

FEN DRAYTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

21 JUNE 2021



Present at e-meeting

Jackie Isden (chair), Roger Davies, Sue Gyles, Peter Kiss, Helen Newport, Mandy Smith, James Weeden.

District Councillor: Sue Ellington.

Parish clerk: Gill Parrish. Members of public: 0

PARISH COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING

Opened at 19.33 via Zoom.

21/086 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

C Gray

21/087 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

21/088 MAY MEETING MINUTES

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

21/089 PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

Opened and closed at 19.38 as there were no participants.

21/090 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND POLICE

The chair congratulated Mandy Smith on being re-elected as county councillor.

21/090/1 County councillor's report:

The county council: is now a three-party coalition rather than a Conservative majority.

Highways: owing to the change of regime no Highways committee meetings have taken place, although one is due to be held on 22 June (main items will be the A428 and the East West Rail).

Environment: the environment meeting dealing with flooding issues is due to be held in the first week of July. Mandy will ensure that the A14 flooding issues is on the agenda.

Pothole repairs: are being rolled out in the area now.

Fen Drayton to Conington footpath: J Isden has had a request for a gap in the A1307 central barrier so walkers can continue on the path from Fen Drayton to Conington. Mandy will speak to Highways as a while ago it was going to look into the safety of the road in relation to the footpath.

Mandy is still pushing for a footbridge!

21/090/2 District councillor's report:

Fen Drayton survey: Sue Ellington is currently rolling out her Fen Drayton residents' survey.

Major concerns so far are the speed and volume of traffic coming through the village from Northstowe via Ramper Road in Swavesey and Fen Drayton, heading for St Ives. It was thought that when the Cootes Lane traffic calming, and Mill Road 40 mph speed limit are in place, that this could deter some vehicles. In the meantime Mandy Smith will organise a vehicle counter for the village. Other concerns expressed in the survey were pet theft and flooding.

21/090/3 There were no crime reports.

21/091 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN (AGAR)

RESOLVED: the AGAR was unanimously approved by council members and will be signed by the chair and RFO after the meeting.

21/092 ANNUAL RETURN ACCOUNTING STATEMENT

RESOLVED: the annual return accounting statement was unanimously approved by council members and will be signed by the chair and RFO after the meeting.

21/093 UPDATES/ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS *(or see agenda item).*

(20/115) Mill Road speed limit – no further update on when this will be instigated.

(21/015) Zipwire cable fixing by Caloo – no further update.

(21/029) Flood defence meeting – see 21/100.

(21/055.3) Swift boxes are now up on the village hall and a call system installed.

(21/057) The replacement millennium clock was installed on 9 June.

(21/078/3) CCC advised (on 1 June) that it has ordered the Daintrees Road drains work – this should be done within 12 weeks.

(21/079) Cootes Lane traffic calming – safety audit now in-hand with Highways. Should hear again in July. R Davies to ask Highways to do the audit before the school breaks up for the summer holidays so Highways can see the volume and behaviour of traffic around the school at start and finish times. **ACTION** RD

(21/080) The art biennale in the lock up is now scheduled for 17 July.

(21/081) East West Rail consultation – R Davies submitted the response from FDPC. Another consultation is scheduled for next year.

21/094 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Email from resident re trees in power lines in Daintrees Road. Waiting response from UK Power Networks. Clerk to chase. **ACTION** clerk

Email re tree overgrowing garden in College Farm Court – see 21/095/1.

Email re coffee van – this would visit the village hall car park once a week – the PC is happy with it but it needs approval from the village hall committee. S Gyles to organise. **ACTION** SG

SCDC bank improvement work on Covell's Drain – see 295/3

21/095 VILLAGE MATTERS AND MAINTENANCE

095/1 Pruning a tree overhanging a house in College Farm Court. Quotation for £70 received from Atlas – council members unanimously approved. Clerk to give the go-ahead to Atlas.

ACTION clerk

095/2 Daily tankers at the pumping station – these have not been seen for the past two weeks. J Isden to check whether the problem has been resolved. **ACTION** JI

095/3 SCDC started bank improvement/raising work on Covell's Drain on 14/6 on the bank south of the Bailey bridge. The section between the Bailey bridge and the guided busway is scheduled for September.

095/4 Clearing the brook alongside Daintrees Road – two quotes have been submitted by contractors used by SCDC. J Isden to speak to Lee Hillam at SCDC to see which he recommends. **ACTION** JI. **RESOLVED:** the council members approved going ahead in accordance with Lee's advice.

21/096 PROPOSED EXTENSION OF VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK

Extending the car park to accommodate eight extra cars would cost at least £10k. No decision made – will be discussed at a future date.

21/097 REMEMBRANCE DAY

RESOLVED: council members unanimously approved Remembrance Day plans: Rosie will take the Holy Communion service in St Mary's at 9 am then a licensed lay minister will lead a service of remembrance at the memorial at 11 am.

21/098 MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING COMMITTEE REPORT (?)

Council members agreed that a Covid recovery Community Chest grant should be applied for. The clerk will submit a grant request on behalf of the Mental Health and Wellbeing Committee.

ACTION clerk

21/099 TRAINING

Councillor training is available online via CAPALC. It is half price for CAPALC members. Membership cost £350.85. Councillor training sessions £150 (half price to members). It was agreed that, as only one councillor is intending to go on a course that this would be on a non-member basis.

21/100 FLOOD DEFENCE PLAN

J Weeden reported that he is still pursuing setting up a meeting with EA, CCC and SCDC to look at infrastructure issues, such as how we can get standing water out of the village. He is working with Fenstanton PC investigating the impact of the new A14 on flooding in Fenstanton and Fen Drayton. Hilary Ellis from CCC is setting up a meeting with the EA and A14 with Fenstanton and will include Fen Drayton. J Weeden will draft a questionnaire for residents vulnerable to flooding to evaluate how many properties need support during floods. These could be mapped using Parish Online. There are currently two volunteers to help with flood defence work. **ACTION** JW

21/101 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

New applications:

21/02234/HFUL 15 The Rosary Single storey rear extension

SCDC decisions: none

21/102 FINANCE

There is £339.83 in the old cricket club account. The PC has a letter from the millennium committee dated 2019 saying the monies could be used towards the replacement clock.

RESOLVED: council members agreed to leave the money in the Cricket Club account until expenditure on maintenance is required for the clock.

April/May receipts and payments

<i>Business account</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Payments</i>	<i>VAT</i>
G Parrish	JAF Signs		54.00	Y
C Burns	Handyman April		627.00	
RH Landscapes	Grass cutting April		484.80	Y
Anglia Tax Help	Internal audit		67.50	Y
Opus Energy	Street lighting		78.28	Y
G Parrish	Clerk pay		364.74	
RHL	Grass cutting		484.80	Y
C Burns	Handyman May		512.99	
<i>S106 account</i>				
Michlmayr	New village hall clock		1857.60	Y

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RESOLVED: council members unanimously approved the April/May receipts and payments.

Account balances (as at 14/06/2021)

- Business account = £25110.61
- S106 account = £409.35
- Town Lands account = £27,717.38
- Cambridge B/S = £13,600.00

21/103 NEXT MEETING

Scheduled date: 19 July 2021 at 19.30. Location TBA.

Meeting closed at 21.20