

Present

Jackie Isden (chair), Roger Davies, Sue Gyles, Peter Kiss, Sarah Newport, Mandy Smith
County Councillor: Mandy Smith
District councillor: Sue Ellington
Parish clerk: Gill Parrish.
Members of public: 0

PARISH COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING

Opened at 19:30

23/018 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

C Gray, J Weeden

23/019 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

23/020 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

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

23/021 PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

Opened and closed at 19.32 as there were no members of the public present.

23/022 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND POLICE

23/022/1 **County councillor, Mandy Smith's report:**

Potholes and village signs: Cllr Smith has reported the High Street potholes to Highways and chased up the broken Fen Drayton signs.

Cambridge congestion charge: Cllr Smith asked for feedback regarding the proposed congestion charging. Council members have submitted their comments online individually and were not in favour of the proposed congestion charging plans as they currently stand.

23/022/2 **District councillor, Sue Ellington's report:**

District Council tax: looks due to increase by about £4.50 per month for a band 'D' dwelling. The amount will be finalised at SCDC's has a finance meeting on 21 February.

Community warden scheme: District Council is proposing to reduce funding from £140K to £73K. Age UK, which supports the scheme, has also raised its admin costs. The three-year budget is about to be set and, as a number of councillors are against the reduction in grant, it is hopeful that there will be a better outcome at the meeting.

Waterbeach waste depot solar farm: Cllr Ellington intends to question what contingency plans will be put in place for when there isn't enough sunlight to provide power for the electric bin lorries.

Furniture recycling: Cllr Ellington intends to question the safety of CCC's storage plans for furniture (sofas, cushions and chairs) pending an incinerating solution.

23/022/3 **Police matters/crime reports:** None received.

23/023 UPDATES/ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS *(or see agenda item).*

(19/133) Greenways project: the online meeting was positive, and Cllr Smith has initiated a meeting between the Greenways project team, the PC and the RSPB, which is being set up by Becky Franklin (Cambridgeshire County Council).

(21/044) Pavilion: still waiting on an answer from the planning department as to whether planning permission is required. The deadline for applying for a grant is in April so an answer is needed quickly. Cllr Ellington will escalate with SCDC planning.

(22/035) Flood defence: J Weeden has had meetings with the flood defence volunteers, so everyone knows what to do in the event of a flood. R Davies, with help from Lee Hillam (SCDC) has obtained information from the EA and CCC. CCC has offered to help identify the relevant data so the PC can look at flood prevention solutions. Once the PC has the data, the EA will need to update the analysis as the bund and A14 balancing ponds have been installed since the data was collected. R Davies will also contact Keith Wilderspin, chair of Swavesey Internal Drainage Board, to get a clear picture of flood management prevention in Swavesey. R Davies also suggested meeting up with Elsworth to discuss their plans (as what they do can impact on Fen Drayton). Cllr Smith will suggest it to Elsworth as she is meeting them on 22 February.

(22/106/5) Plantation benches: still waiting to hear from SCDC. Clerk to chase again. **ACTION**

(22/123) Street lighting energy: still trying to get the unused MPAN de-energised. The PC will continue to chase UMSO and Opus.

(22/107/2) Town Lands support grant: 14 grants have been issued this year. Information about county and district council cost of living support services is to be publicised.

(22/133) ZCC tree: has been planted on Vermuyden corner. Clerk to ask a resident to water it.

ACTION

(23/004) Clerk reported the missing village sign on Swavesey Road to Highways again. It was previously reported on 25/09/21

(23/010) Caloo will repair the aerial runway w/c 13 March.

(23/011) Northstowe LHI traffic calming: the PC and Highways are meeting on 23 February.

(23/013) Village magazine: no further update.

(23/015) The clerk submitted the 2023/4 precept request to SCDC on 17 January, which has been confirmed.

23/024 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

27/01 Email re 10K/Fun Run on 30 April. Permission request to park on football field again this year. The council members approved giving permission.

07/02 Email from resident re affordable housing contractors using the VH car park. Passed to the village hall committee.

23/025 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

23/025/1 The clerk has requested RHL's grass-cutting prices for 2023.

23/025/2 J Isden and the handyman walked around the village and identified work to be carried out by the handyman. The crumbling brickwork on the bridge over Oxholme drain near the lock-up is already in hand with SCDC/Highways.

23/025/3 At the weekend P Kiss noticed a broken bolt on the chair roundabout in the playground. The roundabout has been cordoned off and the handyman is dealing with it.

23/026 BOWLS CLUB LEASE

The bowls club has asked for a five-year lease. J Isden to obtain more information from the club. The item will be moved to the March meeting agenda.

FEN DRAYTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

20 FEBRUARY 2023



23/027 AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Bpha is currently looking for contractors. The easement for the footpath from the development to the village hall field is with solicitors. Bpha hopes to have people moving in by summer 2024.

23/028 FINANCE

23/028/1 **RESOLVED:** council members unanimously approved January's receipts and payments (see Appendix 1).

23/028/2 Account balances (as at 12/02/2023)

- Business account = £26,709.28
- S106 account = £9.75
- Town Lands account = £26,983.62
- Cambridge B/S = £13,600.00

23/029 NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None.

23/030 MEETINGS

Next meeting: 20 March 2023.

Meeting closed at 21:25

APPENDIX 1

January receipts and payments

<i>Business account</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Payments</i>	<i>VAT</i>
eon	Pavilion electricity		30.09	Y
RH Landscapes	Verge cutting		402.00	Y
Opus Energy	Street lighting		167.51	Y
Atlas	Football field trees		240.00	Y
G Parrish	January pay		416.99	
G Parrish	January admin exps		131.57	
C Burns	Handyman January		298.00	