

FEN DRAYTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

9 FEBRUARY 2016



Present

Harry Webster (chair), Chris Gray, Sue Gyles, Richard Lewis, Ian Whitby
County councillor: Mandy Smith. District councillor: Nick Wright
Parish clerk: Gill Parrish
Members of the public: 2

PARISH COUNCIL OPEN FORUM

Opened at 19.30; closed at 19.40.

A representative of the 10K/Fun Run (1 May 2016) advised Cootes Lane/High Street road closure between 10.25 and 10.35 for the start of the run. This will be advertised two weeks prior to the event and leaflets distributed to all affected households. The parish council gave permission for officials to park in the playing field (ground conditions permitting) as in previous years.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Opened at 19.40.

16/912. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from M Howell, J Isden and J Christie.

16/913. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

None

16/914. CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR

R Lewis, seconded by C Gray, proposed that S Gyles be co-opted onto the parish council. All in favour (J Isden and J Christie via email).

16/915. COLLEGE FARM COURT PARKING

M Smith to email Simeon Carroll (Highways) regarding meeting with a representative of the College Farm Court residents committee to discuss the parking problems.

- **ACTION: C Gray to update J Chapman.**
- **ACTION: clerk to look for archived plans of College Farm Court.**

16/916. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

M Smith. County council budget meeting will take place on 16 February. Still hoping to keep increase on council tax to 1.99%, which roughly equates to £28 p/a on a band D property.

The mobile library will continue to serve Fen Drayton.

Potholes in Holywell Ferry Road have been filled.

The village drains have been cleared.

N Wright. SCDC has to make £1m in savings without impacting on frontline services in the coming financial year. Looking at shared services (such as planning) with Cambridge City and Huntingdonshire councils to bring down costs.

S106 position – Cllr Wright will check the current situation with Stephen Read. CIL will not come into effect until the Local Plan is ratified.

16/917. LOCAL CRIME/PCSO

Home protection clinic – date suggested by Rachel Webb is 22 March. This falls within the Easter school holiday so needs to be put back to April.

- **ACTION: clerk to liaise with the police to change the clinic date.**

16/918. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

I Whitby, seconded by C Gray, proposed the January minutes as correct. All in favour.

16/919. ACTIONS/UPDATES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

(16/909) Mower service is booked in with Ibbetts (to deliver and collect).

(16/909) H Webster unable to get hold of Pat Matthews. Will follow up by email.

(16/909) New dog waste bin to replace damaged one by the pavilion has been ordered.

(895) S O'Neill would be happy to deal with Sport England funding application form.

(895) Quotations for Mac containers have been received. However it is felt that renovation of the existing building would be the better option, visually. Quotations for renovation work, based on plans drawn up by Alan Lamb last October, need to be obtained before requesting any funding.

- **ACTION: H Webster to ask AA Taylor to provide an estimate for the pavilion.**

16/920. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

1. 3/2/16 A parishioner offering business skills to the parish council (email).
2. 1/2/16 Local Plan skeleton programme published (via email, distributed to all).
3. 16/1/16 A parishioner offering services to the parish council (via website).
4. 11/1/16 A14 landowners meetings (letter, received 21/1/16).

16/921. VILLAGE LANDSCAPING/TREES/MAINTENANCE

The handyman has put up the new dog waste bin near the lock-up. The clerk emailed SCDC to add the bin to the emptying rota.

Planters for the benches in the Plantation. This can wait until J Isden has returned from holiday. It was agreed that the handyman's hours could revert to four per week, as of this week, as the grass and hedging is now growing.

There is a lot of litter around the A14 end of Mill Road from the Shell garage again.

- **ACTION: clerk to report litter problem to Highways.**

16/922 DEFIBRILLATOR FOR VILLAGE HALL

There is no funding for defibrillators until April. The cost to FDPC will be £400.

R Lewis, seconded by C Gray, proposed that the purchase goes ahead in April. All in favour.

- **ACTION: H Webster to order defibrillator.**

16/923 PLANNING

New applications:

S/3045/15/FL 1B High Street. Erection of fence. Extension of deadline until 10/2 requested so this may be discussed today.

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Approved/no objections:

S/2706/15/FL 28 Cootes Lane – one dwelling and garage
S/2841/15/FL 5 Mill Road – two houses
S/3087/15/FL 41 Middleton Way – single storey front porch

Comments made but no decision given:

S/3094/15/FL Extension to warehouse, Middleton Way. Requested confirmation that the height of the structure is acceptable to the planners

Approved decision notices:

S/3087/15/FL 41 Middleton Way. New front porch.

Refused:

S/3045/15/FL 1B High Street. Erection of fence. C Gray, seconded by R Lewis, proposed that the parish council refuse this application. All in favour.

16/924. FINANCES

A 2016-17 precept request of £18,500 was agreed at extraordinary meeting on 26 January (item 16/907). The clerk submitted the request to SCDC on 28 January.

FEBRUARY RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS (business account)

<i>Business account</i>	<i>Chq no</i>	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Payments</i>	<i>VAT</i>
E.on	1329		44.33	Y
Clerk January salary	1330		249.69	
Glasdons (dog waste bin)	1331		152.03	

- Business account balance £12056.61
- S106 account balance = £4937.06
- Town Lands account balance = £7688.11

C Gray, seconded by R Lewis, proposed the November/December expenditure as correct.

Meeting closed at 21.00.

Next meeting 8 March 2016.

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