

Minutes of a Meeting of FULBOURN PARISH COUNCIL held in The Fulbourn Centre, Home End, Fulbourn on Wednesday, 9th December 2015.

Present: Councillor Drage (Chairman) and Councillors Brown, Bullen (from Item 102), Cone (and District), Dawson, Mair, Newell, Rickett, Scarr (from Item 97), Sitton, Smith, Thorn, Ward; County and District Councillor Williams and the Clerk.

	Action
<p>93 To accept apologies for absence. Cllr Bullen for lateness.</p>	
<p>94 To notify the clerk of any declarations of interest that will be declared by members for any item to be discussed. Cllr Smith – Personal Item 102.</p>	
<p>95 Fulbourn Primary School Report. Joy Eldridge introduced herself having recently been elected on the School Governing Body. She advised there have been some changes to the Governing Body which Joy will report on to Council at the next meeting.</p>	
<p><u>Public & 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. No one present.</p>	
<p>96 To approve the minutes of the last meeting. The Minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
<p>97 Matters arising from the last meeting.</p>	
<p>97.1 <u>Pavilion extension.</u> Cllr Newell has met with the architect; thinking to the future and hoping to add 2 extra changing rooms, it is hoped the draft plans will be ready in February 2016. Cllr Newell will then arrange a meeting with the Recreation Ground Working Party.</p>	
<p>97.2 <u>Drain.</u> Following discussion, Cllr Ward proposed looking into costs regarding the drains from the recreation ground to Impett's Lane. She suggested getting them flushed to remove any silt if it is not too much more than looking first with a camera to see where the problem is. Proposal seconded by Cllr Cone and agreed by the Council that this should be done as soon as possible.</p>	GW/ Clerk
<p>97.3 <u>Container.</u> This has been ordered but delivery will be delayed until the ground is drier.</p>	Clerk
<p>97.4 <u>Christmas lights.</u> Cllr Drage reported this had been a success and thanked Cllrs Mair and Dawson for their hard work. Cllr Newell had arranged for Father Christmas to arrive in a London taxi; the School Choir sang. Fiona Thorpe thanked the Council for providing mulled wine and mince pies. Michael Beaumont served hot dogs.</p>	
<p>97.5 <u>Delegation of Planning applications.</u> Cllr Cone is attending a meeting on 23/12/15.</p>	GC
<p>97.6 <u>New Councillor Training.</u> Congratulations to Cllrs Cone, Sitton, Smith and Thorn who recently attended a training course. Cllr Smith thanked the Clerk for her catering on the day.</p>	
<p>97.8 <u>Youth.</u> Cllrs Drage, Bullen, Simon Danischewsky and the Clerk met to discuss the way forward having sought legal advice concerning a covenant on the land and how to proceed with the planning application.</p>	
<p>Item 98 was taken later in the meeting.</p>	
<p>99 Tree works:</p>	
<p>50 Pierce Lane – Remove Whitebeam; remove single stem from Lilac closet to boundary fence. Comments: I feel it would be a shame to remove Whitebeam at the moment.</p>	
<p>61 Pierce Lane – Fell Cypress in rear garden. No Comments by Council.</p>	
<p>Disclaimer: Fulbourn Parish Council Tree Officer and the Parish Council accept no liability for the advice given above.</p>	

100 To receive reports from County and District Councillors.

100.1 County Councillor Williams advised the County Council was still undecided about the budget; Council Tax is due to increase by 2% for Adult Social Care but it is limited as to what this money can be spent on. However to cover the Adult Minimum Wage next April it is anticipated costs will increase by 3.5%, which will therefore leave a shortfall. Cllr Williams said there would be a 1.9% increase in Council Tax anyway taking into account grant settlements so the County is facing severe cuts to services; road maintenance will be cut by a third, gritting services cut and subsidies to bus services. Schools will maintain their level of support but as their money is staying the same, Cllr Williams said they would be no better off. Local Government is being squeezed hard so CCC is facing difficulties.

100.2 District Councillor Williams advised as it had been agreed the number of District Councillors were to be reduced from 57 to 45 the Boundary Commission would need to do a complete review to implement the changes.

100.3 District Councillor Cone issued the attached report. All reports were accepted.

101 Correspondence.

101.1 **Fulbourn Arts** – Thank you for recent donation; diary of future events and advance notice of charity event in aid of Arthur Rank New Hospice Appeal featuring Anton Du Beke and Erin Boag.

101.2 **SCDC** – Cabinet and Parish Councils Liaison Meeting, 8/12/15.

101.3 **Local Government Boundary Commission for England (lgbce)** – Electoral Review of South Cambridgeshire District Council, start of a 10 week public consultation seeking comments on future ward boundaries; which will end 1/2/16.

101.4 **Cambridge Road Resident** – Request for back plate on new street column opposite their property. The Clerk has contacted Balfour Beatty with this request.

101.5 **Fulbourn URC** – Thanking Council for their donation towards kitchen refurbishment.

101.6 **SCDC** – Community Awards, any nominations for the various categories to be received by 15/1/16.

101.7 **Hearing Help** – Explanation of services they offer including sessions in Fulbourn and request for financial assistance to bridge shortfall of funds they receive from the NHS, CCC and grants. Referred to Finance Committee.

101.8 **SCDC** – November 2015 Ebulletin. If you would like a hard copy please let me know.

101.9 **Fulbourn Forum** – News and future planned events.

101.10 **CCC & Peterborough City Council** – Consultation regarding advocacy services across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

101.11 **SCDC** – Proposed Modifications Consultation, Cambridge Local Plan 2014; The examinations were suspended by Inspectors in July 2015 to allow Cambridge City Council and SCDC to respond to initial issues. Views and comments are now being sought on the proposed Modifications and associated Sustainability Appraisal until 25/1/16.

101.12 **Fulbourn Primary School** – Invitation to Christmas production; Tues 15th, Weds 16th & Thurs 17th at 1.45pm.101.

101.13 **Cllr J Williams** – Request the Parish Council provides funds in its precept to re-install 4 streetlights in certain locations. Referred to the Finance Committee.

101.14 **SCDC** – Dates sent for Christmas waste and recycling collections. These have been displayed on the parish notice boards and on the website.

101.15 **Cambs Acre** – November 2015 newsletter.

101.16 **Savills** – Has been instructed by CCC to undertake a strategic review of the County Farms Estate (CFE). Potential “stakeholders” have the opportunity to give their views by 20/12/15 including Parish Councils with CFE land within the parish boundary.

101.17 **Cambs & Peterborough CCG** – UnitingCare November bulletin.

Finance

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102 To resolve the accounts for the month.

Wages: Clerk plus expenses.....1,080.10	Wages: Pavilion Cleaner.....119.00R
SWALEC: Pavilion electricity.....623.94R	Adaptainer: Container.....1,662.00R
Suffolk Acre: Insurance premium....2,154.60R	Barclays: Monthly fees.....27.97R
Algar: New skate park sign.....174.00R	DBS Electricial: Supplies.....320.74
B's Travel: Shopper bus.....220.00R	Suffolk Acre: Additional premium....464.95
The Mill: Swifts advertisement.....50.00	Staples: Office supplies.....78.87R
Booker: Office supplies.....87.00	Petty Cash: Stamps & Admin.....10.00
CCC: Grass cutting 2015.....7,156.80	TalkTalk: November calls.....35.72
SCDC: Dog Bins.....342.06	Camb City: Grass cutting 2015.....7,156.80
B&Q: Christmas lights.....141.00	

103 Council Committees.

Youth. See Item 97.8

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

98 To consider planning applications.

Information only: S/2825/15/LD, Valley Farm, Balsham Road – Occupation of dwelling house not limited to persons employed in agriculture, horticulture or forestry.

Permission: S/2107/15/FL, 29 The Haven–Erection of chimney stack to nth side of existing house.

New Applications: S/2682/15/FL & S/2684/15/LB – Erection of detached garage; S/2685/15/FL & S/2687/15/LB – Erection of wall and gates and S/2690/15/LB – Re-tiling of the main house and outbuilding with clay plain tiles in place of existing concrete tiles. All for 8 Balsham Road; All recommended for approval.

Cllr Scarr declared an interest and left the room for the next application only.

S/2768/15/FL, L'Abri, Teversham Road – Demolition of existing building and erection of new replacement dwelling; Fulbourn Parish Council objects to this application; It is in the Green Belt, the proposed new dwelling is larger than the existing footprint and implies it will have permanent occupancy. Recommend refusal.

S/2804/15/FL, CPC 2, Capital Park, Cambridge Road – Installation of substation and enclosure. Recommend approval.

S/2868/15/FL, Land off Babraham Road – Erection of an agricultural workers dwelling and provision of a new access. Fulbourn Parish Council would like it noted one of the Director's is known to Council having served as a Parish Councillor for 40 years. Having considered the application on its merits, recommendation is to approve

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Attached reports: -

Item 100.3

Graham Cone's District Report

Teversham Road Application:

It has been confirmed since the last Parish meeting that the developers have lodged an appeal against SCDC to contest the decision made by the planning committee to reject the Teversham Road development. Having being informed of this decision by the developers to appeal I have met with Andrew Filmore the Planning Officer who recommended refusal and who conducted the report to get information on how the District Council can now proceed. It appears that it is taking some months for appeals to be processed currently so the appeal won't be heard in the immediate future however once the appeal has been processed the Council will be defending their unanimous decision that housing is unsuitable on this site through legal representation. Developers always have the right to appeal decisions and it was widely anticipated that this developer would contest the decision made by SCDC despite the large amount of concern locally.

Local Plan:

The new additions to the Local Plan in terms of areas outlined for development residential/employment that were discussed by Councillor Robert Turner at the last meeting are going out to public consultation. It was decided by SCDC to have an additional meeting to vote on whether this should go to public consultation in its current form giving the public and Councillors alike the opportunity to comment and raise concerns. I believe the additions to the Local Plan drawn up by experts and senior officers at the council is balanced and a report that I could endorse. There will inevitably be areas of development that are opposed by some members of the council within this revised plan but my feeling is that the officers have tried to produce a document that will be accepted and is fair to our district. I would like to see this Local Plan move forward as quickly as possible because ultimately it is this plan that will protect villages surrounding Cambridge such as our own from speculative development.

Boundary review:

The number of 45 Councillors has been accepted however clearly this will require an extensive boundary review because of the reduction of Councillors from 57 to 45. There is still ongoing discussion around how Fulbourn will be served by District Councillors. Where possible areas will go down to 1 District Councillor however Fulbourn has a large population which would leave us around 20% over in terms of Councillor to population ratio. It is for this reason that Fulbourn may have to be merged with one or more of the surrounding villages with 2-3 Councillors depending on maths. These villages would be villages surrounding Fulbourn such as Teversham or Wilbraham.

Zebra Crossing:

The application for the zebra crossing on Cambridge Road has been completed and submitted to the County Council Highways funding project. I have been invited to a meeting towards the end of January to back up this application, answer questions and reinforce why we think this would be a good use of funding for our village.

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