and ease of future maintenance. Cllr Ward proposed asking R Drage to carry out these works, proposal seconded by Cllr Scarr and agreed by the Council.</p>	Clerk RD
<p>152 Grass cutting contract for Resolution. Council is waiting for another quotation; the season will begin soon and as the accepted contractor will need to schedule in the works, Council agreed to delegate powers to the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Cllr Rickett, Chairman of the Ace Committee for decision. Cllr Bullen has viewed a Ransome mower with high cylinders which would be a perfect replacement for the ageing recreation ground gang mowers. Cllr Bullen will arrange a demonstration for the Football Club and John Stalley. Purchase of the mower will be on next month's agenda for resolution.</p>	AB
<p>153 To receive items for inclusion on the next Agenda for decision and/or action. Community Car Scheme.</p>	
There was no further business and the meeting closed at 8.45pm	

Attached reports: -

Item 139

Parish Council Report March 2015

School expansion

The school roll currently stands at 279 pupils. We do not yet know the anticipated number who will enter reception in September 2015, but we are confident that more YR pupils will be joining than the number of Y6 leaving in July. We are a very popular choice for families; the school has a good reputation and attracts large numbers of pupils both within and outside the village. We have currently exceeded our published admission number (40 pupils) in reception, Year 1 and Year 2. We can be asked to admit village children into these year groups, but any out-of-catchment children who apply would be likely to be declined a place.

The 'big move' into the Old School Building happened over the Christmas holidays, following the restoration and conversion of the site for use by our youngest children. As we'd also had two classes in temporary spaces for the Autumn term (having expanded from nine to eleven classes in September 2014), we ended up moving six of our classes to their new rooms at the end of the Christmas holidays,

ready for the start of term on January 6th. We are very grateful to everyone who worked so hard to have the school ready to welcome the children back for the new term.

We were pleased with the work done in the Old School. It is wonderful to see such an iconic village building restored and sympathetically adapted for use by our current reception and some year 1 children. The high ceiling has been retained, with acoustic discs hung artistically to prevent the echo that we previously experienced in the room. Currently, we have two classes based in the larger room ('Sun'), with the smaller room ('Moon') being used for small group work. It is anticipated that we will remain an eleven class school in 2015-16 and Moon room will continue to be used for this purpose.

When we expand to twelve classes (anticipated in September 2016) Moon room will almost certainly need to be used for that twelfth class, as the Local Authority has indicated that there will not be funding for the 'bricks and mortar' expansion in time for the 2016-17 school year. Whilst we will have room to accommodate the actual number of classes, however, it is vital that this is not seen as a long-term solution. We are already short of spaces for small-group work and hall space is very squeezed. It is becoming difficult to get everyone in the hall for assemblies and there are not enough slots for each class to have the requisite number of PE lessons. In addition, almost all of our KS1 pupils have taken up the 'Universal Infant Free School Meal' offer, introduced by this government, leading to the amount of time needed for lunches in the hall being increased. We are already in discussion with the LA about the needs of the school when a build finally happens, and have made it clear that it is not simply a question of adding extra classrooms. John Williams has also been very supportive, visiting the school and meeting with Claire and Fiona to find out more about our future expansion needs.

If Parish Councillors would like to visit the Old School, we'll be happy to arrange this.

Pupils

The pupils have been working hard and behaving well. As a school, we have been focusing on one of our key values, compassion. Since Christmas, the children have been thinking about 'random acts of kindness', making a huge effort to hold doors open for others, say please and thank you, be helpful to one another, say kind things etc. You may have seen in the Cambridge News an article about one of our Y2 girls who grew her hair for a charity which makes wigs for children undergoing chemotherapy. She had her hair cut in front of the whole school and raised over £700 in sponsorship money too.

A huge number of day trips have been planned for this term, including to the Tower of London, Hampton Court Palace, Wandlebury and the Botanic Gardens. We are well underway with our planning for the Y5/6 two-day residential visit to the Belgian Battlefields, taking place in May. As always, we are grateful for the financial support we receive from the village charities, enabling all children to attend trips, which are such an important and enriching part of our children's education.

Staffing

Claire Pickard had her baby (a boy, George) and is currently on maternity leave. She expects to return in September; in the meantime, Fiona Thorpe is working full time this term and next. Currently, Mr Ballard, one of our teachers is on sick-leave, following a heart operation; we expect him to return after the Easter break.

My County report to the March 2015 meeting of Fulbourn PC

1. The county council met on the 17 February and agreed its budget for the coming financial year (2015/16). Due to cuts in government funding and the cap on council tax raises some £30 million will need to be taken out of the revenue budget – this cannot be achieved without cuts to front line services. The total revenue budget for the coming year is £768 million and capital expenditure is ££217 million. This requires a precept of £244 million or £1,444.26 for a Band D property an increase of 1.99% on this year's council tax – the maximum increase that can be applied.
2. Following the county council highway supervisor walking the route with the contractor, work has now started on re-instating verges etc and finishing off the roadworks for the solar farm cabling from Great Wilbraham to Cherry Hinton. The district council planning officer has also checked the route for outstanding work and I have asked that the two council officers liaise to ensure nothing is missed.
3. I have been in discussion with Balfour Beatty about a number of issues regarding the replacement of street lights. I have asked that we have a meeting of the Finance Committee as soon as possible to discuss.
4. Due to the few number of residents using the service the highway drop-in session at Fulbourn Library has been reduced to once a month. Nicola Burdon will therefore now be at the library once a month on the second Thursday of the month from 10am to mid-day.
5. The budget for 2015/16 includes funding for the 18 bus service, but as reported at the bus group meeting this cannot be said for the 2016/17 financial year.
6. Although not directly in my division I thought I should let you know that consultations have began on plans to alter the Robin Hood junction to make it safer for cyclists and pedestrians as this affects the many residents who cycle into town and Addenbrooke's.

Cllr John Williams