

7 May 2014 Fen Drayton Parish Council

Minutes

Members present:

Harry Webster (chair), Judith Christie, Jackie Isden, Brian Marshall, Derek Robinson, Andrew Webb

South Cambridgeshire district councillors: Mark Howell, Nick Wright

Parish Clerk: Gill Parrish

PARISH COUNCIL OPEN FORUM

Opened and closed at 19.33 hrs as no members of the public were present.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Agenda item	Action to be taken
680. Apologies for absence Cllr M Smith, D Cross, I Whitby. (J Christie and A Webb left the meeting at 21.00 hrs.)	
681. Declarations of members' interest None declared.	
682. Councillors' reports Cllr Wright A14 upgrade: consultation is now taking place. It will only respond to concerns from district and county councils not parish councils so any PC queries need to be routed via the DC or CC. The proposed roundabout at the Fen Drayton A14 junction has been abandoned so the junction will remain as it is. Traffic estimates along this stretch of the old A14 after upgrading are 30,000-40,000 cars per day as opposed to the current volume of 70,000-80,000 cars per day. Stubbins: the clearance of land and glasshouses near the reservoir has been halted due to objections from nearby residents. Such work should not be taking place at this time of year due to disturbance of nesting birds. Broadband A Webb asked when superfast broadband would be in the village. Cllr Wright will look into it. For more information see: http://www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk/parish/fen-drayton/ Cllr Howell Housing: the council has purchased 26 houses in Waterbeach barracks from the MoD for long-lease rental. Environmental health: refuse/recycling wagons are now fitted with cameras to show any damage caused to cars while in operation. This will help to prove legitimate claims while discouraging fraudulent ones, so saving money. Cllr Smith: notes read out to members due to absence of Cllr Smith. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Still waiting to hear about lighting at the guided busway stop.• The state of Holywell Ferry Road: waiting to meet with an officer.• Flood defence scheme: plans for the hump in the road by the bund indicate that it will not be as high as the bank itself. Cllrs Wright and Howell said they would investigate this on behalf of Cllr Smith.	

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683. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the April meeting were proposed as correct by B Marshall, seconded by J Christie, all in favour. Signed by H Webster, chairman.

684. Actions from previous meeting

- New dog waste bin (634) See 689.
- War memorial repairs (634) in hand with the History Society.
- Hall Court replanting (639) still waiting for confirmation of funding.
- Lock-up maintenance (645) H Webster is waiting for a full quotation from the handyman for renovation work and new locks. J Isden to chase handyman.
- Design for a PC logo, letterhead and website is still work in progress and will be ready for the June meeting. Clerk dealing.

685. Correspondence received

- 1) Email from parishioner about state of village sign who also suggested a village survey was carried out. Clerk to follow up.
- 2) Request for use of playing field. See 688.
- 3) Resignation of B Marshall from the parish council as of the end of May. The chairman proposed a vote of thanks to B Marshall for his contribution to the parish council over the past years and wished him well for the future. Verity Lawless has applied to become a parish councillor. Co-opting was proposed by H Webster, seconded by J Christie – all in favour (two abstentions: D Robinson and D Robinson who had not met Ms Lawless).

686. S106 allocation of funds

B Marshall reported that he was advised by SCDC that provision of disabled parking facilities could not be funded from S106 money. H Webster to check this, and also whether planting in Hall Court and Vermuyden Way is covered, with Stephen Read at SCDC. H Webster to follow up with SCDC.

B Marshall advised that a lawnmower for use by the village handyman may be purchased with S106 funds. J Isden and D Robinson to source a suitable mower for the clerk to order. J Isden and D Robinson to deal.

D Robinson advised that S106 funding is changing next year. Villages will no longer be able to claim S106, which is being replaced with Community Infrastructure Levy. Further information can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/policies/giving-communities-more-power-in-planning-local-development/supporting-pages/community-infrastructure-levy>

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687. Enclosure Act and map restoration project update:

The map has been cleaned and copied. The number of copies required will be ascertained via the History Society and at the Village Meeting. A copy will be donated to the primary school. The Enclosure Act has been restored. Digital copies will be readily available and the original will be kept in a safe place for inspection if required. The Enclosure Award is still work in progress.

J Christie to continue to deal.

688. Pavilion and playing field

It may be possible to get a grant to repair the flood damage to the pavilion from Sport England: <http://www.sportengland.org/floodfund>
Paul Stevens from Swavesey requested use of the playing field on Saturdays for football matches. H Webster to liaise with the Drayton Lions and Mr Stevens. There were no objections from council members to the use of the playing field in principle, pending the outcome of further discussions.

H Webster to follow up.

689. Maintenance: handyman, bins, grass cutting and footpaths & fencing

Dog waste bin. Owing to objections by residents near the Conington footpath and as dog fouling in the area has decreased, the new dog waste bin will be positioned on the lamppost on the High Street opposite Cootes Lane. This should reduce dog fouling along the High Street where it is currently a problem. Signs also will be ordered and displayed in the area.
Drains. B Marshall advised that the blocked drains in Cootes Lane have not yet been cleared. The clerk will inform Cllr Smith.
Village sign: the soil around the base of the sign has sunk considerably to the detriment of the plants in it. D Robinson and H Webster to assess the situation and deal accordingly.

Clerk to liaise with handyman re dog waste bin and source signs.

Clerk to chase up with Cllr Smith.

H Webster and D Robinson to deal.

690. Advertising around the village Complaints have been received about two estate agent sale boards that have appeared next to the lock-up. These are on parish council land and not next to the houses for sale in The Rosary. The clerk will contact the agents to request that the signs be removed as soon as possible. Advertising for the 10K/Fun Run also caused some concern and will be addressed prior to next year's event.

Clerk to contact estate agents re removal of boards.

691. Planning applications

Summary of recent planning applications.

PERMISSION GRANTED:

S/0508/14/FL The Lodge – annexe: change of use: short-term letting

PENDING SCDC:

S/0581/14/FL Daintrees Farm – new build/eco house

S/2713/13/FL Bannolds – tea rooms

PENDING FDPC:

S/0925/14/FL Mill Pond, High Street – front extension/entrance porch

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692. Local crime/PCSO No report from PCSO Tom Baugh as he is on leave. The chairman reported that there had been a recent spate of thefts from sheds and outbuildings in the village.

693. Joseph Ellis Trust. A new representative is required due to B Marshall moving out of the area at the end of May. The clerk will email members of the council.

Clerk to deal.

694. Finances

The 2013-4 accounts are ready for checking by the internal auditor, Bob Williams.

Clerk to deal.

APRIL EXPENDITURE	Chq no	Receipts	Payments	VAT
HMRC Jan-April 2014	1197		229.40	
Handyman (C Burns) March	1198		208.00	
Clerk March salary	1199		286.67	
Cambridgeshire ACRE (Jan-March)	1200		66.96	Y
Precept 14/15 A		8,300.00		
CGM (grass cutting)	1202		206.70	Y
Labute (printers - enclosure map)	1203		84.00	
Clerk April salary	1204		236.00	
Handyman (C Burns) April	1205		536.99	

Resolved: B Marshall, seconded by J Isden, all in favour, proposed the April expenditure as correct.

Meeting Closed at 22.07. Next meeting: 19 June at 19.30 in the village hall.