

Minutes of a Meeting of FULBOURN PARISH COUNCIL held in The Fulbourn Centre, Home End, Fulbourn on Wednesday, 9th April 2014.

Present: Councillor Drage (Chairman) and Councillors Bullen, Dawson, Farmer, Hardwick, Lacey, Patten, Rickett, Newell, Stalley, Thorn, and the Clerk.

171 To accept apologies for absence. Cllrs Mair and Scarr; Cllr Williams is attending another Parish Council meeting and will arrive when he can.

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

Cllr Rickett – Personal Item 181.

173 Police Report. There will be a report at the Annual Parish Meeting.

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.

174 To approve the minutes of the last meeting.

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

175 Matters arising from the last meeting.

175.1 Commemorate Great War. Cllr Bullen attended a meeting arranged by Fulbourn & Teversham Royal British Legion to plan events for this year and get the community involved.

175.2 Litter Pick. Fulbourn Forum said the many volunteers who turned up over 5th & 6th April filled nearly 60 sacks. Council agreed to write thanking the Forum for arranging this.

175.3 Lighting towards the MUGA. A quotation has been accepted for additional lighting and works are due to be completed shortly.

175.4 Townley Trust. An invitation for a Councillor to join a small group on how to fund the management of Phase II would not be appropriate as technically parish land has been leased to the Trust making Council it's landlord.

175.5 Drinking Fountain. This has been erected by the pavilion with thanks to Cllr Dawson.

176 To consider planning applications.

Permissions: S/0240/14/FL, 50 Cambridge Road – Single storey and two storey extensions; S/0257/14/FL, 16 Bird Farm Road – Two storey side and rear extension replacing existing single storey flat roof side and rear element.

Withdrawal S/2412/13/FL, Land adj. 7 Wilbraham Road – Dwelling.

New Application S/0351/14/FL, 46 School Lane – Single storey two bedroom annex in place of swimming pool building in rear garden of dwelling; Recommend refuse adding: -

It should be pointed out that, contrary to the design and access statement, this is not a semi-detached house. It is one of the central pair in a terrace of four. There is no side access and the passageway between the two central properties is secured by a locked gate.

From planning applications for School Lane going back over 40 years it would appear that planning permission has not been sought for the current structure (swimming pool complex) so this is not a simple case of replacement.

The annexe proposed is quite substantial, being two bedrooms, living room bathroom and galley kitchen and seems, in effect, to be a separate small dwelling.

Looking at the site, this seems out of keeping with the surrounding properties, and the question of access has not been adequately addressed. The statement says that access will be via the garden of 46 School Lane, however, with the locked gate, and a narrow rear entrance to these properties, we think that emergency vehicles would have extreme difficulty reaching the annexe.

Granting permission for this development would, we believe set a precedent for what could be yet more small houses at the rear of School Lane, which would be inappropriate. Request a site visit, if minded to approve.

177 Tree works

Pierce Lane Crown reduction to Apple Tree overhanging neighbouring property. No objection

178 Ida Darwin Update.

Following advice from ex-planners on the Steering Group it was decided to wait to see if the Inspector will Call in the Site before the Parish Council makes any response.

179 Youth Building Update.

The Chairman advised as starting this project is close a proposed budget will be tabled through the Finance Committee as we are now at the pre-application enquiry stage. Cllrs Drage and Bullen will arrange a meeting with John Brown from Fulbourn Institute regarding use of the land.

180 Pavilion Refurbishment Update.

Having received revised internal plans a meeting for all the recreation ground users has been arranged for 20th May 2014. Council felt it would be beneficial to visit completed projects at both Linton and Great Shelford. Cllr Drage will also contact the architect appointed by the Football Association to come and peg out the proposed extension for Members and Users to gauge the site and how this will impact on existing facilities and their surroundings.

181 Fulbourn Day Centre.

Cllr Rickett issued the attached report. The Stakeholders do not wish the Day Centre to close but will not take over any debts. Council suggested as the Day Centre has now raised some of the deficit it writes to the Carers Trust and SCDC asking if they could fund the remainder. Cllr Rickett advised the Carers Trust wishes to extend dementia care at the centre. Fulbourn Day Centre would like parishioners to have priority using the centre when it is taken over.

182 Allotments.

Three plots are not being maintained; the holders will be issued with eviction notices. As there is a waiting list for plots it is unfair to those on the list. In future a Bond will be required for new holders which will be refunded when they give up their allotment provided it is in order.

183 Swifts Meeting Rooms Section 106.

Council wrote to SCDC James Fisher, Section 106 Officer regarding the above. Cllrs Drage, Williams, the R.F.O. Mr Ward and the Clerk had a meeting to discuss Mr Fisher's response and have agreed not to take this matter any further. They discussed future S106 monies and is aware the Parish Council needs to be clear what is wanted for the village.

184 To receive reports from County and District Councillors.

184.1 County Councillor Williams; 184.2 District Councillor Scarr;

184.3 District Councillor Williams

Written reports were issued and accepted with thanks en bloc.

185 Correspondence.

185.1 CCG (Cambs & Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group) – Public consultation running from 17/3/14 to 16/6/14 with proposals to improve older people's health care and adult community services; March newsletter also received.

185.2 Fulbourn Daycare Centre – Request for previously agreed funds. To Finance.

185.3 Fulbourn Arts – Diary of future events and Annual Report received.

185.4 A Wright – Query regarding right of way over land in Teversham Road. Cllr Williams has dealt with this.

185.5 Fulbourn Forum – Update of events including Community Market and Litter Pick.

186.6 Fulbourn Village Library – Thank you for their nomination for the SCDC Community Awards and for the lovely evening at Cambourne Village College.

186.7 **CCC** – Information regarding the grass cutting of parish pathways.

186.8 **kidsunlimited** –New nursery opened on 17/3/14 at Capital Park. Council sent its regards

186.9 **CCC** – Update on the running of Park and Ride sites around Cambridge. To allow for shift workers parking for up to 18 hours will be £1, under an hour will be free.

186.10 **SCDC** – March 2014 e-bulletin.

186.11 **Domino Nursery** – Request for funding to install doors from the Church Hall into the garden. The Clerk has sent details of Council’s Policy regarding this and given the nursery details of other funding opportunities.

186.12 **Cambridge City Council** – The Cambridge Local Plan 2014, proposed submission as been submitted to the Secretary of State for examination. Details on website.

186.13 **K Olley** – Concerns over verge grass cutting in Teversham Road and lack of consultation regarding a change to full residential use on part of the land also along Teversham Road. Cllr Williams discovered that as the 30mph signs have been moved away from the village, the Parish Council is now responsible for cutting the verge. The Clerk will contact the grass cutting contractors.

186.14 **T Hands** – Thank you to the Parish Council for his nomination for the Village Hero Awards and his hope that he can continue in the future to climb in the tennis rankings, currently 105 in the Men’s and 24 in the Under 18’s.

186.15 **Cambridgeshire Acre** – April 2014 newsletter.

186.16 **R Shilson** – Concerns regarding Village Wall on The Swifts which is being used as a goal and causing noise and the possible threat of smashed windows to his property. Accent Nene and the Police have also been contacted. Cllr Thorn will raise this at the next Resident Panel meeting next week.

186.17 **A Gladman** – Information regarding City’s proposal for a blanket speed limit of 20mph on all roads on Beechwoods Estate.

186.18 **Fulbourn Forum** – Request for bin liner holders for litter picking when windy they are happy to share the costs. Council agreed to this request. Also would SCDC consider having a dog bin at entrance to Hindlodgers in Stonebridge Lane. The Clerk will contact SCDC who would be responsible for emptying aware SCDC only usually agree provided vehicular access is possible.

186 To resolve the accounts for the month.

Suffolk Acre: Pavilion Insurance.....696.46	SCDC: Trade Waste.....1,166.10
Friends of Roman Road.....20.00	Camb Water: Cemetery rates.....16.07
SCDC: Cemetery Rates.....381.51	Barclays: Fees.....19.97
BT: Internet services.....127.08	B’s Travel: Shopper bus.....220.00
Camb Water: Rec. Rates.....134.93	Aitkens: Supplies.....835.20C
Collier: Supplies.....285.95C	G Marshall: Pavilion decorating....2,450.00
APC Pest: Mole control.....200.00	CS Martin: Townley decoration.....780.00C

Cllr Hardwick proposed accepting the accounts, seconded by Cllr Rickett and agreed.

187 Annual Parish Meeting – 23rd April 2014.

Cllr Drage asked Council Committee Chairmen to have written reports for distribution on the night. The agenda is on the latest edition of The Village Pump which is now ready for delivery. Should any parishioner be interested in standing spare nomination papers will be available.

188 Parish Council Elections – Nominations Papers.

These must be hand delivered to SCDC, Cambourne from 14th April to 4pm 24th April 2014.

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

Pavilion.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Attached reports:

Item 184.1

My County report to the April 2014 meeting of Fulbourn PC

1. The government has taken control of the City Deal and at £500 million its £200 million short of the amount the councils wanted for transport - so most of the money will go to support the big housing developments proposed along the A10 and A428. South Cambs, the City and Cambridgeshire wanted to use future taxation from Cambridge growth to borrow £700 million for roads, cycling and public transport projects. They got from the Chancellor a £500 million grant in three tranches over 15 years subject to strings that nobody understands fully yet. The first tranche of £100 million is further divided into £25 million slices. This means the councils no longer have the risk of borrowing the money but the Treasury now has control of the purse strings. They also wanted the current government limit on debt to build affordable homes raised for Cambridge and South Cambs because of the reluctance of private housing developers to provide affordable housing. This was refused. The only wish the councils got was a promise of government money to support focusing training programmes on those skills needed by employers. As to affordable housing the county is thinking of offering their land and using university money. This has not been envisaged in the Local Plan and will mean it having to be reviewed in 2019.
2. With the realignment of the junction of Windmill Lane and Dunmowe Way it is now not obvious as to who should give way at it. At my request the county highways team will look at this once the building work is finished and Accent Nene ask for the roads to be adopted. Until adoption the roads are the responsibility of Accent Nene.
3. No sooner has Fulbourn primary school been expanded by two new temporary classrooms then the old school in School Lane is to be brought back into use to cater for the unexpected increase in young families moving into the new Swifts Estate. This will involve linking the old school to the current school and a new bigger car park. This work will enable pre-school to remain on the school site. It's just as well the old school wasn't sold for housing.
4. The proposers of a giant solar farm next to the A11 at Great Wilbraham want to route a 33,000 kilowatt voltage cable under Fulbourn roads to the electricity substation in Gazelle Way because Network Rail has denied it access to the rail line and the National Grid won't increase overhead line capacity at the site. I have raised concerns about the cabling with the solar farm developer. I have asked county highways to consider the plan which will see the cable buried under Station Road, School Lane, Cambridge Road and Yarrow Road. So far the developer has rejected calls for compensation for any disruption. It has also ruled out funding a foot/cycle path between Fulbourn and Great Wilbraham. I have written to Network Rail and the National Grid over their uncooperative behaviour. The solar farm is being supported by Great Wilbraham Parish Council.
5. Like the Russians Balfour Beatty doesn't get political boundaries. It is suppose to consult with councillors and residents before it replaces our street lights, but it has gone beyond the city into Teversham and Fulbourn without warning. I have complained to the officer in charge and received an apology but as yet no explanation.

Cllr John Williams

Item 184.2

District Councillor's Report to April Parish Council

Since our last meeting, I have attended the Local Plan meeting at South Cambridgeshire District Council. The good news for Fulbourn is that we are now back to being a Minor Rural Centre in the settlement hierarchy, as opposed to being a Rural Centre. The designation of the Water Company Land and the Horse Pond has now changed from Protected Village Amenity Area (PVAA) to Local Green Space, which is the equivalent designation under the new Plan. An area of land to the south side of Cambridge Road next to Peterhouse Technology Park near the City boundary has been designated for employment use (in order to extend the Technology Park).

In his budget the Chancellor of the Exchequer spoke of a City Deal for Greater Cambridge, an area that would include the City of Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire. The Leaders of South Cambridgeshire and the City Council are expected formally to sign up in the next few weeks.

The City Deal envisages South Cambridgeshire and Cambridge City councils setting up a sort of joint committee along with the University of Cambridge and the Local Enterprise Partnership to deliver the number of new homes agreed in the Local Plans, and improvements in infrastructure. To achieve this, £500 million is coming to the area in three tranches, with the first tranche of £100 million coming in 2015 and covering the years to 2019. It is, we are assured, new money. Funding will also be made available by government under the heading of developing skills to meet the needs of the local economy. This we are told will include funding of apprenticeships (up to 420 over five years) for young people between 16 and 23. I regard this as an important part of the deal, as it looks to the needs of young people with a practical aptitude, rather than just those with a more academic mind.

It is anticipated that eventually the planning aspects of the City Deal will be delivered by a “combined authority” exercising spatial planning and transport powers, although present legislation does not allow the county council to delegate transport powers to a body which covers only part of the county. Another feature is that a thousand extra affordable homes are intended to be provided on “exception sites in rural South Cambridgeshire”. The Local Plan, though, makes it clear that “exception sites” are not necessarily for 100% social rented housing. If a viability appraisal suggests that a mix of affordable housing including “shared equity” could enable a site to be brought forward when otherwise it might not then that will be considered. As a last resort, the plan allows for a minimum of market housing to be included in cases where no public subsidy is available. This still makes them an exception to the 40% affordable housing on other development sites, and priority will still go to local people for the affordable housing, but they are rather less the “gold standard” than they used to be.

Neil Scarr

Item 184.3

My report to the April 2014 meeting of Fulbourn Parish Council

1. The South Cambs Local Plan was voted through by less than half its councillors, such was the widespread unease with it. After weighing up the pros and cons I found it unsound and needing more work to pass the planning inspector unchanged. I thought South Cambs was being pushed to keep pace with the City's plan. While the plan keeps the Green Belt around the village and re-designates us as a Minor Rural Centre, one of its supporting documents trashes the Green Belt between Fulbourn and Teversham leaving the door open for future housing north of the railway when the plan is reviewed in 2019. If the government inspector sends the plan back we will be in big trouble. Also the council's planning policy manager has left the council and won't be there to argue the council's case.

2. I have taken up complaints about practice nursing cover at the health centre with the Cornford House general practice. I am also backing the patient participation group in its efforts to get the health centre replaced given the poor state of the building.
3. In line with council workers, Cambridgeshire and South Cambs councillors are receiving a 1% rise in their basic allowance – the first increase for four years. You can see what I receive every month from both councils on my website under council expenses.
4. Like the Bridges of Madison County the boundary fences on the Beechwoods Estate are made of wood and wood rots eventually. Given most are now over 30 years old I have been investigating with Cambridgeshire and South Cambs as to who is responsible for their replacement and so far in all cases the fence has been on someone's deeds. The county council will remove a broken fence if it is endangering a public right of way, but its replacement (and the cost of removal by the council) will lie with a home owner.

John Williams