

Minutes of a Meeting of FULBOURN PARISH COUNCIL held in The Fulbourn Centre, Home End, Fulbourn on Wednesday, 11th January 2017.

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

	Action
<p>257 To accept apologies for absence. Lateness from Cllrs Lockwood and Rickett.</p>	
<p>258 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 265.</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. Keiron Johnson introduced himself explaining he had come to observe with a view to applying to become a Parish Councillor. Mr Johnson was welcomed to the meeting.</p>	
<p>259 To receive reports from County and District Councillors. 259.1 County Councillor Williams and District Councillor Williams issued the attached report. When asked, Cllr Williams said weather permitting the chicane area in Cambridge Road was due to be re-surfaced early in February 2017. Cllr Ward asked how an application could be submitted for an Exception Site when this had not been approved by the Parish Council. Cllr Williams explained that as its name implied, it was exactly that, an exception to usual planning regulations and did not require permission from the Council even though it is in the Green Belt. 259.2 District Councillor Cone issued the attached report.</p>	
<p>260 Providing funds to churches. A directive from NALC explaining that Parish Councils cannot contribute towards the cost of any church buildings and property. Under Section 137, which is capped, councils may incur expenditure which in its opinion is in the interests of, and will be direct benefit, to some or all of its inhabitants. However, S137 cannot be used to give money to the church as already stated which includes works of maintenance or improvement.</p>	
<p>261 To approve the minutes of the last meeting. The Minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
<p>262 Matters arising from the last meeting. 262.1 <u>Pavilion</u>. Cllr Ward advised a plumber had been on site today dealing with the leak in the roof. The other upgraded works including fitting extra hand basins and new taps had been completed. 262.2 <u>Ida Darwin</u>. Council had been asked what community facilities it hoped for on the site. Cllr Drage explained although unsure of the size available, having spoken to the committee who ran the previous social club, it was suggested something along similar lines including kitchen facilities was required. Not in competition with The Centre, the new social facilities at the other end of the village and would be run and managed as before. 262.3. <u>Christmas lights</u>. Due to the inclement weather, the children had sung carols inside the school. Rain had got into the lights, which Cllr Mair repaired a few days later. Council will write to thank Mr and Mrs Wright for allowing use of their electricity again and make a donation towards costs.</p>	Clerk
<p>262.4 <u>Community Highways Volunteering</u>. Having registered, CCC has requested a meeting to discuss a timetable of works the Parish Council intends carrying out. Cllr Smith offered to attend. It was suggested one of the volunteers is also invited.</p>	DS
<p>262.5 <u>Kier</u>. A meeting will be held on 16/1/17 to discuss workmen parking on the recreation ground whilst works are carried out at the primary school in the summer.</p>	GW

262.6 Grass cutting. Quotations for 2017/18 season will be referred to the Finance Committee
Cllrs Lockwood and Rickett arrived at the meeting.

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263 To consider planning applications.

New Applications: S/3429/16/LB, 53 Station Road – Insertion of dormer window and replacement of 8 no. existing timber windows; Recommend support;
S/3410/16/FL, 23 Apthorpe Street – Demolition of existing conservatory, 2 storey rear extension, new monopitch roof over the windows and door to the front elevation; Recommend support;
S/3536/16/FL, Barnsbury House, Cox’s Drove – Proposed extension to existing stables; Recommend support.

As an application for a Rural Exception site with 15 dwellings had just been received and the developers had not held a public exhibition as expected, Council will do so. In view of the deadline, it was agreed to hold this on 17/1/17 commencing at 6pm at the Scout Hut. The public exhibition will then be followed by a planning meeting at 7.30pm. It was agreed to do a mail drop to nearby residents, advertise this on both the website and noticeboards.

Tree works – The Parish Council’s application for works on the Horse Chestnut at the junction of Pierce Lane and Birdfarm Road has been received by SCDC courtesy of Michael Downs who will be carrying out the work.

264 Correspondence.

264.1 CCC – Safeguarding Adults Newsletter, Winter 2016 available at
www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/safeguardingmca

264.2 SCDC – Community Awards, nominations for the 6 categories to be received by 20/1/17.

264.3 NALC – Information regarding Council Tax referendum principles which have not been extended to Parish and Town Councils.

264.4 **Landmark School** – Requesting a barrier key as children will be using The Centre during term time arriving by mini bus. Following discussion, provided the barrier/limit gate is closed each time after use, this request was approved.

264.5 CCC – Consultation of a Draft Corporate Energy Strategy to improve efficiency on its main buildings and 46 schools to become more energy self-sufficient. Consultations runs from 3/1/17 to 31/1/17. View at
http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/Consultation_DRAFTCorporateEnergyStrategy_CCC/

264.6 CCC – Flood and Water management update 2016 including Flood Risk awareness, Flood and Water Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), Riparian Responsibilities and Flood Risk management. All can be found on the CCC website.

264.7 SCDC – Local Green Space designations in the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan – Fulbourn. The information sent by the Parish Council has been included in SCDC’s Written Statement for Matter SC4: Protecting and Enhancing the Natural and Historic Environment. In January there will be examination hearings for Matter SC4. The hearings considering Local Green Space are to start on 18/1/17 until 20/1/17. An objector to the LGS in Fulbourn has asked to appear at the hearings (Castlefield). The PC is invited to support SCDC on specific points at the request of the Council rather than having your own seat at the table. If the PC wishes to accept one person would need to attend for the whole two days sessions. Cllrs Drage, Thorn and Smith will attend on 18/1/17, 19/1/17 and 20/1/17 respectively.

264.8 **E Judd** – Complaint about noisy celebrations on New Year’s Eve. The Clerk has replied.

264.9 **W&I Smeeton** – Asking advice on a neighbouring property which backs onto their property as part of the brick wall has been changed to a modern red brick from a traditional white one. The Clerk has contacted SCDC Planning for advice.

264.10 **Accent Group** – December 2016 newsletter.

Clerk

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DS

<p>264.11 Clerks & Councils Direct – January 2017 magazine. 264.12 CAPALC – January 2017 bulletin. 264.13 SLCC (Society of Local Council Clerks – January 2017 magazine. 264.14 Fulbourn Forum – News of future planned events. 264.15 SPEP (Sustainable Parish Energy Partnership) – Details of future Repair Cafes to be held in Girton, Great Shelford, Cottenham and Histon. 264.16 Fulbourn Arts – Details of upcoming events. See www.fulbournarts.wordpress.com 264.17 Mr Webb – Request for cones or something similar to protect the verge outside 38 – 40 Cambridge Road which cyclists cutting across cut turning the verge into a quagmire. Cllr Cone offered to take some photographs for further investigation. 264.18 SCDC – Proposal of a new competitive service being offered to Parish Councils regarding Tree health and safety surveys. By registering an interest this would not be binding. The Parish Council will register for the service although costs are not known at this time.</p>	<p>1295</p> <p>GC</p> <p>Clerk</p>												
<p>265 To resolve the accounts for the month.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Wages: Pavilion Cleaner.....93.50R</td> <td>Wages: Swifts cleaner.....204.00R</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Barclays: Monthly fees.....22.26R</td> <td>Ridgeons: Supplies.....100.92R</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DBS Electrical: Repairs.....97.86</td> <td>B's Travel: Shopper bus.....275.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Talktalk: December phone calls.....36.91</td> <td>Wages: Clerk + expenses.....</td> </tr> <tr> <td>APC: Pest control.....250.00</td> <td>e-on: Pavilion gas.....308.35</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NRF Contracting: Open Spaces.....2,478.00</td> <td>BT: Internet fees.....154.56</td> </tr> </table> <p>Cllr Smith proposed accepting the accounts, proposal seconded by Cllr Ward and agreed.</p>	Wages: Pavilion Cleaner.....93.50R	Wages: Swifts cleaner.....204.00R	Barclays: Monthly fees.....22.26R	Ridgeons: Supplies.....100.92R	DBS Electrical: Repairs.....97.86	B's Travel: Shopper bus.....275.00	Talktalk: December phone calls.....36.91	Wages: Clerk + expenses.....	APC: Pest control.....250.00	e-on: Pavilion gas.....308.35	NRF Contracting: Open Spaces.....2,478.00	BT: Internet fees.....154.56	
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<p>266 Council Committees.</p> <p>Recreation Ground Working Party. Minutes from a meeting held on 4/1/17 were issued. Cllr Ward has contacted Doe's regarding the mower; Nick Fison will be reminded about the hedge work; The Clerk will contact Echo Fabrication regarding the limit gate. A proposal has been received from the cricket club with a view to installing a single bay astro pitch net facility. Following discussion, the club will be asked to come up with two plans where this could be sited and will be referred to the next Recreation Ground Working Party meeting for further consideration.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Rec WP</p>												
<p>267 To receive items for inclusion on the next Agenda for decision and/or action.</p> <p>Co-option of the Parish Council vacancy and possible change of venue for Parish Council meetings.</p> <p>The Chairman ended the meeting by paying tribute to Cllr Alan Bullen who sadly passed away on Christmas Eve. Members paid their respects with a minute's silence.</p> <p>There was no further business and the meeting closed at 9.30pm.</p>													

Attached reports:-

Item 259

District & County Councillor Report to Fulbourn Parish Council

1. County council street lights have now been reprogrammed to remain on all night. The county took on all energy costs for its lights on 13 December 2016 and those parishes which have paid to keep the county councils street lights on will be contacted and their energy bill amended accordingly.
2. The county council has also agreed to reinstate last year's winter gritting scheme. As there were no reductions in my division this has made no difference to us. However, it is taking time to train up drivers particularly in South Cambridgeshire where it is difficult to recruit manual highway staff.
3. The replacement bus service for the off peak journeys on Stagecoach route 17 withdrawn on 3 January starts on Tuesday 17 January. It involves extending the county subsidised route 18 to Drummer Street Cambridge. In the morning the first journey from Little Wilbraham to Fulbourn will go onto Cambridge via Teversham and Newmarket Road, returning to Newmarket as now. In the afternoon from Newmarket the bus will go onto Cambridge instead of terminating at Teversham and this bus will return to Ferndale Teversham. Unfortunately it cannot return to Fulbourn or Little Wilbraham because it is a school bus and there isn't time to do this. The 18 will continue to run on Tuesdays Fridays and Saturdays only but timings on the Newmarket service will change giving a bit longer at Newmarket as well as giving the Wilbraham's a later morning bus into Cambridge. Please refer to the new timetable on the county council and Go Whippet websites..
4. I am pleased to report that since the meeting at the Swifts community centre dealing with a number of matters concerning super-fast broadband, Virgin Media has conducted a survey of the Swifts Estate and some connections have now been made, BT Openreach has installed another local exchange green box for the village and Connecting Cambridgeshire is hopeful that the issue of the BT direct lines can be resolved although because of State Aid it cannot give financial support to BT. As to the problem of adopting roads and footpaths in the Swifts, Accent, Carters, Kier, South Cambs and the county are working to get this sorted as quickly as possible.
5. In resurfacing the roads and footpaths in the Beechwoods Comfrey Court was missed by the contractor and this has now been put right.
6. Addenbrooke's NHS Trust has now cut the grass on the strip of land beside Yarrow Road and I've been assured that it is now back in the hospital's grounds maintenance programme of a cut in the spring and autumn to maintain the wild flower meadow.

John Williams

District Report to Parish

Teversham Road Appeal

Castlefield has lodged an appeal against the decision from SCDC to refuse approval of the dwellings on the site at Teversham Road. The Parish Council will have an opportunity to respond to this appeal by the 27th January. All the information already submitted will be on file and taken into account. It will need to be decided how the Parish Council will want to be represented at this appeal. The developers will have appointed legal advice and representation in the form of a QC. The Parish Council along with other groups in Fulbourn such as Fulbourn Fields and residents groups will need to decide how they are represented so as they can best cope with cross examination and scrutiny on reasons given for refusal.

Consultation on cycleway proposals

Residents of Fulbourn will be getting details of the proposed Eastern Access Cycleway as this is up for consultation between 4th January and 15th February. I have attended the consultation process at Shire Hall to discuss this issue. I believe the plans will benefit the residents on the Beechwoods estate who cycle to and from work into the city along Fulbourn Road as access will be made easier from the estate to the new cycleways. Clearly these cycleways will benefit residents in Fulbourn village (such as myself) who cycle along this road on their daily commute. It is for this reason that I am in favour of these alterations and want to see them implemented. I do feel that the link between Fulbourn village and the city will be improved by this alteration but could be more ambitious by extending the designated cycle lane all the way down to Yarrow Road. Furthermore I would like to see some sort of lighting down Cambridge Road to make cyclists feel more comfortable about using the shared cycle path. Currently I believe some cyclists are opting to still cycle on the road (which is very busy at peak times) so as not to get held up or more worryingly have a collision with a pedestrian on the cycle/shared pathway. This situation would definitely be helped by lighting or a totally separate cycle path along Cambridge Road. I think this is unlikely to be achievable but it doesn't hurt to have a vision when money is being allocated through the City Deal specifically for linking surrounding villages into Cambridge central with designated cycle paths.

Tree works

The SCDC tree surgery contractors have now completed the tree works that were discussed in previous Parish meetings. The two trees at the end of Shelford Road that have been cut back have been done so to make the path safe and passable for pedestrians. In Fromont Close paths have been cleared of overhanging debris and all trees trimmed back. The contractors also have cut back trees and overgrowing bushes surrounding one of the street lamps on Fromont Close as the light was totally masked by the overgrowing branches and bushes.

The Local Plan

The Local Plan consultation is taking place and Parishes will be expected to reply to this by 25th January. On the whole I am pleased with the changes made to the Local Plan as I feel they are balanced in terms of housing, employment and protecting the Greenbelt as much as possible. I will be voting for these amendments and I hope that the Local Plan goes through as quickly as possible as this will protect our village from speculative development. I believe that Fulbourn does very well in the Local Plan as the Greenbelt that we are surrounded by is protected and not earmarked for further development to meet our districts housing needs.

Graham Cone

Item 266

Minutes of Recreation Ground Working Party Meeting held on 4th January 2017

Present: G Ward, D Smith and I Still.

Apologies: None

Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Dog fouling; slightly better.

We may have a Badger problem; will investigate further; GW/IS

Vandalism: Children breaking onto MUGA only.

Moles have been dealt with by Andy.

Trees/Hedges: Nick still waited re Stonebridge and Barnsfield.

Compost Bin: Monitor

New Mower: Doe's to advise if service needed.

Public Tennis Court needs resurfacing. Ask Justin to weed and Roundup spray.

Repairs to drainage work: 3 quotes needed.

Ditch Stonebridge Lane: Need to complete clearing urgently to avoid impact on new drains.

AOB

Limit gate has been hit and needs repair.

Cricket: Proposed new net near MUGA. D Smith to report and Ian Still to provide information to the Parish Council.

Date of next meeting—15th March 2017