

FEN DRAYTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

11 OCTOBER 2016



Present

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

PARISH COUNCIL OPEN FORUM

Opened at 19.30

A resident spoke about traffic through the village – HGVs and speeding.

A resident expressed concern about horse safety in the village, due to speeding, inconsiderate drivers and lack of bridleways.

PARISH COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING

Opened at 19.55

16/996 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE J Christie, J Isden, M Howell

16/997 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS None.

16/998 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Smith

The county council boundary changes have been set. Fen Drayton is staying in Papworth & Swavesey division, comprising 13 parishes with the addition of Boxworth, Caxton and Childerley.

The Cambridgeshire Parish Council Conference 2016 is being held on 18 November in the Burgess Hall, St Ives.

Faulty speed limit signs in Cootes Lane should be reported to Simeon Carroll at Highways.

Cllr Wright

Bridleways: the planned bridleway/footpath bridge over the A14 will redress the lack of bridleways around the village, as mentioned in the public forum. The bridge will give access to a network of bridleways around Conington.

City Deal: congestion charging has been ruled out of the proposals and the emphasis is on bus lanes, park and rides (free parking) and a workplace parking levy for businesses and the university. The 7.5 million pounds raised from the levy will go back into buses and park and rides. Some city roads will be shut at peak times (07 00-10 00 and 16 00-19 00).

Drainage: Cllr Wright has been elected to Swavesey Internal Drainage Board and will continue to look after Fen Drayton's drainage issues. Of current concern is illegal effluent flowing down Oxholme drain from Scotland Road, Dry Drayton – Cllr Ellington is aware of the problem.

- **ACTION: clerk to report the faulty speed limit signs to Highways.**

16/999 LOCAL CRIME/PCSO

Police panel meeting Histon sector Thursday 20/10, 19.30-21.00.

New PCSO is Tony Martin (antony.martin@cambs.pnn.police.uk).

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16/1000 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

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

16/1001 ACTIONS/UPDATES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

16/960 Clerk to apply for community chest grant. Done.

16/974 Vermuyden Way soft landscaping competition - design competition. To be discussed at a future date.

17/976 Village meeting duties. All discharged.

16/977 Renting a defibrillator. H Webster was unable to find a rental package. WEL Medical has an offer of £1,366 excluding fitting. Total cost will be around £1,500.

R Lewis, seconded by S Gyles, proposed that the parish council should ahead with the defibrillator order.

- **ACTION: H Webster to order a defibrillator from WEL Medical.**

16/1002 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

31/8 Email advising BT is removing payphone in Cootes Lane. The parish council has no objections to this. BT has put a notice in the phone box to advise.

5/9 Letter from a villager about vegetation behind the football pitch, litter near Bannolds and the free bus service to Bar Hill. Follow-up letter received on 14/9 advising that a resident has cut the vegetation back. The parish council will arrange for the hedges to be trimmed over the winter. (See 16/1005 and 1007).

8/9 Verbal request from a resident re pruning of a cherry tree r/o 55 Cootes Lane. See 16/1006.

5/10 Email from village hall chair requesting permission to put up a board on PC land. The parish council refused as it was did not think a sign necessary.

5/10 Email re business premises availability in the village. There are no premises available to let.

9/10 Email from a resident about maintaining the roundabout in Vermuyden Way. Clerk to ascertain whether the county or parish council is responsible for the roundabout.

- **ACTION: clerk to reply to all the correspondents.**
- **ACTION: Clerk to ascertain who is responsible for maintaining the Vermuyden Way roundabout.**

16/1003 LHI INITIATIVE

Applications for highway improvement grants are due by 30 November. It was decided to reapply for a 40 mph speed restriction along Mill Road in the hope this would also reduce speeding down Cootes Lane. Although the application in 2014 was refused, the situation has changed due to the number of new houses being built (and in planning) in Mill Road and the new housing estate nearby in Fenstanton.

- **ACTION: C Gray to deal with the LHI application.**

16/1004 FLOOD DEFENCES QUESTIONNAIRE

H Webster will complete the questionnaire, mentioning the Oxholme drain banks need to be built up on the section north of Swavesey Road, as per Cllr Smith.

- **ACTION: H Webster to complete flood defences questionnaire.**

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16/1005 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE/HANDYMAN

The hedges in the playing field are due to be cut. J Isden (before the meeting) advised that she would contact Atlas to arrange.

The trees for Vermuyden Way are reserved. J Christie will contact the handyman to make arrangements for them to be planted

- **ACTION: J Isden to arrange the playing field hedge cutting.**
- **ACTION: J Christie to continue to deal with Vermuyden Way trees.**

16/1006 PRUNING THE CHERRY TREE BEHIND COOTES LANE

The cherry tree in the park behind the houses needs pruning. Will discuss at the November meeting.

16/1007 LITTER NEAR BANNOLDS

The litter problem around the road leading to Bannolds and the Shell garage area will be reported to Highways again.

- **ACTION: clerk to report the Mill Road litter problem to Highways.**

16/1008 PLANNING

New applications:

S/2290/16/FL 10 Mill Road, 2 new dwellings.

Approved/no objections (by PC):

S/2134/16/LD & S/2162/16/LD College Farm, Swavesey Road. Livery stables.

S/2260/16/FL 10 Mill Road, 2 new dwellings.

S/1993/16/FL Mill Road, r/o 27 Cootes Lane, 2 new dwellings

Refused:

None.

Withdrawn:

S/0214/16/LD, Stubbins, Oaktree Road (the LDC was not necessary).

SCDC decision notices:

S/1671/16/FL rear extensions and front porch.

16/1009 FINANCES

Town Lands rent increased to £1109.00.

Swavesey Spartans fees for use of playing field review. H Webster will speak to the Spartans and advise the clerk of the amount to invoice.

The 2015-16 audit has been signed off.

Town Lands Michaelmas invoice sent and payment received.

- **ACTION: H Webster to review usage of the playing field.**

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<i>Business account</i>	<i>Chq no</i>	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Payments</i>	<i>VAT</i>
Atlas	1355		96.00	Y
Handyman (repair of gate by pavilion)	1356		195.59	
Capability Brown festival donation	1357		100.00	
Village hall rental (Apr/May/June)	1358		104.50	
Cambridgeshire ACRE	1359		36.00	Y
HMRC (6/4 - 5/7)	1360		243.20	
Clerk June salary	1361		408.87	
Handyman June	1362		641.00	
Clerk expenses	1363		160.89	
VAT reclaim		1,187.98		
Donations from village meeting		25.50		
Ibbetts (mower repair)	1364		67.87	Y
CGM June (grass cutting)	1365		324.30	Y
Youth club donation	1366		50.00	
Clerk July salary	1367		179.51	
Handyman July	1368		416.00	
Community Chest		1,500.00		
Royal Mail (PO box annual rental)	1369		252.00	Y
CGM grass cutting 11 July	1370		206.70	Y
NBB Recycled Furniture	1371		1127.90	Y
CGM grass cutting 25/7 and 8/8	1372		178.70	Y
Clerk August salary	1373		146.92	
Handyman August	1374		530.00	
e-on	1375		18.03	Y
P Larter (picnic benches)	1376		1080.00	Y
Village hall rental	1377		33.00	
CGM grass cutting (8 Sept)	1378		89.10	Y
Handyman September (inc petrol £10)	1379		426.00	
Clerk September	1380		315.27	
Cambridgeshire ACRE	1381		63.60	Y

- Business account balance £10056.69
- S106 account balance = £10620.88
- Town Lands account balance = £9855.13
- Cambridge B/S = £7,600.00

I Whitby, seconded by R Lewis, proposed the June to September expenditure as correct; all in favour.

Meeting closed at 21.30. Next meeting 15 November 19.30 in the village hall

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