

Present at e-meeting

Jackie Isden (chair), Roger Davies, Chris Gray, Sue Gyles, Sarah Newport, Mandy Smith, James Weeden.

County councillor: Mandy Smith; District Councillor: Sue Ellington.

Parish clerk: Gill Parrish. Members of public: 3

PARISH COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING

Opened at 19.30 via Zoom.

21/049 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

21/050 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

21/051 PUBLIC OPEN FORUM *opened at 19.32* one speaker, re community mental health and wellbeing support (see item 21/060). *Public forum closed at 19.37.*

21/052 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED: the March minutes were proposed, seconded and unanimously approved as correct with no amendments and signed by the chair.

21/053 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND POLICE

053.1 *County councillor's report:*

School governors – there are vacancies for two Fen Drayton school governors.

Mill Road speed limit/Greenways cycle path to busway – no further updates. Cllr Smith has asked Highways to repair the potholes in Holywell Ferry Road.

East West Rail – the proposed Oxford to Cambridge railway is out for consultation (deadline 9 June). One of the proposed routes includes a station at Cambourne, raising concerns about the impact on infrastructure including drainage. Cllr Smith asked the PC to look at the website and decide whether to comment. The chair requested that it is put on the agenda for the May meeting. ACTION: clerk

Further details can be found at: <https://eastwestrail.co.uk>

NMU path along A1307 – motorised wheelchairs will be allowed to use it.

Christmas floods – CCC is still investigating. SCDC is holding one-to-one meetings with affected villages, including Fen Drayton, to draw up flood plans.

053.2 *District councillor's report:*

East West Rail – about 30-40K houses will be built along the railway line to pay for the project. Cllr Ellington echoed Cllr Smith's concerns about the impact the infrastructure would have on the surrounding villages.

Fen Drayton affordable housing – Cllr Ellington has had several complaints about the length of time the affordable housing development has been with SCDC planning. J Isden had already chased and a report from the case office that was submitted in January was not looked at until March! It is hoped that approval will be given within the next two months.

053/3 *Police matters/crime reports:* none received.

21/054 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- 054/1 Email from a resident about helping with mental issues following Covid.
054/2 Email complaints from two residents re dredging spoil on High Street verges (see 21/056).
054/3 Email from SCDC re Zero Carbon Communities grants – for information.
054/5 Email from The Keeper's Daughter theatre company – for information.
054/6 Email from High Street resident about the state of the pavements on High Street between Cootes Lane and the roundabout. One patch has been repaired but there are still three properties where the pavement tarmac has disappeared at the edge of the driveway, due to the flooding. Cllr Smith will chase up with Highways.
054/7 Email requesting update on the affordable homes project (see 21/053/2).
054/8 Email to chair re lock-up art biennale to be held in mid-July. To go on the May agenda.

21/055 VILLAGE MATTERS AND MAINTENANCE

- 055.1 Six no cycling on public footpaths signs and one dog poo sign for the recreation ground to be ordered. **ACTION:** clerk
055.2 Grass cutting – two extra cuts were done in March due to the growth of grass following the January floods and sunny spring weather.
055.3 Swift boxes have been collected and will be put up on the village hall.

21/056 VERGES/DE-SILTING

The large amount of spoil left on verges was due to the brook not being dredged for 17 years. The Land Drainage Act forbids the movement of spoil away from the area. SCDC has agreed to rake over the spoil near Oxholme Bridge. SCDC will de-silt the brook every five years and the PC will work with SCDC to minimise the spoil on the verges. (This to be written into the flood plan.) The clerk will send the PC's reply to the correspondence received. **ACTION:** clerk
SCDC is clearing the flap in the main culvert and will install a grille and water level markers, in the summer. M Smith asked who would maintain the grille (this should be written into the flood plan) and advised checking with SCDC that the grille itself will not cause any problems.

21/057 MILLENNIUM CLOCK

Council members considered three quotations from clock companies for a replacement millennium clock, control unit and installation. **RESOLVED:** Council members unanimously approved the quotation of £1548 from Michlmayr. The clock will need a service every five years at a cost of £130 (this year's price). Clock to be ordered. **ACTION:** clerk

21/058 CHURCH BELL REPAIR

The PCC has applied for a Community Chest grant and is waiting the outcome. If successful, it will not need the grant from the PC.

21/059 DRIVEWAY IMPROVEMENTS - PARK LANE

RESOLVED: council members unanimously approved changes to the driveway of no 56 Park Lane, in principle, subject to sight of the final plans.

21/060 MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING SUPPORT

A resident who is a trained councillor, would like to set up a support scheme for older local people, possibly pandemic related. Sue Ellington, J Isden and S Gyles will set up a committee with the resident and report back at the next meeting.

21/061 COMMUNITY WARDEN UPDATE

R Davies attended the quarterly call with AgeUK. Maria currently has three clients – one in Lolworth and two in Fenstanton. It's hoped that, as people return to work post-lockdown, Maria's services will be more in demand. The community cafe and village meeting will provide an opportunity for Maria to chat to people. S Newport suggested advertising on local radio – for carers across the county. R Davies will propose this to AgeUK. **ACTION:** R Davies

21/062 BOWLS CLUB LEASE RENEWAL

RESOLVED: the council unanimously agreed to the bowls club's request to extend its lease for another year, up to 8 May 2022. New lease letter to be sent to bowls club. **ACTION:** clerk

21/063 GRT COMMUNITY INCLUSION WORKSHOP

063/1 The chair attended an online Gypsy, Roma and Traveller community inclusion workshop hosted by SCDC.

063/2 The chair asked council members to sign up to the online GRT cultural awareness training so the matter can be discussed again at a future meeting, and comments forwarded to SCDC.

21/064 MEETINGS

RESOLVED: council members unanimously agreed to hold the village meeting in the autumn, as, due to Covid distancing rules there is currently no suitable venue for it. Although a remote meeting could be held prior to 7 May, it was not felt that the format would be suitable for many residents and by autumn residents would feel safer with indoor meetings.

21/065 COOTES LANE TRAFFIC CALMING

RESOLVED: the council unanimously approved R Davies's draft leaflet outlining Highways' Cootes Lane traffic calming proposals. It will be designed, printed and delivered to all houses in the village. **ACTION:** clerk

21/066 UPDATES/ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS *(or see agenda item)*.

(20/115) Mill Road speed limit – no further update.

(20/128/6) Men's Shed scheme – members of the SheddIt scheme will come along to give a talk at the community cafe when it reopens.

(21/015) Playground: Caloo has now completed the recommendations specified in the latest playground inspection report. J Isden also notified Caloo of a split in the cover of a cable on the zipwire, and is awaiting a response.

(21/029) Flood defence meeting – CCC still investigating.

(21/042) NMU: Highways will provide signage at the end of Middleton Way once the NMU is handed over by the A14. Motorised wheelchairs will be allowed to use it (as per 21/053).

21/067 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

New applications

None received

Decisions:

20/05286/FUL 27 Cootes Lane, Fen Drayton

Erection of a dwelling off Mill Road.

STATUS permission granted.

20/05369/FUL 4 Cootes Lane, Fen Drayton

Erection of a pair of two-bedroom semi-detached dwellings and associated works.

STATUS permission granted

FEN DRAYTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

19 APRIL 2021



21/068 FINANCE

065.1 R Davies presented the 2020-21 actual and 2021-22 budget report.

065.2 **RESOLVED:** council members unanimously approved the 2020-21 end of year accounts.

065.3 Town Lands rent received from J Johnson (information).

065.4 **RESOLVED:** council members unanimously approved the new receipts and payments.

New receipts and payments

<i>Business account</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Payments</i>	<i>VAT</i>
G Parrish	March pay		562.40	
HMRC	Payroll liability		378.00	
Res Shoes	Payroll service		45.00	Y
RH Landscapes	Grass cutting		242.40	Y
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Account balances (as at 12/04/2021)

- Business account = £15,474.74
- S106 account = £2,386.24
- Town Lands account = £27,717.38
- Cambridge B/S = £13,600.00