

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOXTON PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON MONDAY, 1st JUNE 2009, AT 7.45 p.m.

PRESENT

Dr Oakley, Dr Grindley, Mr Allars, Mr Bentinck, Mrs Macintyre, Mr Sutton

County Councillor David McCraith

District Councillor Mrs Roberts

IN ATTENDANCE

2 members of the public

APOLOGIES

Mr Barnes, Dr McKeown

Dr Oakley welcomed all to the meeting.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

As no amendments were needed, Dr Oakley proposed that the Minutes of the previous Meeting, held on Monday, 18th May 2009, be signed as a true record. Mr Bentinck seconded the proposal and all were agreed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

PARISH PLAN UPDATE

Mr Allars said that the steering group had reached the stage where all information contained in the questionnaires had been collated and it now remained for the parish council to hold a special meeting to scrutinise the draft plan and determine any actions to be taken. It was agreed that the closed special meeting would be held on Monday, 13th July at 7.45 pm in the Village Hall. Mr Allars said that the draft plan would be circulated in advance of the meeting. The clerk reported receiving a telephone call from Cambridgeshire ACRE and passed on the e-mail address of the relevant contact to Mr Allars.

REPORTS FROM THE WORKING PARTIES

RECREATION AND AMENITIES

Mr Bentinck reported as follows:

1. Mr Bentinck had e-mailed the contractors for grass cutting in the village as many of the agreed areas for cutting were being missed: he would be holding a site meeting on the Recreation Ground later in the week.
2. Mr Salmons had completed the current list of works for the council.
3. A decision on the placement of additional dog bins had not yet been made

4. Mr Bentinck said he would contact RoSPA about the annual inspection of the Play Area as he thought this should have been completed by now.
5. Mr Bentinck had established that Mr Phillips had received the registered letter about encroachment onto the Recreation Ground. *The clerk was asked to seek advice on this matter from CALC and report back to Mr Bentinck.*
6. A metal railing at the back of the church had been completely flattened with a report that the damage was due to a falling tree. However, there was some doubt about this owing to the extent of the damage.

FINANCE

Mr Sutton gave details of the bank Accounts as follows:

Deposit Account	£18,470.04
Current Account	£52.60

Mr Sutton proposed the following cheques for payment:

A10 Skip Hire (re Refuse at the Dovecote Meadow)	£80.50
Anglo Fabrication Ltd (two polycarbonate panels)	£254.15
CGM (Cambridge) Ltd (grass cutting April/May)	£345.00
N Oakley (1 st half Chairman's Honorarium)	£80.00

Mrs Macintyre seconded the proposal and all were agreed that these payments, totalling £759.65, should be made and that £760 should be transferred from the Deposit Account to the Current Account.

Mr Sutton said that the funds in the Cambridge Building Society were only used occasionally and were earning a very low rate of interest (0.025%). He proposed opening an appropriate account with Standard Life into which the money in the Cambridge Building Society could then be transferred. Dr Oakley seconded the proposal and all were agreed.

Mr Sutton said that he had been rather worried about the large proportion of the first half of this year's precept that had already been spent and said he would provide the council with a payments/receipts account every three months so that the council would be able better to keep track of its expenditure.

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr Grindley reported that the council had received a copy of the amended FPC application for three light standards on the Recreation Ground. The SCDC Planning Office had spotted an anomaly in the original application with some elements of the application being shown outside the red-edged area (relating to the application) on the plan. This matter had now been cleared up.

Mr van Bochoven (in the visitors' seats) asked when, if the application were approved, the lights would be on. Dr Grindley said that this depended on whether its use were to be confined to the sports clubs or whether a wider community use had to be accommodated.

Two letters had been sent to the SCDC Planning Department. The first was to the Head of Planning and expressed the council's concerns about the demolition of a large part of the wall bounding the Burlington Press site in the High Street, apparently without planning consent. Mrs Roberts and Mr Barnes had been assured by the owner that the new entrance to the site being made from the High Street would be for visitors only. *However it was reported at the meeting that a notice had been installed subsequently, where the new entrance was being prepared, stating "Goods Inwards".* The letter also raised the matter of the fence along the A10, which did not have planning consent.

The second letter was to Saffron Garner and related to the lack of a planning application for the site of the former Q6 garage. This matter had dragged on for years and the clerk asked for details of the Planning Contravention Notice (PCN) that the council understood was being served and for an account of what had happened regarding a previous PCN served on the owner. The clerk reported that Ms Garner had responded by telephoning very promptly. Ms Garner said that the PCN had been issued with a deadline of 18th June. Regarding the earlier PCN, Ms Garner said that a response had been received, but had apparently languished in the file.

Mrs Roberts said that she would chase up all three matters at the SCDC Offices.

POLICE LIAISON REPORT

There was nothing to report.

RECREATION GROUND TRUST REPORT

There was nothing to report, as the Trust had not met since the council meeting on 18th May.

DOVECOTE/MEADOW PROJECT

Mrs Macintyre reported that the working party had met on 27th May and that two thirds of the meadow area had been cut and raked. The skip that had been hired was filled with the hay from the last cuts. There was nothing further to report on the archaeological investigation.

CORRESPONDENCE

The clerk summarised the correspondence received since the last meeting, which is given in full below:

- 1) CCC Cycle Map and leaflet on cycling in Cambridge.
- 2) COPE newsletter, June 2009.
- 3) Publicity material from Barcham Trees.

VISITORS' QUESTIONS

Mr Challis said he recognised that the new entrance to the Press site was rightly causing concern, but said that, on the brighter side, the proposal for a housing development at the site had been dropped and the existing façade of the old Press building would be retained.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Allars asked how the deer found in Foxton Wood had met its death. Mrs Macintyre thought that the deer had been fatally injured by the fence.

Mr Bentinck said he was seeking a quotation for the repair of the bench at the top of Caxton Hill, which had been reduced to its metal frame.

Mr Sutton asked whether an update were needed on the “cricket balls” issue. Dr Oakley said that the resident who had complained about the hazards arising from balls entering her garden had initially not received any helpful response from the Cricket Club. However, this was now being dealt with by the Cricket Club and the Recreation Ground Trust (RGT) and was therefore considered not to be a matter directly for the Council as such. Any news or decisions would be brought to the Council via the report from the RGT.

In the light of the impending election for County Councillors, Mrs Roberts thanked Mr McCraith for all his good work to date as the County Councillor for Melbourn Ward.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was confirmed that the next meeting would be held on **Monday, 6th July 2009** at **7.45pm** in the **Meeting Room** of the **Village Hall**.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.43pm.