

Minutes of a Meeting of FULBOURN PARISH COUNCIL held in The Fulbourn Centre, Home End, Fulbourn on Wednesday, 8th March 2017.

Present: Councillor Drage (Chairman), and Councillors Brown, Dawson, Johnson, Lacey (from Item 247), Mair, Newell, Rickett (from Item 262), Shepherd, Sitton, Smith, Ward, County & District Councillor Williams (until Item 219) the Clerk and 1 parishioner.

281 To accept apologies for absence. Cllrs Cone, Lockwood and Thorn.

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

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 questions from the floor.

283 To receive reports from County and District Councillors.

283.1 County and District Councillor Williams. Cllr Williams issued the attached report adding that SCDC Legal Team are looking at Barnsbury House, Cox's Drove who appear to be letting the property for multiple occupancy without permission.

283.2 District Councillor Cone in his absence sent the attached report.

284 To approve the minutes of the last meeting.

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

285 Matters arising from the last meeting.

285.1 Cricket nets. The Cricket Club wish to erect practice nets on an astro-pitch which would be 12 feet wide and including the run up, 30 metres in length. A site meeting with Users of the Recreation Ground and some Councillors took place earlier this evening. Ian Still and Ben Skead marked out the length of the structure near the MUGA, the only suitable location they could find to house it. The structure would be permanent but the nets removed out of season.

Council then discussed this request. There were concerns about public safety, fencing and insurance. Standing Orders were suspended. John Pearce was worried about cricket balls escaping the nets but was reassured the nets are strong and they would be safe. Standing Orders resumed. After much discussion, Cllr Ward proposed granting permission to the Cricket Club to erect the nets subject to safety conditions as approved by the Parish Council being met. Proposal seconded by Cllr Brown. With 4 votes in favour and 5 against, the motion was defeated.

285.2 Ida Darwin. Outline Planning Application for up to 2013 dwellings has been received. A Public Exhibition will be held at The Swifts on Wednesday, 29th March 2017 5-7pm.

285.3 Traffic box. As we do not meet the criteria for a Zebra Crossing along Cambridge Road, a portable Traffic Box has been approved to monitor the speed of vehicles around the village. When received, CCC will meet with Cllr Cone to arrange suitable locations.

285.4 Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). Cllr Ward attended a meeting regarding the proposal to move the GP Out of Hours facility from Chesterton to Addenbrookes Hospital. It was confirmed there would be a Drop-off point for patients.

285.5 Parish benches. These will be inspected and maintained as required.

Clerk

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Clerk

286 To consider planning applications.

Minutes of a Planning Meeting on 7/3/17.

Planning: S/0600/17/DC, 6 Wilbraham Road – Discharge of condition 3 (tree protection) of planning consent S/1818/16/FL for erection of a free-standing garage/workshop building. Information only.

Additional information: S/3190/16/FL, Land south of 1 Town Close – Transport Technical

note. Fulbourn Parish Council reiterates its comments from November 2016 that this proposed dwelling has unauthorised access and is not aware that this has changed. We agree with the County Council's recommendation for refusal. Cllr Smith did not take part in the discussion and decision of this application.

New applications:

S/0686/17/FL, 6 Caraway Road – Side extension for new staircase; Fulbourn Parish Council is concerned about the design and appearance so objects to this application.
 S/0755/17/FL, 43 Pierce Lane – Open porch roof and posts over rear (side) door. Recommend support.

287 Correspondence.

- 287.1 **CCC** – Parish newsletter edition 5.
- 287.2 **SCDC** – Briefing session on Affordable Housing on 13/3/17 at 6pm in Camborne; postponed due to bereavement.
- 287.3 **SCDC** – Supporting Older People networking and information forum on 8/3/17, 5pm - 7.30pm at The Townley Memorial Hall.
- 287.4 **D Wright** – Asking how the Council can deal with the problem of traffic on the junction of The High Street and Pierce Lane following a recent accident he had there and whether there should be white lines installed one side and buses encouraged not to use the High Street. To be referred to the County Council.
- 287.5 **CAPALC** (Cams & Peterborough Local Councils Association) – Draft CAPALC Membership Agreement and Trading Agreements with other authorities for consideration.
- 287.6 **O Drake** – Request to use part of the pavilion at the beginning of the Easter holiday as he has booked the MUGA to run a football school and needs the changing area. Following discussion, Cllr Ward proposed asking for a £50 donation, seconded by Cllr Shepherd and agreed by the Council.
- 287.7 **War Memorials Trust** – February 2017 magazine.
- 287.8 **Clerks & Councils Direct** – March 2017 magazine.
- 287.9 **Fulbourn Arts** – AGM on Tuesday, 7/3/17 8.15pm at Fulbourn Manor.
- 287.10 **R Townley** – Request area opposite War Memorial in Manor Walk known as Pound Green is cut more regularly during the grass cutting season. It was decided to wait until the cow parsley had finished flowering before making regular cuts.
- 287.11 **Cams Acre** – Timebanking Workshop, Monday, 3rd April 1 – 4pm in Histon; Support Cambridgeshire newsletter received.
- 287.12 **Cams Constabulary** – Information regarding village parking problems and recent media coverage about policing in villages.
- 287.13 **Resident** – Update regarding Barnsbury House, Cox’s Drove with concerns about property being let and volume of traffic. SCDC are also aware. See Item 283.
- 287.14 **P Mardon** – Suggestion regarding spraying fertiliser at the recreation ground which is causing damage to his hedge. Council will ask the contractor to leave a wide margin adjacent to the cottage when doing the annual spray.
- 287.15 **CCC** – Information regarding surface dressing of carriageways; there are no planned works for Fulbourn at this time.
- 287.16 **CAPALC** – March 2017 bulletin.
- 287.17 **Fulbourn Forum** – News of future planned events.

Clerk

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288 To resolve the accounts for the month.

Wages: Clerk + expenses.....1,422.86	Wages: Swifts cleaner.....136.00
Wages: Pavilion Cleaner.....110.50	B’s Travel: Shopper bus.....220.00R
Barclays: Monthly fees.....23.55R	CCC: Street light maintenance.....1,961.87
Gardenworks: Tree works.....420.00	Suffolk Acre: Insurance premium....805.47
Ernest Doe: Mower service.....1,314.62	T Fretwell: RFO fees.....500.00

<p>Talktalk: February calls.....38.47 Konica: Photocopier.....85.64 Cllr Ward proposed accepting the accounts, seconded by Cllr Newell and agreed by Council.</p>	1302
<p>Quote of £250 to remove tree debris from Caraway Road from Michael Downs plus the offer of a free native tree, Wild Service. Cllr Ward proposed accepting this quotation, proposal seconded by Cllr Johnson and agreed by the Council.</p>	Clerk
<p>289 Council Committees. Swifts User Group. Minutes of a meeting held on 22/2/17 were issued and accepted.</p>	
<p>290 Annual Parish Meeting. The Chairman asked for written reports from all Sub-Committees for distribution at the meeting on Wednesday, 26th April 2017.</p>	Sub-Comms Chair
<p>There was no further business and the meeting closed at 9.15pm.</p>	

Attached reports: -

Item 283

County & District Councillor Report to Fulbourn Parish Council

1. The County Council has set a zero council tax for the next financial year with a two percent increase for the adult social care precept. This is the lowest council tax increase of any Shire authority in England. Under Government rules the council could have increased its council tax by 1.99% and increased the precept for adult social care by 3%. This decision will mean the need to find £27 million in savings and will not meet the full cost of providing adult social care in Cambridgeshire.
2. I am delighted that the Transport Development Plan for this coming financial year includes replacing the crossing in Yarrow Road outside Tesco. But I'm disappointed that your zebra crossing for Cambridge Road could not proceed because it failed the Government formula for providing pedestrian crossings - which it of course it has done in the past when this has been considered (you'll remember the Safer Routes to School work).
3. The County Council's Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Plan as been amended following the publication by the Government of a new national Code of Practice "Well Managed Highway Infrastructure" in October 2016 and this supersedes previous Codes. This new Code which the Government uses to judge highway maintenance for funding has a more risk based approach.
4. South Cambs District Council set a £5 increase in its council tax the maximum permitted by the Government. This will still require savings to be found.
5. At the latest examination of its draft Local Plan South Cambs put up a robust defence of its decision to amend it to reduce the amount of Green Belt to be taken for expanding the Peterhouse Technology Park so as not to harm the

green separation between Fulbourn and Cherry Hinton. This had been objected to by the developer wanting to build on the Gogs.

6. In response to the new Teversham Road planning application I have written a letter of objection.

John Williams

District Councillor Report to Parish March 2017

Budget and priorities for South Cambridgeshire agreed

Councillors have agreed a budget for the forthcoming year at SCDC. The government nationally has continued to reduce the amount of funding allocated to local authorities due to being elected on a platform to reduce the deficit so that the UK can start to pay down its debt and live within its means. The government nationally has prioritised and ring fenced spending on the NHS and continued to commit to spending 2% of GDP on defence for example. Any serious governing party at this time would have to make difficult decisions around where money is spent, saved and prioritised.

Due to the funding from central government being reduced, it is right and proper that the Conservative led Council has put forward a budget that protects frontline services currently used by us all in Fulbourn. Firstly there will be an increase in Council Tax of £5 for the average band D home (around 10p per week). Although any increase in Council Tax is regrettable I believe it would be more regrettable to make hard cuts in frontline services. Secondly, the council has continued to invest in our wholly owned subsidiary company Ermine Street Housing increasing its property portfolio of market value rental properties. This company has hit its projected income of £600,000 one year ahead of schedule. It's entrepreneurial schemes such as this that bring in revenue to stop frontline services being cut. Despite entrepreneurial schemes and an increase in Council Tax, the Conservative led council will continue to look for efficiencies and savings across our budget. An example of this is SCDC working collaboratively with neighboring authorities to provide shared services in areas such as IT, legal and waste management providing the tax payer with good value for money.

Teversham Road

Following on from my last report I have had meetings with the planning officers responsible for the 2nd application on Teversham Road. Having had time to scrutinise the application and have discussions with officers it appears that the application is similar in many respects to the first application. The planning officers have been clear that weight will have to be given to the outcome of the previous government inspectors report following the appeal on the first application. As a reminder the inspector found in favour of Castlefield on issues such as ecology, landscape, viability of affordable housing and 5 year land supply. The main reason the government inspector found in favour of SCDC on the first application was regarding long term management of open spaces. Given that Castlefield has submitted a 2nd application it suggests that they are confident that they can mitigate / overcome the issue of maintenance over the long term. The planning officers at SCDC will now need to examine the 2nd application (bearing in mind the government inspectors report) and make a recommendation to the planning committee.

FPC held a public meeting to display the plans and application documents at which I was present. I was pleased that FPC called for an extension on the amount of time that residents have to respond to the application. The new deadline for people to respond to the planning authority (SCDC) is now the 17/3/2017.

Flash sign on Cambridge Road (repair)

It appears that the flash sign to remind drivers of the 30 MPH speed limit in Cambridge Road has stopped working. I have reported this fault to the Highways team at County Council. I will keep Councillor Ward copied into progress as she initially noted the problem.

Local highways funding initiative (mobile speeding box)

I have contacted Joshua at County Council Highways to give him the go ahead to purchase the mobile speeding flash sign and data collection tool. I had sent round information to all Parish Councillors over the past month and answered questions face to face and over the phone regarding the project. Having met with Joshua in Fulbourn this was the scheme that was the most suitable for Fulbourn given the short time scales for the allocated funding to be spent. It would be a shame to lose this money and not see it come to Fulbourn so I will be keeping on top of the highways team to make sure this project gets underway. I have made it clear to the Highways Department that the PC will only be prepared to contribute 10% of the cost of this project not the 50% that was agreed in our original application for the zebra crossing. This device will have many benefits as it can highlight driver speeds across our village (as it is mobile) and collect data for the PC and police to use to justify future projects or locations for enforcement.

Graham Cone

Item 286

Minutes of a **Planning Meeting** of Fulbourn Parish Council held on Tuesday, 7th March 2017 in The Meeting Room, The Fulbourn Centre, Home End, Fulbourn.

Present: Cllr Drage (Chair) and Cllrs Brown, Smith, Ward, Thorn, Sitton, Cone, Shepherd, Newell, Lacey and Johnson

In attendance: Cllr Robert Turner, Mr D Marchant, Ms J Gaskell, Mr D Cottee

New Applications:

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Turner for coming at short notice. Cllr Turner outlined the present position and the various scenarios on what the situation would be if the Planning Application was refused or approved. He answered various questions from Councillors and the floor and finished by saying that he would fully support Fulbourn Parish Council whatever the outcome.

Mr Cottee left the room at this point.

After discussion Council voted unanimously to refuse the application. The Chair thanked him for coming and Cllr Turner left the meeting.

Mr Marchant and Mr Cottee left the room at this point.

S/0202/17/OL

Location: Land at Teversham Road, Fulbourn

Proposal: Outline application including consideration of access points for high quality residential development of up to 110 dwellings with areas of landscaping and public open spaces and associated infrastructure works. Recommend Objects.

S/3322/16/FL

Location: 3 Cherry Orchard

Proposal: Two storey side & single storey rear extension & replace garage door
Recommend support.

S/0322/17/FL

Location: 11 The Maples

Proposal: Single storey extension to front of domestic dwelling
Recommend support.

S/0389/17/LB

Location: 1 Manor Walk

Proposal: Proposed internal alterations including a fireplace and the insertion of new french doors
Recommend support.

Additional information:

S/3190/16/FL

Location: Land south of 1 Town Close

Proposal: Proposed dwelling

Transport technical note

Cllr Smith declared an interest and left the room. After discussion this item was deferred for further information. Deferred.

Ms Gaskell left the room at this point.

Information only:

S/0146/17/PA

Location: 11 Stansfield Gardens

Proposal: Single storey conservatory to side/rear; Prior approval not required by Local Planning Authority therefore permission to go ahead granted. Noted.

Amendment:

S/3410/16/FL

Location: 23 Apthorpe Street

Proposal: Demolition of existing conservatory, 2 storey rear extension, new mono pitch roof over windows and door to the front extension. Recommend approve.

Permission:

S/0133/17/FL

Location: 53 School Lane

Proposal: Addition of pitched roof and mono-pitched roof to existing porch and existing flat roofed extension. Noted.

Item 289

**MINUTES OF THE SWIFTS USER GROUP MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 22 February 2017**

Present: Mary Drage Chair), James Caesar, Trish Newman, Jean Doe, Jill Woolley.

Apologies Derek Thorn and Kathy Attmore

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 30 November 2016

The Minutes were agreed as a true record.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 Trish has put a new 'No Smoking' sign up.

3.2. Disabled toilet: Accent problem, refer to Derek.

3.3 Car park lights: The furthest light from the road not working.

3.4 Fire door light: The light over the fire door has not yet been mended. Find out if Derek has asked Dave to look at it.

3.5 Toilet light: The flickering problem was because the sensor was not working properly. The electrician will get a new sensor.

3.5 New heating system: There have been many complaints about the poor heating. The Committee agreed that we must push to get more quotes and get it done before next

winter. If it proves impossible to get more quotes the Committee agreed that we should go with the one we have.

3.6 Accent estate walks: Ask Derek about these.

3.7 Library key: Trish has Bryan White's library key and will return it to Kathy.

3.8 Salt: The salt is temporarily in the storeroom in the Swifts. When Trish has a spare key for the outside store she will pass it on to the library and the salt will be put in the outside store.

3.9 New jugs for the kitchen have been purchased.

3.10 Derek has re-organised the store cupboard.

3.11 A sign has been put on the urn asking for it to be emptied after use.

3.12 Trish acquired a nice picture of Jo Patten from the family which Kathy has photoshopped successfully. Council have agreed to go ahead with the plaque which will be paid for on the Parish Council credit card. James will get a quote from his contact for a plaque slightly larger than A4 and ask the company to send a proof with the wording as agreed (see below). Trish will forward a copy of the photograph to James.

In grateful memory of the work done by Jo Patten who was instrumental in setting up the Swifts building and Library.

4. Financial Report

4.1 Trish has put the new insurance certificate on the noticeboard.

4.2 Income shows a surplus of £3,615.43 which is very good news.

4.3 The cleaner's wages have increased but she is proving to be worth the extra.

5. Bookings and Organisation

5.1 We have had more bookings through Halls for Hire.

5.2 Derek would like to retire from the Swifts care-taking/booking job.

5.3 Trish has had one person interested in doing the job but they were put off by the bookings necessitating using a computer. The Committee discussed the possibility of splitting the job in the hope that this would (a) entice Derek to stay (b) make it easier to fill the position. Trish thought this might make it difficult as she has to invoice the hirers and it would mean 3-way communication. She will discuss this with Derek.

6. Any Other Business

6.1 Jean reported that one of the Fulbourn Ladies had a problem with shutting the outside door after their meeting on the first Tuesday in February and had to reset the alarm.

6.2 Kathy sent in a query as to why the corridor and kitchen radiators have never been used. The corridor is always cold and if the radiator was used it might help keep the other rooms warmer. The Committee agreed and Derek will be asked about this.

6.3 Jean reported that the WI will use paper cups with lids in future and asked about disposing these. Trish said they should use the black bin bags provided and leave them in the kitchen. The cleaner (or Trish) will take them to the trade waste bin at the Recreation Ground.

6.4 The left-hand side Ladies Toilet will not flush. The cold tap on the first sink is rusty and needs replacing. The Committee agreed we should get a plumber in to see to this. Martin Morris was suggested.

7. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 31 May 2017 at 7 pm in the Swifts.