

## Minutes of the meeting of Fairfield Parish Council held in Fairfield Community Hall on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 7:30 pm

**Councillors present:** B E Dack (Chairman), C Bidwell, P Daffarn, N Hanks, P Mitchinson and G Smith.

**Officer present:** Katrina Henshaw (Parish Clerk)

**Also present for all or part of the meeting:** Ward Member Councillor B Saunders and five members of the public.

### **331 Apologies for Absence**

331.1 Apologies received from Councillor V C Batten (holiday) and Ward Member Councillor G Clarke (illness).

### **332 Disclosures of Interest**

332.1 No disclosures of interest were received.

### **333 Council Minutes**

333.1 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2015 had been circulated to all councillors and it was

#### **RESOLVED**

**That these minutes be agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings and be duly signed by the Chairman.**

### **334 Public Participation**

334.1 No members of the Public requested to speak.

### **335 Parish Crime Update**

335.1 PC Gary Kidd advised that between 12<sup>th</sup> February and 8<sup>th</sup> March there were no new recorded crimes. The average crime for 2014/15 was 1.91 per month which was less than 2013/14 when it was 4.08 per month.

### **336 Central Bedfordshire Council Ward Members Report**

336.1 Councillor Saunders reported that Household Waste Recycling Centres are being updated. Biggleswade is the nearest one to Fairfield and there will be a new one in Dunstable with ramps to allow people to drive in rather than climb steps.

'Just Ask 2015' has just been launched which is a project to reach out to isolated groups. Residents are invited to visit the 'RAVE' bus and discuss issues.

### 337 Speed limit in Fairfield

337.1 There is no match funding currently available from CBC. FPC is waiting for costs from CBC for a traffic order.

### 338 West Drive

338.1 CBC has received additional monies to spend, predominantly for the proposed new lighting. The works using these monies need to be ordered by the end of March and completed as soon as possible after that. Given that CBC is still awaiting prices for the lower level lighting, CBC intend to use this new pot of money on the lighting along the 370 metre section of West Drive from Arlesey High Street to the Care Home.

### 339 Allotments and Recreation Space

339.1 Councillors Dack, Daffarn and Bidwell had two meetings with CBC looking at the possibility of using a field south of Fairfield for Allotments and Recreation Space. The tenant who farms the land from the house to the cemetery is retiring so the tenancy is available but it was agreed that this land is too divorced from Fairfield. It was, however, agreed that Bidwell Management Agency would ask the tenant who farms the land adjacent to the southern boundary if he would consider relinquishing 10 acres of land adjacent to the boundary and being offered 10 acres of the land where the tenancy is going to change in return.

### 340 Cemetery

340.1 Stotfold Town Council has agreed that Fairfield residents will stop getting residents rates at Stotfold Cemetery from 30<sup>th</sup> April 2015. It was agreed that Councillor Smith would approach the cemetery committee to see if FPC can make an annual contribution to the cemetery to ensure Fairfield residents continue to get the resident rates. **Action: GS**

### 341 Bench

341.1 The bench which was located on Hitchin Road below the dangerous tree that was recently removed has gone missing. CBC has a small amount of budget that could be used to replace the bench. FPC agreed the style should be wooden and similar to the ones around the cricket pitch. **Action: KH**

### 342 Defibrillator in Fairfield

342.1 Waiting for Tesco to install the defibrillator.

### 343 Maps

343.1 Ordnance Survey has advised that all the requested changes have been made.

### 344 Road Gritting

344.1 FPC has supplied CBC with the 'Winter Maintenance Plan' and has requested permission from CBC to grit roads in Fairfield under a special 'delegation agreement'.

### 345 The Parish Plan / The Neighbourhood Plan

345.1 All the survey results had been inputted and results were now available. The action/planning groups are now looking at the different topics. The steering group needs more volunteers and is advertising for new members. Councillor Mitchinson is meeting with CBC/BRCC to establish what further work needs to be done before The Neighbourhood Plan can be drafted as it will be a legal document and the process is stimulated by CBC. **Action: PM**

### **346 Section 106 Agreement – Disputed ownership and possible transfer of land.**

346.1 The Rt Hon Alistair Burt, MP is holding a follow up meeting tomorrow (Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March) with CBC, FPC, Directors of FHMC, Livesey and hopefully Hotbed. Councillors Dack, Bidwell and Mitchinson to attend. **Action: BD / CB/ PM**

### **347 Orchard Plan**

347.1 Waiting for the Maintenance Plan from BRCC. BRCC has received a grant from CBC for information boards and some work in the orchard.

### **348 Public Art Money (S106)**

348.1 Councillor Dack to arrange meeting with FPRA and CBC's appointed artist. **Action: BD**

### **349 Transferring Community Hall to FPC**

349.1 FPC still waiting for Linden Homes to carry out the actions raised in the survey report from Templars Building Surveyors Limited.

### **350 Subsidence on the land at the rear of the Community Hall.**

350.1 One hole has been filled in properly and the second hold is being filled in. The second hole has taken longer as was deeper than first thought.

### **351 Fairfield Hall**

351.1 Councillor Bidwell and Colin Chatfield (Director of FHMC) met with CBC and a representative from Livesey this week to see if fire systems in the phases currently being signed off work. It wasn't a pleasant meeting as they didn't see the fire system and the advice they were given was, in Councillor Bidwell's opinion, dangerous advise and of concern to him as a retired Fire Officer. The representative from Livesey did state that Livesey will do everything that is needed to be done so they can get off the site.

### **352 Disaster Plan**

352.1 The Assistance Centre Training Course was postponed until later this year.

### **353 Tesco roof at Beeton Court**

353.1 At the recent meeting only Aylwyck attended so an additional meeting is to be arranged for one with Tesco.

### **354 Annual Parish Meeting**

354.1 Unfortunately no one is available to discuss the Green Wheel and no one is in a position to discuss the Blue Lagoon yet. It was agreed to have reports from

- The Police
- Councillor Dack (FPC Chairman)
- Councillor Mitchinson (Chairman of Parish Plan Steering Group)
- Explanation on how Fairfield works
  - Middlemarch Resident Company
  - FHRA
  - Directors of FHMC
  - FPRA

There will be opportunity for residents to ask questions.  
Ward Members Councillors B Saunders and G Clarke will also be present.

## 355 Planning Applications

355.1 CB/14/01185/FULL 5 Salisbury Close  
The extension is still being built in red brick despite CBC receiving complaints from FPC and residents. It was agreed that FPC will write again to CBC to express concern that the matter has been allowed to go on for so long without a conclusion and ask why work was allowed to progress for such a flagrant breach of the conditions. FPC to ask how long does the informal discussion will continue for before CBC takes a more formal line and establish how long does the freeholder has to correct the issue once notice has been served. **Action: KH**

355.2 CB/15/00488/FULL 30 Heathcliff Avenue  
Single storey side extension, part garage conversion and fenestration alterations.  
FPC expressed its concern over two issues regarding this application:-

1. The application would seem to mean the reduction of available car parking provision to two spaces from the existing four. This would take the provision below CBCs recommendations and further exacerbate the on-road car parking issues we are experiencing at Fairfield.
2. That a condition be placed on the development to ensure that all materials match those as exist on the original dwelling.

If these two issues are resolved then FPC have no objection to the proposal.

## 356 Planning Decisions

356.1 CB/14/04777/FULL 3 Beeton Court  
Change of use of half the premises from A1 use to A3 at 3 Beeton Court.  
FPC has no objections to the basic principle of the application but does has concerns on two issues that hopefully can be covered by conditions imposed on any approval.  
**CBC granted full planning permission 16th February 2015.**

## 357 Finance

357.1 Councillors were provided with details of payments totally £8,528.98 and it was  
**RESOLVED**  
**That all monies on the payments list be paid.**

## 358 Correspondence

358.1 None received

## 359 Date of next meetings

359.1 The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 7.45 pm.

359.2 The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 7.30 pm.

Meeting closed at 8.20 pm