

## Present

Harry Webster (chair), David Cross, Verity Lawless, Derek Robinson, Andrew Webb, Ian Whitby.

County Councillor: Mandy Smith

Parish Clerk: Gill Parrish

Members of the public: 7

## PARISH COUNCIL OPEN FORUM

*Opened at 19.30.*

- Residents of Vermuyden Way expressed their concern about the dog from Hall Court, which has been seen in a public place on a lead but not muzzled. The situation is still in hand: Martin Johnston (SCDC) has collected witness statements on behalf of the SCDC legal team, which is applying for a court hearing. Mr Johnston will advise the parish council as soon as he has any update.
- Richard Lewis, senior grower at Stubbins, advised members of the company's intention to submit a planning application for a new engine room on site. Permission has already been granted for a glasshouse extension and boiler room. If the new application for an engine room is successful it will replace the existing one for an extension/boiler room.
- Chris Davies of Cootes Lane attended the meeting to support his request for the removal of the trees that are growing over his garden, and to answer any questions from members of the council concerning this request. See agenda item 739.

*Open forum closed at 20.05*

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

*Opened at 20.05.*

### **730. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Received from J Isden, J Christie and Cllr N Wright.

### **731. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

H Webster declared an interest in item 736/1, as he is a member of the tennis club.

## 732. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

**Councillor Smith:** the county council is now consulting on next year's budget. Everyone is invited to put comments on the website at <http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk>. (Click on 'Have your say on our budget' on the website's home page.)

Lighting at the busway stop is still in hand.

The feeder bus service to the guided busway is also still in hand.

## 733. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The June minutes were proposed as correct, with one amendment to column headings (receipt and payments transposed), by D Robinson, seconded by V Lawless; all in favour.

## 734. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

(687) Enclosure act progress report. The act and the map will be completed by 3 September.

(659/703) Village meeting (see 740).

(704) Local Highways Project – applications due in by 12 September. The council will ask for a 40 mph limit along Mill Road. Derek Crosby has emailed his response (support of a 40 mph 'buffer zone' in Mill Road, in support of the application).

(706) 27 Cootes Lane/Mill Road overhanging hedges – highways yet to deal. Cllr Smith chased.

(707) Lock-up repairs: (to the outside only as the building is only used for storage) will be undertaken by the handyman and will comprise repointing, painting the doors and replacing the locks (the latter has already been done). Cost estimate: materials: £175-200; labour £416-520. The handyman should be asked to proceed – proposed by I Whitby, seconded by D Cross; all in favour.

(720) Out of control dog – see public forum.

(724) Hall Court landscaping (see 738)

(725) Vermuyden Way trees update (see 739).

(727) Festivals Fund – bank details provided to facilitate transfer of funds. No update.

- **ACTION: Clerk to instruct the handyman to go ahead with repairs to the lock-up.**
- **ACTION: Clerk to submit application to Local Highways project.**

## 735. LOCAL CRIME/PCSO

See *public forum for update on the out of control dog.*

PCSO Baugh did not attend the meeting, so no issues to report.

## 736. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

1. Letter from tennis club (moved from July meeting agenda) advising of declining membership numbers. Although not critical at the moment, the council members have been made aware of the situation.
2. Email from SCDC about the revised bin collection programme. The changes will be published in the autumn edition of *SouthCambs* magazine.
3. Pavilion renovations. The chair will ask A.A. Taylor for a survey of all work that needs to be done and then discuss it with the football club and council members to prioritise.
4. A letter regarding possible uses of St Mary's church. Members will consider this and report back if they have any ideas.

5. Emails from two villagers complaining about the Openreach cabinet in Honey Hill. Planning permission is not needed for this:  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-19520294>  
Cllr Smith has asked Openreach to check that the cabinet siting is safe for pedestrians.
6. Email from Andrew Grimmer (SCDC Trees Team) as he is retiring on 28/8 and handing over to Fay Reade. Clerk has already replied to wish him well on behalf of the parish council.

- **ACTION: chair to brief AA Taylor and follow up with football club.**

## 737. MAINTENANCE AND HANDYMAN

All maintenance issues have been covered in other agenda items.

## 738. HALL COURT LANDSCAPING

J Christie and J Isden are putting together two replanting plans for the village meeting in October.

- **ACTION: J Christie and j Isden to continue to deal.**

## 739. TREES IN VERMUYDEN WAY (behind 36 & 37 Cootes Lane)

Following an initial visit and discussions with the residents of Cootes Lane, a second visit to the site was made by J Christie and J Isden. The nearby residents in Vermuyden Way will be consulted and a plan of action put together, in conjunction with item 738, for further discussion.

- **ACTION: J Christie and j Isden to continue to deal.**

## 740. VILLAGE MEETING

The clerk is waiting for confirmation of the availability of the village hall. Dates requested are 13 or 20 October. A list of speakers and topics was drafted. Clerk to draft a flyer (A5 single-sided) advertising the event.

- **ACTION: clerk to confirm venue and put together an event leaflet.**

## 741. PLANNING

### Approved application:

11/8/14: S/0581/14/FL Daintrees Farm, new eco-house.

### New application:

S/1681/14/FL. The Cobbles, Horse & Gate Street, Fen Drayton, Cambridge, CB24 4SH. New detached house and garage. Plans viewable on line. Paper plans available if anyone wants them.

The Highways Agency requested permission for its surveyors to carry out testing on the Town Lands field in connection with the A14 upgrade. The tenant farmer has already consented. Permission to be given by the parish council, as trustees of the Town Lands, was proposed by H Webster, seconded by A Webb; all in favour.

- **ACTION: chair to email Highways Agency.**

# FEN DRAYTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

27 AUGUST 2014



## 742. FINANCE

| <b>AUGUST EXPENDITURE</b>         | <b>Chq no</b> | <b>Receipts</b> | <b>Payments</b> | <b>Bank bal</b> | <b>VAT</b> |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------|
| Play Inspection Company           | <b>1220</b>   |                 | 71.94           | <b>6535.39</b>  | Y          |
| Handyman (C Burns) July           | <b>1221</b>   |                 | 434.84          | <b>6100.55</b>  |            |
| Clerk salary (July)               | <b>1222</b>   |                 | 153.86          | <b>5946.69</b>  |            |
| HMRC VAT repayment                |               | 1016.18         |                 | <b>6962.87</b>  |            |
| e-on (pavilion May- July)         | <b>1223</b>   |                 | 7.40            | <b>6955.47</b>  | Y          |
| CGM (grass cutting) inv 5525 July | <b>1224</b>   |                 | 413.40          | <b>6542.07</b>  | Y          |
| Royal Mail (PO Box - annual fee)  | <b>1225</b>   |                 | 251.77          | <b>6290.30</b>  | Y          |

The August expenditure was proposed as correct by D Robinson and seconded by D Cross; all in favour.

**The meeting closed at 22.00. Next meeting: Monday 22 September at 19.30 in the village hall.**