

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOXTON PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON MONDAY, 24th JULY, AT 8.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Mr Pusey, Mr Hockley, Mr Barnes, Mr Chilton, Miss Thake

Mr Alan Neale of Neale Property Services

IN ATTENDANCE

2 members of the public

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr Brooksbank, Dr Grindley , Mr Kennedy and Dr McKeown

Mr Pusey welcomed all to the meeting

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

The clerk said she owned one of the properties in West Hill Road bordering exception site 27. Mr Barnes said that he had an interest in one of the planning applications to be discussed (S/1331/06/F) at 53 Fowlmere Road, as the applicant, Mrs B P Benstead was a neighbour.

CONSIDERATION OF MR NEALE'S DRAFT REPRESENTATION ON BEHALF OF FOXTON PARISH COUNCIL

Mr Pusey began by suggesting that the document begin with a summary of the main points raised in objection to the sites 27 and 28 being included in the village framework. He also suggested that these points be cross-referenced to the main text. Mr Neale agreed to make an executive summary at the beginning of the document.

Various issues within the document were discussed, particularly traffic congestion in the village (with reference to a recent survey) and the difficulties at the level crossing, and Mr Neale agreed to make several changes to address these matters.

Mr Pusey pointed out that there had been factual errors in the representations about the acreage and the proximity of the school to site 28.

Mr Hockley was concerned that Mr Neale's submission was very long. However, it was thought that the document developed all the issues in a logical way and could not substantially be abridged.

It was agreed that Mr Neale would e-mail the amended document to the clerk and that the clerk would write a covering letter to SCDC. It was also agreed to deliver the document by hand to the district council and, if necessary, also e-mail the document and covering letter to SCDC.

REPORTS FROM THE COMMITTEES

FINANCE

Mr Hockley gave details of the bank accounts as follows:

Deposit Account	£23,070.67
Current Account	£50.48
Cambridge Building Society	£13,604.68
(This included interest for the 6 months to June of £152.01 and a tax rebate of £51.54 for 2005/06)	

Mr Hockley proposed that the following cheques be approved:

Serviceteam (grass cutting May/June)	£1451.63
Anglia Office Systems (drum unit for printer/copier)	£115.15
Moore Stephens (audit fee for 2005/06)	£293.75
Herald Contract Services (spraying the Recreation Ground 13/7/06)	£293.75

Miss Thake seconded the proposal and all were agreed that these payments, totalling £2154.28, should be made, and that £2155 be transferred from the Deposit Account to the Current Account. However, Mr Hockley asked the clerk to delay sending the cheque to Moore Stephens until she had checked the scale of fees, as the bill was higher than he would have expected.

PLANNING

Mr Barnes reported as follows:

Amended application

Mr and Mrs T Williams	Application No. S/1100/06/F for an extension at 16 Hillfield Revised plans received
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Application considered at the meeting

Mrs B P Benstead	Application No. S/1331/06/F for an extension at 53 Fowlmere Road Approved
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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Pusey reported receipt of a letter from the Bowls Club complaining that balls were being kicked against the Bows Club fence and disrupting games. The letter suggested that the parish council instal metal signs asking people not to kick balls against the fence.

A discussion followed and it was generally agreed that such notices would not deter people from kicking balls against the fence. The clerk was asked to write to Mr Nutcombe (Chairman, Foxton Bowls Club) to convey the council's view, but to say the council would have no objection to the Bowls club erecting signs itself.

Mr Chilton said it would be necessary for someone to meet the grass cutting contractor to arrange for a quotation for a rough cut of the dovecote meadow. Mr Pusey said he needed a contact number for Cleanaway.

Mr Chilton also reported that the pump on The Green was working. Consideration of whether to proceed with a costly refurbishment of the pump was deferred till a later date.

The clerk reported that she had finally been able to arrange for the paper-recycling bin in the gravel car park to be removed after a letter and numerous unsatisfactory telephone calls.

It was reported that the light outside the sports pavilion in the community Building car park was only working intermittently. The clerk was asked to report the matter to Mr Sproston at CCC.

Mr Pusey reported that the council's solicitor was not very happy with some aspects of the management agreement for the allotments. It was agreed that the best way forward was to make Foxton Gardens Association responsible for the fence on the Recreation Ground extension.

The meeting then concluded.