

Minutes of a Meeting of FULBOURN PARISH COUNCIL held in The Fulbourn Centre, Home End, Fulbourn on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

**Present:** Councillor Drage (Chairman), and Councillors Cone (from Item 62.5), Dawson, Johnson, Lacey (from Item 62.3), Newell, Sitton, Smith, Thorn and Ward, County & District Councillor Williams and the Clerk.

	<b>Action</b>
<p><b>57 To accept apologies for absence.</b> Cllrs Brown, Lockwood, Mair, Rickett &amp; Shepherd. Lateness from Cllr Cone.</p> <p><b>58 To notify the clerk of any declarations of interest that will be declared by members for any item to be discussed.</b> None received.</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> No one present.</p> <p><b>59 To receive reports from County and District Councillors.</b> County Councillor Williams and District Councillor Williams issued the attached reports. Cllr Ward asked if there was any way SCDC could follow Harlow Council's suit and set up an injunction to prevent travellers from setting up on Council land. Cllr Williams said it all depends on ownership of the land; if private it would be up to the landowner to take eviction measures. Cllr Drage questioned whether the PC could set up an injunction itself to cover the PC's land and Cllr Williams suggested contacting Cambridgeshire Acre for advice on whether this is possible. District Councillor Cone. Item deferred.</p> <p><b>60 Completion of End of Year Accounts.</b> The External Auditor has signed off the end of year accounts. Cllr Newell proposed accepting completion of the accounts, proposal seconded by Cllr Thorn and agreed.</p> <p><b>61 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>62 Matters arising from the last meeting.</b></p> <p>62.1 <u>The Swifts</u>. Cllr Thorn made a very fitting tribute to Jo Patten on 7/10/17 during the Library's Coffee morning then Jo's family unveiled a plaque in her memory.</p> <p>62.2 <u>Ida Darwin</u>. Outline planning permission was approved in August. A S106 Agreement cannot be drawn up until the County Council decide if they wish to have a Pre-school building on the site. Cllr Lacey arrived at this point.</p> <p>62.3 <u>Defibrillator</u>. Cllr Smith will carry out maintenance of the equipment if required.</p> <p>62.4 <u>Teversham Road development</u>. Cllr Drage has written to SCDC concerned about conditions in the S106 Agreement regarding future maintenance of the Open Spaces which the Parish Council has always insisted it would not take over and how the Planning Meeting itself was conducted. Cllr Cone arrived at this point.</p> <p>62.5 <u>Mobile Speeding Device</u>. Cllr Cone advised this has now been erected in Balsham Road and is arranging for the data to be collected. Cllr Ward confirmed this is proving very effective in slowing down traffic.</p> <p>62.6 <u>Streetlights</u>. Cllr Ward proposed getting quotations to either refurbish or install replacement antique style columns. Proposal seconded by Cllr Johnson. Any costs could be included in future precept budgets until all Parish Council owned lights that need attention are replaced or refurbished.</p> <p>62.7 <u>Recreation Ground security</u>. A site meeting was held with the Police and Cllrs Drage, Thorn and Ward viewing all entrances and the pavilion. Some recommendations will be carried out immediately and others included in the budget for next year.</p> <p>62.8 <u>Cemetery break-in</u>. The Clerk is having difficulty in obtaining quotes for repairs to the storage shed. Cllr Ward suggested asking one of our contractors for advice. Council had</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>

<p>considered replacing the building with a metal container but will see if having double skimmed bricks with a cavity would be a better option.</p> <p>62.9 Tree works. Quotations are being sought for maintenance of Lime Trees in Greater Foxes and another tree in need of attention in Impett's Lane.</p> <p><b>63 To consider planning applications.</b></p> <p><u>Appeal dismissed</u>: S/0686/17/FL, 6 Caraway Road – Proposed side extension for new staircase.</p> <p><u>Non-material amendment</u>. S/3114/17/NM, 12 Oslar's Way for alteration to front elevation.</p> <p><u>Certificate of Lawful proposed use or development</u>: S/2766/17/LD, Valley Farm, Balsham Road. Occupation of dwelling house not limited to persons employed in agriculture, horticulture or forestry.</p> <p><u>Permissions received for</u>: S/2537/17/VC, 12 Station Road – Variation of condition 2 (approved plans of planning application S/1779/16/FL regarding a single storey rear kitchen extension);</p> <p>S/2651/17/FL, 85 Cambridge Road – Proposed roof dormer and roof light windows;</p> <p>S/2744/17/FL, 1 Town Close – Proposed car port and change of use of land to residential;</p> <p>S/2763/17/FL, 77 Station Road – New single one and half storey dwelling with new vehicular access.</p> <p><u>New Applications</u>: S/3225/17/FL and S/3226/17/LB, College Farmhouse, 2 Balsham Road – Demolition of existing conservatory; construction of single storey kitchen and study extensions to the rear of the property with associated internal alterations; refurbishment and replacement of some existing modern windows with new traditionally detailed windows. Recommendation supports.</p> <p>A planning application for an Exception Site comprising of 14 dwellings with associated works for land west of Balsham Road has been received and it was agreed to hold a Public Exhibition ahead of a Planning Meeting. Provisionally the date was date for 25/10/17 subject to the availability of a venue. Cllr Smith offered to do a mail drop to residents in Balsham Road, Jeeves Acre and Barnsfield.</p> <p><b>64 Tree works</b>: Ludlow's Lane – Holm Oak, remove lower laterals to improve light to house. No comment;</p> <p>18 Balsham Road – Norway Spruce, remove; 14 in total Poplars, remove, 3 Limes, re-pollard; No comment;</p> <p>13 High Street – Prune Rhus back to boundary line. No comment;</p> <p>11 High Street – Limes, reduce crown by 2-3m and crown raise to 5m over car park. Trees would appear to be neighbouring property.</p> <p>Disclaimer: Fulbourn Parish Council Tree Officer and the Parish Council accept no liability for the advice given above.</p> <p><b>65 Correspondence.</b></p> <p>65.1 <b>Cambridgeshire Acre</b> – Draft Consultation on Local Development Plan is available on their website; submit any comments by 10/11/17; Town and Parish Councils Conference, St Ives, 17/11/17 9.30am – 1pm.</p> <p>65.2 <b>CCC</b> – Cambridgeshire Highways Depot Open Day at Whittlesford on 16/10/17 between 10am – 4pm.</p> <p>65.3 <b>SCDC</b> – Notes from a Rural Travel Hubs Engagement Event held on 6/9/17.</p> <p>65.4 <b>SCDC</b> – Consultation on Neighbourhood Planning Guidance runs until 30/10/17. The PC/Cllr Ward has a list of those residents who wish to be involved. After discussion, and aware any Parish Council can put in its own terms in a personalised Neighbourhood Plan, this item will be placed on the November agenda. In the meantime, Cllrs Drage, Thorn and Ward will read through the guidance notes. Cllr Drage advised that the PC had previously addressed this issue when Neighbourhood Plans had first been introduced by SCDC and the</p>	<p><b>1323</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk DS</b></p> <p><b>Nov Agenda</b></p>
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PC had decided to monitor the situation until we had a clearer idea of what was involved and the costs. The information in the Fulbourn Parish Plan could form a good starting point if it is decided to go ahead and look into setting up a Neighbourhood Plan.

65.5 **Greater Cambridge Partnership** – Copy of letter being sent to residents regarding which will be commencing in the village in the coming weeks as part of the Cross City Cycle Scheme.

65.6 **C Fabre** – Request for seating at the bus shelter near Windmill Lane. This has been discussed previously and quotations being sought. See Item 67.

65.7 **J Street** – Request for double yellow lines near Stackyard Court. This came up a few years ago; The Police visited the site but as lines are not permitted near the private road exits as vehicles should not be parking there anyway, all they could offer was to monitor the problem. Cllr John Williams has also been consulted.

65.8 **Allotment Holders** – Vermin found on plots; Pest Control to deal with problem.

65.9 **SCDC** – Details of Repair Café events being held during October 2017.

65.10 **SPEP** (Sustainable Communities and Partnerships) – Mental Wellbeing Workshop being held in Histon on 9/10/17. A free event in Swavesey on 10/10/17 offering funding advice to communities, clubs and charities.

65.11 **Fulbourn Arts** – What’s On – list of events planned for October 2017.

65.12 **SCDC** – September Parish e-bulletin.

65.13 **Fulbourn Forum** – List of future events and an update on No: 18 Service bus to Newmarket.

65.14 **A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon** – Free creative writing classes being held at Madingley Hall from early November 2017. This information has been circulated to the Chairman of Fulbourn Village Library.

65.15 **NHS Cambridgeshire & Peterborough** – Information regarding the “Stay well this winter” campaign.

65.16 **SPEP** (see No. 10) – A “Working with young people” networking and information event at Milton Country Park on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017 5pm-7pm.

65.17 **Cambridgeshire Constabulary** – Next Panel meeting is on 17/10/17 in Sawston. Cllr Drage will attend.

65.18 **Townley Hall** – AGM on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 8pm.

65.19 **Resident** – Concerns about number of vehicles including vans along Pierce Lane parking half on the pavement. This is not only impeding pedestrians but also badly damaging the surface of the path. It was agreed to report this to both the County Council and Police.

65.20 **Resident** – Concerns about neighbour leaving food on outhouse roof which is attracting vermin. The Clerk has explained this is a matter for the District Council but said she would bring it to our District Councillors attention.

65.21 **CAPALC** – AGM on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017 in Histon at 7pm.

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**66 To resolve the accounts for the month.**

Wages: Pavilion Cleaner.....161.50R	RBL: Wreath.....18.50
Konica: Photocopier.....101.08	Camb Water Co: Swifts rates.....31.45
Camb Water: Rec Ground.....161.33	Camb Courts: Maintenance.....2,856.22
B’s Travel: Shopper bus.....220.00R	Barclays: Monthly fees.....20.98R
HP: Ink services.....3.49	BT: Internet fees.....169.68
SP Landscapes: Grass cutting.....1,500.00	TalkTalk: September calls.....37.02
HMRC: Tax & NI.....512.35R	Camb Water Co: Cemetery rates.....19.65
APC: Pest control.....100.00	T Fretwell: RFO fees.....500.00
e-on: Pavilion gas.....128.31	

Cllr Thorn proposed accepting the accounts, proposal seconded by Cllr Ward and agreed.

This deferred Item was taken next: 59 To receive report from District Councillor.

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Cllr Cone issued the attached report.

**67 Council Committees.**

Finance Committee. Minutes of a meeting held on 9/10/17 were issued and accepted.

Cllr Drage referred to the Youth Building saying the R.F.O. agreed Council should move on with this project. Further delays will only result in the project costing more. She said Council had been prudent over the years and with the generous donation from a parishioner, had done well to raise 50% of the estimated project cost. Aware there were several apologies from Councillors tonight, those present agreed to have this item on the November agenda for resolution.

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

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 9.40pm.

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Additional reports:

**Item 59.1**

**County Councillor Report to Fulbourn Parish Council**

1. You will know that the 18 bus started again on the 26<sup>th</sup> September on Tuesdays and Fridays only. As I write this the county council is still awaiting a response from Whippet regarding its suggested Monday to Friday service to the city.
2. Since I reported on the public consultation for Cherry Hinton North the Government has chosen The West London Academy Trust to run the proposed secondary school. The county council has contacted the Trust regarding its intentions for catchment and admission policies. No news on the primary school as yet.
3. Cadent Gas has applied to close Dogget Lane at its junction with Babraham Road from 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018 to enable it to lay a gas supply to New Barn Farm. The diversion route is to be via School Lane, Ludlow Lane and Home End in both directions. Normally local residents affected would be notified two weeks before the start of the closure but because it is after the Christmas/New Year holiday I have asked that its done earlier than this.
4. The gully cleansing programme is being carried out in my Division later this year which consists of cleaning out all of the gullies and if they find anything wrong or think there needs to be further investigations carried out they will report this back to the highways team to action.
5. You may have heard that the county is to U turn on its £1 parking charge at the Park and Ride sites. Evidence that this has led to increasing air pollution levels in the city centre has been increasing. As you know I was opposed to this charge which was done purely to raise income without any thought to its effect on the environment and health caused by increasing traffic levels.
6. Following the presentation of a 3,800 petition by me and Lib Dem colleagues the proposed closure of many of the county's children centres will be debated at the next full meeting of the county council on 17<sup>th</sup> October.
7. The Greater Cambridge Partnership has launched its "big conversation" seeking people's views through online and face to face at business and community events across the Cambridge sub region on the improvements in transport, housing, skills and technology that would help them in the future. This goes together with a survey of travel in the Cambridge area.
8. Up to £1 million pounds of funding is available from Cambridgeshire County Council to help amazing people do amazing things for others in the county. Grants from £2,000 to £10,000 is available to groups to which help deliver the council's priorities locally. More than £170,000 has already been allocated from the fund, with successful applicants to date including a group supporting parents of children with disabilities and another which supports people with learning disabilities to move into employment. Organisations and local groups looking for further information can see full details at the Innovate and Cultivate website: <http://www.cambscf.org.uk/icf.html>
9. As everyone knows our schools have been very underfunded and the county has lobbied for years (alongside many organisations, MPs and not least the schools themselves!) for better funding. The recent announcement from Government readjusts the Formula and adds various new elements to it. Forus it is relatively good news but not as good as we had been hoping for. The impact on individual schools varies according to size and location but we welcome the fact that the government is at last distributing money on a rational basis; which is long overdue. The government's funding for schools increases in total cash terms as more pupils enter the system (i.e. they have

protected the cash value of the per pupil unit) but what they have not done is to increase the cash amount per pupil to allow for inflation in school costs. So, in what most people would call 'real terms', schools are slightly worse off but, as far as Cambridgeshire is concerned not as worse off as we might have been!

10. Now the county council is calling on the Government to give our county a fair deal on resources for children's social care. It is estimated by the Local Government Association that by 2020 there will be a funding gap in children's services of at least £2 billion. In Cambridgeshire services have come under substantial pressure in recent years with a 48.8% increase in the number of Looked after Children and a 100% increase in the number of children subject to a Child Protection Plan in the past four years. Those children who need care have increasingly complex needs which puts pressure on foster care placements and increases the cost of care.
11. And finally Teach in Cambridgeshire have, once again, organised an Initial Teacher Training event to make people more aware of all the options open to them. This event will be of use to anyone considering a career in teaching. Please help us spread the word about our 'Getting into Teaching' event at Anglia Ruskin University on Thursday 16th November 2017, 6-8pm. There will be a range of local providers attending offering all phases and routes such as school centred places, PGCEs, B.Ed or internships.

John Williams

#### **District Councillor Report to Fulbourn Parish Council**

1. Ahead of the council taking delivery of new refuse vehicles, from 11 December residents will no longer need to use the paper caddies in the blue wheelie bin. Instead all paper should be put directly into blue wheelie bins. It will still be recycled. Residents can keep their caddy following the change and use it however they wish; alternatively, the caddies can be recycled if taken to a household waste recycling centre. They should not be placed in wheelie bins as they are made of a plastic difficult to recycle. I have been assured that additional blue wheelie bins will be available to residents at no charge.
2. I have been told by Accent that it is resubmitting its application for a small development of 100% affordable homes in Balsham Road Fulbourn.
3. The Awarded Watercourse in Teversham Road is being cleared to ensure it has the capacity to handle surface water drainage from Roberts Way and Thomas Road. Metropolitan has also improved its storm water alert system to ensure the two attenuation tanks under Roberts Way can cope with sudden down pours. The situation is being kept under review by both district and county council officers.
4. It used to be the case that if a Parish Council or a local member disagreed with a planning officer about whether an application should be refused or approved it would go to South Cambs' planning committee. This was useful as it allowed parish and district councillors to voice their views as well as applicants and other people. This has all changed and now the planning committee is reserved only for large planning applications or for those that are extremely contentious.
5. South Cambs just cannot get to grips with the number of planning applications it is dealing with and this could lead to the Government taking charge and deciding on applications for us. As a result of Lib Dem questioning was revealed that there are over 500 applications currently in the system with over 60 of these being major developments, while there are a further 300 in the pipeline at the "pre-app" stage. Experienced planning officers have left and all attempts so far to turn the situation around using planners fresh out of college to keep down costs have failed. We just have to pay more to get the good quality planners that will turn this around yet the Council would rather pay consultants and spend £50,000 to study buses – the council isn't even responsible for public transport policy.

6. There is evidence that many people are paying council tax when they do not have to. If you or another person in your house is suffering from a mental impairment then they should not be paying any council tax. This can include learning difficulties, mental illness or dementia. The affected person must be living alone or with one or 2 other people. There is a very simple form which the person can get from South Cambs, fill it in and ask their doctor to sign it.

John Williams

## **Item 59.2**

### **District Councillor report to Parish Council October 2017**

#### Mobile speeding device

The mobile speeding device has now been displayed on Balsham Road and has already had good feedback from residents. The software for data collection is in the process of being installed on a Windows based system and I will report data back to the Parish Council as and when acquired. As previously agreed at the Parish Council I will aim to move the device on a monthly basis and charge the device on a fortnightly basis.

#### Application on Balsham Road

A new application has been submitted for 14 affordable homes opposite the lay-by on Balsham Road. The previous application was for more homes but was withdrawn. This would again be an exception site as it is within the greenbelt and would again be 100% affordable housing. The Parish Council will be asked to make a planning recommendation again as this is a separate application. I believe the application was withdrawn previously due to problems surrounding viability relating to funding towards the County Council.

#### Unwanted commercial advertising

A commercial business (Natural Paving) has displayed boards advertising their service across the village. Residents had complained that these boards had been displayed in community areas. Following investigation the company had drilled their signs into SCDC street name signs with no permission from SCDC to do so. I contacted the company to explain that they can't advertise their services on SCDC property and to remove them within 24 hours. This was not done so I went round the village and removed and destroyed all of the advertising myself.

#### Removal of paper caddies

From 11/12/2017 residents in Fulbourn will no longer be required to use their paper caddies to separate paper from other blue bin waste. All paper items that currently are placed in the paper caddy will now need to be placed in the blue bin. This change will result in:

- fewer miles being travelled by our trucks at SCDC
- fewer trucks being needed in the future with a saving to tax payers of around £670.
- A reduction on CO<sub>2</sub> emissions
- Staff will no longer have to lift heavy caddies out of bins to place waste in refuse trucks
- The council will no longer need to replace or fix broken or caddies which will result in a saving each year
- All paper placed in the blue bin rather than the caddy will still be recycled.

Graham Cone