

Minutes of a Meeting of FULBOURN PARISH COUNCIL held in The Fulbourn Centre, Home End, Fulbourn on Wednesday, 13th April 2016.

Present: Councillor Drage, and Councillors Bullen (from Item 146), Cone (and District) Dawson, Lacey, Rickett, Scarr (from Item 145 until Item 153), Sitton, Smith, Thorn and Ward.

County Councillor Williams (until Item 148), the Clerk and 4 Parishioners.

	Action
<p>143 To accept apologies for absence. Cllrs Brown, Lockwood and Newell.</p> <p>144 To notify the clerk of any declarations of interest that will be declared by members for any item to be discussed.</p> <p>145 Cambridgeshire Acre – Housing Survey Update. Mark Deas from Cambridgeshire Acre and Helen Fortune from Accent Nene attended the meeting with Mr Deas explaining the purpose of the Housing Needs Survey was to canvas support; gauge an idea of the need and to identify such needs. He said Fulbourn was a large parish (Cllr Scarr arrived at this point) having just had The Swifts redeveloped. In the Local Plan, the Ida Darwin site had an allocation of over 200 dwellings with 50 proposed at Barleyfields which had yet to be determined and a further 110 in Teversham Road which had gone to an appeal. Mr Deas said Fulbourn had a high elderly population although it was low for children of school age. These figures were based on those in 2011 which do not include the Swifts so are in need of updating. House prices are quite high with the lowest for a 2 bedroom property recently going for £300K which with a 15% deposit would require any buyer finding £45K and earning £73K. An average couple earn £30K between them. The survey was done in November 2015 and delivered to 2,200 addresses; 401 surveys were returned giving an 18% response rate. It showed 79 Affordable houses are needed to meet current needs. To qualify people would have to have some connection to the village either by living here already, work or have family here. Mr Deas said the Parish Council would need to consider what the PC would need in terms of influencing the S106 agreement. The Chairman invited questions and suspended standing orders. A parishioner asked if the proposed planning applications already mentioned would not meet the needs. Mr Deas said anyone on the Housing Register in Band A or B from another village would get priority. Helen Fortune said Accent Nene were looking at a site potentially to build 21 Affordable Houses adding negotiations were on-going and the site hadn't yet been purchased. Legislation is going through parliament with changes to the Local Housing Bill. Housing Associations have to offer the Right to Buy. A law has been passed that starter homes cannot be put on an Exception Site and the government is pushing for sites to have 20% starter homes so there will not be as many Affordable ones being built. She said Housing Associations had also had rent cuts imposed on them. Cllr Williams said local councils will be required to sell higher value properties to pay for more housing and could lose 100/150 properties it could have let out. This will affect social rented properties and add more people to the Housing Waiting List. One parishioner felt the questions were slightly biased. Mr Deas then went through the survey in more detail. Permission was then given for the full survey to be published on the PC's website but remained the Intellectual Property of Accent Nene. The Chairman thanked both Mark Deas and Helen Fortune for attending. Standing Orders were resumed. Cllr Bullen arrived at this point.</p> <p>146 Fulbourn Primary School Report. This item was deferred to the APM on 27/4/16.</p> <p>Public & Press - You are invited to attend the whole meeting and are welcome to speak</p>	

<p>at our Open Forum at the beginning of the meeting.</p> <p>147 To receive reports from County and District Councillors. 147.1 County Councillor Williams and District Councillor Williams issued the attached report. Cllr Williams added a Community Funding Fair was being held on St Ives on 7/6/16 and community projects were invited to apply. Report accepted. 147.2 District Councillor Cone issued the attached report. Report accepted. Cllr Williams left to attend another meeting.</p>	<p>1264</p>
<p>148 Council Committees. Recreation Ground Working Party. Minutes from a meeting held on 12/4/16 were issued. Village Walks. Cllrs Rickett and Cone met on a wet Saturday and looked around the cemetery. They suggested planting around the War Memorial and an extension be added to the water butt. The dripping tap had finally been repaired. The next walk will take place in July 2016. Youth</p>	<p>A Plan</p>
<p>149 Youth Building Update – Amendment for Resolution. Electrical work is required so the Youth Building can be re-opened. Cllr Bullen proposed accepting the quotation from Facit Testing for £1,053.25, proposal seconded by Cllr Thorn and agreed by the Council. Discussion then took place on moving forward with the approved planning permission to build a new community building. Cllr Thorn proposed deferring all work on trying to release the covenant on the Institute land, proposal seconded by Cllr Scarr. With 7 votes in favour this motion was passed. Cllr Smith proposed investigating the possibility of building on Parish Council owned land, proposal seconded by Cllr Rickett and with 7 votes in favour, this too was passed.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>150 Parish Council Nominations for Village Charities for Resolution. Cllr Scarr proposed Stan Hardwick, Alan Bullen and Robert Lacey are the Parish Council’s representatives for the Village Charities, proposal seconded by Cllr Ward and agreed.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>151 To approve the minutes of the last meeting. The Minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
<p>152 Matters arising from the last meeting.</p>	
<p>153.1 <u>Skate park</u>. A new bin was installed on 12/3/16.</p>	
<p>153.2 <u>Defibrillator</u>. This has now been received. Cllr Smith will negotiate installation with the Co-operative Stores.</p>	<p>DS</p>
<p>153.3 <u>Teversham Road</u>. Cllr Cone explained a meeting was to be held with SCDC Legal Team with would include members from Save Fulbourn Fields and Fulbourn Forum. He went into detail the process (see 147.2) and how the Parish Council should proceed.</p>	
<p>153.4 <u>Dog Fouling</u>. Cllrs Brown and Ward met SCDC Enforcement Officers to discuss this persistent problem. Prosecution and eye witnesses would result in fines and fixed penalties.</p>	
<p>153 To consider planning applications.</p>	
<p>Minutes of a meeting held on 31/3/16.</p>	
<p><u>New applications</u>: S/0765/16/FL, 15A Balsham Road – Single storey link extension. Council recommendation approve.</p>	
<p>S/0798/16/FL, 14 Pierce Lane – Rear extension and alterations. Recommend approve.</p>	
<p>154 Tree works:</p>	
<p>Apthorpe Street: Remove Walnut Tree as too close to house and neighbouring property & Pierce Lane – Robinia, crown thin by 10-15% and clear service wire my 1m. No comment.</p>	
<p>Disclaimer: Fulbourn Parish Council Tree Officer and the Parish Council accept no liability for the advice given above.</p>	
<p>155 Correspondence.</p>	
<p>155.1 Fulbourn Forum – News of future events.</p>	
<p>155.2 Splitz – Request to hold a Car Boot on the recreation ground on a Saturday morning;</p>	

<p>they have a committee to marshal and oversee the event. Council felt this would not only set a precedent but due to the number of activities at both the Centre and recreation ground on a Saturday morning, would be impracticable. Council refused to grant permission.</p>	<p>1265 Clerk</p>
<p>155.3 Cambs & Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group – Older People’s and Adult Community Services Programme update number 9. Also consultation on future model for Pharmacy Services in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough until 24/5/16.</p>	
<p>155.4 Resident – Concerned about speeding traffic beyond railway crossing towards Teversham. Suggesting the speed limit is reduced speed to 40mph and for the Police to monitor. The Clerk will ask the Speedwatch volunteers to hold a session here too.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>155.5 Cambridge For Europe – Offer to provide speakers should we wish to hold a hustings event in the near future. Council will politely decline this invitation.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>155.6 SCDC – Information and technical packages available for parishes interested in setting up Neighbourhood Plans.</p>	
<p>155.7 UK Power Networks – Information and contact details should power be lost during spells of bad weather. Leaflet also available by clicking on this link: - http://www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/internet/en/help-and-advice/documents/EE_leaflet.pdf.</p>	
<p>155.8 NALC – Bulletin regarding National developments including recent Budget, Housing and Planning Bill, Local Democracy and Devolution.</p>	
<p>155.9 SCDC – Copies of letters submitted further work and proposed modifications sent to the Inspectors examining the Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire Local Plans.</p>	
<p>155.10 Resident – Concerned about speeding traffic along Dogget Lane; suggests installing speed bumps and having road markings reinstated. To be referred to the County Council.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>155.11 Cambs & Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group – Newsletter; see: http://emags.cambridgeshire.nhs.uk/ccgnews/spring-2016/front-page/welcome-from-dr-neil-modha-chief-clinical-officer</p>	
<p>155.12 CAPALC – March 2016 e-bulletin.</p>	
<p>155.13 Fulbourn Football Club – Dog fouling on recreation ground a persistent problem with club having to clear pitches every time there is a game. Request dogs are kept on leads whilst on the recreation ground and better signage provided at every entrance. Council will decide on suitable wording and have signs erected.</p>	<p>Rec WP GW</p>
<p>155.14 Magpas Air Ambulance – request for financial donation. This is against Council Policy although donations can and are made by individual Councillors.</p>	
<p>155.15 E Pamphilon – Again urging the Parish Council to consider restricting the whole village to 20mph before there is a fatality on one of the roads. Parishioners may directly contact the County Council with suggestions and for advice.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>155.16 Groundwork East – Funding available for community green space projects including sports facilities, woodland walks and community gardens.</p>	
<p>155.17 SCDC – Gamlingay Action Group invites everyone to a meeting to discuss Neighbourhood Plans on 20/4/16; although focussing on Gamlingay, this will reflect on how NP’s generally can be used to make progress on sustainability issues.</p>	
<p>155.18 SCDC – Outline application for Wing (S/2682/13/OL) being considered at the Joint Development Control Committee on 20/4/16 at 10.30am.</p>	
<p>156 To resolve the accounts for the month.</p>	
<p>Wages: Clerk plus expenses.....1,138.66 Water Co: Rec. Ground.....124.35 Water Co: Cemetery rates.....17.51 Balfour Beatty: Column CCC2.....1,629.88R M Bissell: Timetable case.....67.08R Roman Road: Subscription.....50.00R Furnleaf: Maintenance.....502.68 Redact: Website domain.....166.74 Barclays; Monthly fees.....18.16R</p>	<p>Wages: Pavilion Cleaner.....161.50 Water Co: The Swifts.....134.96R Konica: Photocopies.....18.22R Facit: Wiring Inspection.....420.00R SCDC: Cemetery waste.....416.00 SCDC: Cemetery Rates.....392.04 Shelford Heat: Supplies.....104.69R HM Customs: Tax& NI.....561.88R BT: Internet fees.....140.88R</p>

Townley: Allotment water supply.....30.00	Townley: Swifts wages.....396.00	1266
ProGreen: Moss treatment.....180.00R	Ridgeons: Supplies.....52.47R	
B's Travel: Shopper Bus.....275.00R	Talktalk: March calls.....37.64	
J Stalley: Cemetery, Grass cutting & Unlocking gate 2015/16.....6,420.00		
Wilbraham Boiler: Repairs.....45.00R	C Dellar: Shrubs & maint.....97.93R	
ESPO: Supplies.....291.41R	Ridgeons: Supplies.....36.23	
Replay Ltd: Turf maint.....495.00		
Cllr Bullen proposed accepting the accounts, proposal seconded by Cllr Smith and agreed.		
157 To receive items for inclusion on the next Agenda for decision and/or action.		
<p>There was no further business and the meeting closed at 10.15pm.</p>		

Attached reports:

Item 147.1

District & County Councillor Report to Fulbourn Parish Council

1. The Boundary Commission had published what we thought was its final proposal for new county council divisions but we've just been told that due to challenges over the way it conducted its consultation a further period of public consultation will now take place from 10 May to 19 June. The Fulbourn Division is being reduced in size because it is currently considerably larger than the average division and as a result Horningsea PC and Fen Ditton village are being transferred to the Waterbeach division. There is an overall reduction in county councillors from 69 to 61. The proposal will go before Parliament for ratification and it is still expected that next year's county council elections will use the new division boundaries.

2. The County Council has agreed to fund from S106 money for six months a bus service from the Newmarket Road Park and Ride site to Addenbrooke's following a request from the city council. Marshalls are also contributing towards it. The service will run via Perne Road and Hills Road and it offers a route to the sixth forms colleges as well as the hospital. This starts on 3 May.

3. The County Council is consulting concessionary bus pass holders who use dial a ride services over the withdrawal of the use of the pass on such services. There is no statutory requirement for concessionary fare passes to be accepted for a 50% discount on dial a ride services.
4. The county council has taken the very rare step of requesting that the application for an international school in Church Lane be refused on the grounds that it fails to meet highway standards and that the transport statement is inadequate.
5. I am dealing with a number of matters concerning the Swifts Estate about BT Broadband, service charges, damp and inconsiderate parking. Connecting Cambridgeshire has had to suspend work to help the 50 homes that do not have access to fibre optic broadband because of a challenge by Virgin Media under EU competition rules.
6. I raised your complaint about penalties incurred by Balfour Beatty not being reinvested in more street lights with the county council CFO. He replied that the PFI contract does not permit this as the penalties are used to offset the year to year unitary costs of maintaining the street lights. Moreover additional street lights would increase these costs.
7. An Enforcement Notice is due to be served on Barnsbury House Cox's Drove on 15 April because its current use is contrary to planning permission.
8. The length of footpath in Caraway Road which was not resurfaced has been further inspected and it is confirmed that its surface is not in a fit state to receive the slurry sealing treatment. The county council does not have funds in its capital programme for relaying footpaths I regret to say. This is the issue that prevented Haggis Gap footpaths being resurfaced. Some of the footpath repairs have been carried out – in Cow Lane and School Lane.
9. The roadways in the Beechwoods have been resurfaced under the county council capital programme and the footpaths are due to be done.
10. The highways manager has asked Nicola to arrange for the road markings in the village to be refreshed and to put a case for the resurfacing of the worst parts of Cambridge Road in the capital programme.
11. Thank you for providing the paving slab at the bus stop in Fulbourn Road and the timetable frame in the High Street.

John Williams
April 2016

Item 147.2

District Councillor's report to Parish

Council Tax

As parishioners will be aware from their Council Tax statement SCDC has decided to increase Council Tax by £5 per year and continue to do so over the next four years. With an idea of Council Tax income and how this will rise over the next 4 years, the Council has the ability to plan future spending and or savings where necessary over the long term. SCDC will have to continue to make efficiency savings and reductions in spending despite this £5 increase in Council Tax. To plug the gap fully, the Council would have needed to increase SCDC's proportion of the Council Tax by approximately £16. This means the Council will have to make up the remaining £11 in either income and revenue gaining projects or cost efficiencies. I personally feel that an additional £5 a year is reasonable and mindful of the Taxpayer and services that need to be delivered at a time when Central Government has to make cuts in all areas of public spending (other than those that have been specifically ring-fenced). I fully supported and voted for the Conservative Financial Strategy at SCDC.

Fly Tipping

I have once again noticed that there has been some fly tipping in the village. Please could any Parish Councillors or residents report fly tipping on the SCDC website. There is never an excuse for dumping rubbish in our village and anyone doing so must be prosecuted. SCDC will take fly tippers to court as it is unacceptable.

Community Chest Fund

The Community Chest Fund has already awarded nearly £300,000 over the last 5 years to projects in South Cambridgeshire. There is a further £56,000 in available funds for communities to apply for. Groups can apply for up to £1500. If any Parish Councillors or leaders of local groups in Fulbourn have projects they feel would be deserving of this grant, I would be happy to discuss and assist with the application process.

Schemes may include the following:

- Improvement to community facilities
- Repairs to historic buildings, monuments and memorials
- Planting schemes
- Equipment for local projects
- Money towards start up costs for local projects

Applications can be made after April 1st 2016, so please see SCDC website for more details.

Local Plan

Re-submission of a modified Local Plan was given the go-ahead by Councillors at SCDC after a public consultation period. The main implication to South Cambridgeshire will be an additional 500 homes to meet local need meaning the total number will be 19,500 homes in South Cambridgeshire. I support the Local Plan as I believe it will protect Fulbourn from speculative development, delivering much needed homes within the District, increasing the District's potential for employment and protecting areas of greenbelt. I agreed with the modifications and voted for the Local Plan to be re-submitted, as the sooner it is in place, the sooner Fulbourn will be further protected.

Teversham Road Appeal

I organised a meeting for the Planning Consultant who will be appointing the Barrister on behalf of SCDC to meet local Councillors, leaders and deputy leader of the Parish Council and leaders of

Fulbourn Fields and Fulbourn Forum. This meeting was organised so that local groups can coordinate a joined up strategy to assist SCDC in upholding their decision to refuse the developer's application. Save Fulbourn Fields have sent out a letter to residents surrounding the development site to appeal for a donation of £50 towards preparing a representative locally to give a statement at the appeal as to why this development should not go ahead from a Fulbourn perspective.

As I have outlined in my previous District reports I do not think the Parish Council should be spending large sums of money recruiting an additional Barrister or Solicitor. There would be a large overlap in spending as SCDC is already using Tax Payers money to recruit a Barrister to uphold their decision. However, I do think if we decide to have the Parish Council represented at the appeal which the Planning Consultant from SCDC has said would be advisable that person should be well briefed. It is for this reason that I believe that the Parish Council will need to seek some advice from a planning Consultant to help prepare an individual to represent the Parish Council. I believe that to keep a joined up approach the Parish Council should use the same Planning Consultant used by Fulbourn Fields and Fulbourn Forum to reduce any risk of overlap in work. I think the Parish Council will have to seriously consider matching the donations of local residents so that whichever Parish Councillor we send to the appeal is properly briefed. I believe the other groups have currently raised around £1500 in donations. This seems a far more sensible figure than the tens of thousands quoted for legal advice which was previously put forward as an idea.

Local Elections

There will be no local elections in Fulbourn as neither District Councillors or County Councillor is up for election. Residents will still be getting their polling cards so that they can still take part in the Police and Crime Commissioner elections on the 5th May.

Patient Participation Group

I have submitted a report to the Patient Participation Group documenting the Parish Council's support for a directional sign to highlight the car park at the rear of the Health Centre. This issue will also be discussed in the Village Pump Magazine to make residents aware of the problem and encourage them to use the car park. If any Parish Councillors would like the full report and attachments, I am happy to email this out in full.

Graham Cone

Item 148

Minutes of **Recreation Ground Working Party** meeting – Tuesday 12th April 2016

Present: Gill Ward, John Pearce, Polly Butt, David Smith, Robert Lacey & Ian Still
Apologies: Richard Drage

Minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

Vandalism: Effected areas were tennis courts, bowls green, play area, youth building. Police have been notified. There has also been graffiti on the skate park.

Dogs: Need for clear consistent notices on all gates requesting that dogs are kept on leads. It is understood that this is not enforceable. Also that owners are requested to ensure they clean up after their dog.

Pavilion: If the proposed upgrade is not likely to happen in the near future then we need to ensure appropriate provision is made in the precept for maintenance.

Rabbits and moles need monitoring.

MUGA: GW to contact Doe Sports re annual maintenance visit.

Spraying: Richard Drage to organize.

Drainage: Peacock still has not been so Richard Drage to ask Chris Toovey for other suitable contractors.

Pavilion Clock: Window Cleaner to be asked if he could clean.

Play Area: Inspection to be booked.

Recreation land: After discussion It was agreed that the village was short of Recreation Land and recommend Parish Council take action to secure adjoining field so that extra football pitches can be provided.

Container: It was noted that it was critical that when the new container was moved damage to the cricket outfield was avoided.

Notice: clearer notice required at entrance so that visiting clubs can find our sports clubs facilities.

Grass Cutting: weekly cutting required each Thursday.

Compost bin needs emptying, spray footpath at Balsham Road, replace basket ball net; JF to be approached.

Richard Drage to be asked to repair Impett's Lane gate and bench near Stonebridge Lane.

David Smith was requested to cage the Pavilion light.

Cricket covers to be stored near to the new container. No advertising allowed on the covers.

Next meeting: Tuesday 26th July 2016

Gill Ward, Chairman