

Minutes of a Meeting of FULBOURN PARISH COUNCIL held in The Fulbourn Centre, Home End, Fulbourn on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

**Present:** Councillor Drage (Chairman) and Councillors Bullen, Dawson (from Item 110.5), Mair, Newell, Rickett, Scarr ( and District) Sitton, Smith, Thorn, Ward and Williams ( County and District) from Item 111, the Clerk and 5 Parishioners.

	<b>Action</b>
<p><b>105 To accept apologies for absence.</b> Cllrs Brown, Mair and Sheldon; Lateness from Cllrs Dawson and Williams.</p>	
<p><b>106 To notify the clerk of any declarations of interest that will be declared by members for any item to be discussed.</b></p>	
<p><b>107 St John Ambulance – Defibrillator demonstration.</b> Jim Smith advised a defibrillator battery lasts approximately 4 years when just on stand-by. The equipment does weekly and monthly self- test to ensure it is working and an alarm light will come on if it needs attention. The battery lasts for 90 shocks; even if the warning light comes on, it can still be used as a low battery is at a safe level. The pads also have a shelf life of 4 years. Mr Smith said some villages store this vital piece of equipment in old telephone boxes accessed with a combination lock. He then demonstrated how to use the defibrillator which does talk you through the procedure. It comes with other equipment including a razor as the pads need to stick to bare skin. Members, although hope it would never be needed, agreed the village should have a defibrillator and will discuss this further to decide where it should be located. Mr Smith was thanked for his excellent and worthwhile presentation.</p>	<b>FPC</b>
<p><b>108 Police Report.</b> PCSO Harjedini had hoped to attend the meeting but was called out to an incident so belatedly sent her apologies.</p>	
<p><b><u>Public &amp; Press</u> - You are invited to attend the whole meeting and are welcome to speak at our Open Forum at the beginning of the meeting.</b> Mr Andrews introduced himself having recently moved to Stonebridge Lane, then showed Council photographs of the appalling condition of the very muddy lane full of large potholes and muddy verges. He said he always had to wear wellingtons if he wanted to walk anyway. Cllr Bullen said Babraham Road was the same and Cllr Scarr added Impett’s Lane and Hollman’s Close to the list. Cllr Scarr proposed reporting all of these to CCC, proposal seconded by Cllr Ward and Council agreed the photographic evidence should also be sent. Mr Andrews was advised of the fortnightly CCC, Highways surgery held at The Swifts which he will visit.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>
<p><b>109 To approve the minutes of the last meeting.</b> The Minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
<p><b>110 Matters arising from the last meeting.</b></p>	
<p>110.1 <u>Cemetery hedge.</u> The request to have the hedge removed at the end of the lane towards the blue gates will be considered by the ACE Committee.</p>	<b>ACE/ Clerk</b>
<p>110.2 <u>Hindlodgers.</u> Cllrs Drage and Ward met the CCC, Rights of Way Officer to discuss the persistent use of the area by Travellers which deterred parishioners from enjoying this amenity and the ecology of the area. All were agreed routine maintenance was required and dead hedging needed removing. Another meeting would be arranged in the new year.</p>	<b>MD/GW</b>
<p>110.3 <u>Teversham Road.</u> A meeting of the parties who have timed slots at the February SCDC Planning meeting to be arranged so all points are covered without repetition.</p>	<b>MD</b>
<p>110.4 <u>Pavilion.</u> A meeting to be arranged with the pavilion Users and architect to discuss requirements for a proposed extension.</p>	<b>Clerk/ Rec WP</b>
<p>110.5 <u>Youth Building.</u> Simon Danischewsky has produced an Outline Finishing</p>	

<p>Specification; a meeting with Cllrs Drage, Bullen, Sheldon, Simon and FA4Y to be arranged to discuss this further. <i>At This point Cllr Dawson arrived.</i></p>	<p><b>1223</b> <b>MD/AB/</b> <b>DSh/SD</b></p>
<p>110.6 <u>Skate park.</u> Cllrs Ward and Drage met a representative from the company Evolution on site who advised the two half pipes would need replacing; he felt the grind bar was sited too close to the pipes and the top of a ramp had a missing rail. The park surface only had a few cracks which needed sealing. The gentleman will draft a sketch plan for Council to consider. He advised the materials currently used absorb sound much better than previously and the equipment does not need maintaining for at least 5 years. This will be included on the precept list. A sub-committee of Cllrs Ward, Drage and Rickett will meet to see what grants are available. <i>At this point Cllr Williams arrived from Fen Ditton PC meeting.</i></p>	
<p><b>111 Gas Street Lighting Columns and Parish Council Street Lighting.</b> Cllr Rickett went through a street lighting review he and Cllr Mair had prepared. From this Cllr Rickett felt the column near the footpath at the Greater Foxes/Stansfield Gardens junction should be retained for safety reasons; Members felt three lights were unnecessary at Tuppenny Green and would prefer one of them is located in Manor Walk instead. Should the PC get the old gas lights up to standard, these as additional columns, could not be erected on the public highway, only on private land. The PC can instruct Balfour Beatty to install the lights at a cost of £3K per column followed by an annual fee which currently is £60. Members unanimously agreed to purchase the 36 gas lights for a total cost of £36. As the consultation deadline is approaching, Council will send details of the columns it wishes to retain and confirm its wish to purchase all the gas columns.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p>
<p><b>112 Local Council Award Scheme which replaces Quality Parish Scheme.</b> NALC (National Association of Local Councils) has advised the Local Council Award Scheme (LCAS) will be launched on 6/1/15 which will replace the Quality Parish Scheme. During the transition period, and as Fulbourn PC achieved QS, we can automatically apply for the Foundation level of the new LCAS, which the Clerk has done, aiming for either Award or Gold levels during 2015. Criteria and guidance will be available when scheme launches.</p>	
<p><b>113 Bus Shelter quotation for Resolution.</b></p>	<p><b>DSh</b></p>
<p>Item deferred due to Cllr Sheldon's absence. <b>114 To consider planning applications.</b> Minutes of a meeting held on 12/1/15. <u>New application:</u> S/2984/14/FL, Henderson UK Property, Land adj. CPC 3, Capital Park, Cambridge Road, Fulbourn – Erection of Café. <span style="float: right;">Recommend approval.</span></p>	
<p><b>115 Tree works:</b> <u>5 The Chantry</u> – Remove Eucalyptus and Cypress and reduce others to 1metre to restore hedge. I feel it would be a shame to remove Eucalyptus as it would be in the corner of new hedge; trees – Silver Birch to front of house, no objection. <u>4 Town Close</u> – Ash tree, cut back overhanging branches over neighbours garden. <u>7 The Chantry</u> – Fell Apple Tree. <span style="float: right;">No objection to both these applications.</span> Disclaimer: Fulbourn Parish Council Tree Officer and the Parish Council accept no liability for the advice given above.</p>	
<p><b>116 To receive reports from County and District Councillors.</b> 116.1 County Councillor Williams issued the attached report adding that CCC had closed Shelford Road for repairs as the edges were broken up and needed urgent attention. 116.2 District Councillor Scarr reiterated the need for all interested parties to meet prior to the Planning meeting at SCDC when the Teversham Road application for 110 dwellings will be considered as each speaker will only have 3 minutes to have their say. 116.3 District Councillor Williams issued the attached report. Paragraph 2 should be taken into account when Council sets the precept. <span style="float: right;">All reports accepted.</span></p>	<p><b>Precept</b></p>

<p><b>117 Correspondence.</b></p> <p>117.1 <b>E Pamphilon</b> – Suggestion that 2 areas in the village have speed limit lowered to 20 mph. This was deferred to the Highways Committee for further consideration.</p> <p>117.2 <b>C Rowland-Jones</b> – Concerns about trees needing attention along Cow Lane near the old pumping station. The Clerk is trying to ascertain who owns these.</p> <p>117.3 <b>SCDC</b> – Community Awards deadline 23/1/15; Categories are Local Hero, Parish Councillor who has made a significant contribution in the last year, local businesses supporting staff and/or apprenticeships and whether the PC or community runs its own shop, pub or recreational facilities.</p> <p>117.4 <b>R Peirce</b> – Concerns about parking in Impett’s Lane. The Clerk explained this is a Police matter and Council had tried other suggestions in the past including asking The White Hart if patrons could use the car park opposite during the evenings with permission from Cedar Audio.</p> <p>117.5 <b>SCDC</b> – Information regarding changes to Section 106 monies.</p> <p>117.6 <b>Cambs &amp; Peterborough CCG</b> – Consultation until 20/2/15 on future model for NHS 111 and GP Out of Hours Service; Winter newsletter available on website.</p> <p>117.7 <b>SCDC</b> – Details of Training programme; 2 representatives invited to attend 2 sessions covering Planning Policies, Heritage &amp; Trees. Dates of training 28/1/15- Impington &amp; 10/3/15 - Cottenham. Cllrs Sitton and Ward will attend the session at Cottenham Village College.</p> <p>117.8 <b>S Danischewsky</b> – Frustration that flooding problems in Impett’s Lane still have not been resolved despite notifying all concerned authorities who, despite making site visits, have not made progress. Cllrs Williams and Scarr are continuing investigations to get this matter resolved.</p> <p>117.9 <b>A Farmer</b> – Complaint of car taking up parking space at The Swifts despite new sign stating for users only. Accent Nene will be contacted for further advice as they own the car parking area.</p> <p>10 <b>CCC</b> – Grants of up to £500 available for community led activities to mark the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of World War II. The British Legion and Fulbourn Forum to be advised.</p> <p>117.11 <b>Cambs Constabulary</b> – Police and Crime Commissioner has launched a monthly newsletter which can be downloaded at <a href="http://www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk/whats-new/newsletters/">www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk/whats-new/newsletters/</a></p> <p>117.12 <b>Resident</b> – Request access via Impett’s Lane to use a cherry picker via the recreation ground to assist with lining chimney in Jeeves Acre. Agreed.</p> <p>117.13 <b>Stackyard Court Management Co Ltd</b> – Complaint above vehicles parking near Stackyard Court entrance causing visibility problems for residents exiting onto School Lane. Photographic evidence sent and the Police notified. Members believed this problem occurred mostly during school drop off and pick up times; cars should not be parking on bends and Stackyard Court is a Private Road making this difficult to resolve.</p> <p>117.14 <b>R Foreman</b> – Requesting a sign at the entrance of Fromont Close possibly indicating it is a cul-de-sac as vehicles drive into the close looking for Huntsmill or the recreation ground. This will be passed to SCDC for their consideration.</p> <p>117.15 <b>Clerks &amp; Councils Direct</b> – January 2015 magazine.</p> <p>117.16 <b>SCDC</b> – Public consultation until 23/2/15 asking if SCDC should use Article 4 directions to help retain village pubs; Article 4 could be used to withdraw the permitted development rights which currently allow their conversion to other uses such as retail or offices or demolition.</p> <p>117.17 <b>CCC</b> – Advising of works to strengthen the bridge in Wilbraham Road between 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> February 2015 to coincide with half-term, which will mean the road will be closed diversion signs put in place.</p> <p>117.18 <b>Fulbourn Arts</b> – Diary of future planned events.</p> <p>117.19 <b>Cambridgeshire Acre</b> – Government funding from Defra to support their work in communities is under threat; Cambridgeshire Acre is asking the PC to sign a petition in support that funding be retained.</p> <p>117.20 <b>Cambridgeshire Constabulary</b> – Next Panel meeting, Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at Sawston Village College. Paperwork to be issued nearer the time and if Council has any specific issues it wishes to raise, let Sgt Davidson know in advance so she can look into these prior to the meeting.</p>	<p><b>1224 High-Ways</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>JS/GW</b></p> <p><b>CCC</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>RBL/FF</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>
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4. I have been helping users of the swimming pool at Bottisham Village College to keep it open on week day mornings. The college is claiming that under academy rule it cannot cross subsidise non educational facilities such as this. This seems to go against the ethos of the village collage concept and I have asked the secretary of state for education for a ruling on the college's interpretation of the rules.
5. You will know from recent press reports that Cambridge city centre is one of the most polluted places in Europe due largely to diesel emissions from buses. I was therefore surprised to find that the county's quality bus agreement allows operators to run the dirtiest vehicles permissible under European emissions law. This agreement expires this coming April and the Lib Dem group will be wanting it to raise standards to the best possible level and encourage hybrid and electric engines.
6. The county council has given its support in principle to the proposed ice rink at the Newmarket Park and Ride site.
7. I am assured that County Council funding for the Newmarket bus is secure for next year and there are no changes proposed for it. Nevertheless David Cottee has chair of the bus users group for the parishes affected is arranging a meeting with the county public transport officer.
8. The county council is forecast to under spend by £2.5 million on its revenue account and this one off windfall will be used to offset proposed cuts in gritting, community grants and street lighting in urban areas. On the question of street lights being turned off over night, parish councils will now have the opportunity to pay to keep certain lights on if they wish.
9. A pre-meeting of the City Deal Assembly has taken place and Lib Dem city councillor Tim Bick has been appointed chair of the assembly with the support of the universities and business leaders. It was decided that the first task of the assembly was to consider the 23 projects proposed to develop the region's transport, housing and skills.
10. The county council highways committee has decided that from April the highway maintenance contractor will be permitted to repair adjacent potholes to the one reported should they too meet the criteria for repair. This common sense approach has taken ages to come about due to initial officer opposition. Can I again remind you to report highway defects such as potholes through the county website which ensures they go straight into the work schedule.

Cllr John Williams

### **Item 116.3**

#### **My report to the January 2015 meeting of Fulbourn Parish Council**

1. First of all very best wishes for the New Year (although you'll see below you'll need them).
2. Just before Christmas the Conservative planning minister (without consultation within the coalition) announced that with immediate affect developments of ten house or less below 1,000 sq metres will not be required to contribute S106 or CIL money and that this is applied retrospectively to any unspent S106 money held by parish councils. Developers are now asking SCDC for their money back where it has not been spent for the purpose it was given, so SCDC is very likely to ask Fulbourn to account for all S106 money paid by small developers in the village and to return that which has not been spent. SCDC estimates that this may cost it and parish councils over £3 million. Currently the Local Government Association is considering challenging the Government in court over this and SCDC is likely to support this action. What it means going forward is that we are very unlikely to receive any further S106 or CIL money in future (given that Ida Darwin will not meet the S106 footprint criteria if submitted after April 1<sup>st</sup>) and we should plan accordingly with regard to funding of projects such as the Youth Centre.

3. The public examination of the Local Plan recommences in February with it looking at changes to Green Belt policy. I have submitted further evidence to the inquiry (copied to our clerk) to show that taking the land to the east of the Peterhouse Technology Park is unsound in that it goes against national planning guidance on the Green Belt. However, we expect that there will be considerable pressure from housing developers and land owners (including the Church Commissioners) to release land from the Green Belt around Cambridge and I am concerned that there is a joint study commissioned by SCDC and the city council (heavily criticised by me for its execution) which describes land between Fulbourn/Teversham and Cherry Hinton as “worthless” in terms of the Green Belt. The inspector has indicated that once the Green Belt has been dealt with she will indicate her view as to the five year housing supply.
4. The Teversham Road planning application for 110 homes on the former Water Company Land will be considered at the SCDC planning committee meeting on 4 February. Personally I think it could go either way. Currently the developer is trying to avoid contributing any S106 money towards its impacts.

John Williams

Item 119.1

Item 119.2