

FEN DRAYTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

11 JUNE 2018



Present

Jackie Isden (chair), Roger Davies, Chris Gray, Sue Gyles
District councillor: Sue Ellington
Parish clerk: Gill Parrish Members of the public: 1

PARISH COUNCIL OPEN FORUM

Opened at 19.35.

A resident highlighted the problem with HGV traffic through the village during A14 night closures over the weekend of 2/3 June. He has contacted Bob Pettipher who will try to visit Horse and Gate Street. There are further issues of the narrowing of Horse and Gate Street for repairs to a property and a burst water main and a blocked storm drain. The resident was also concerned that the traffic island opposite the Shell Garage in Huntingdon Road was encroaching Fen Drayton parish. The council members were satisfied that it is within the Fenstanton boundary.

PARISH COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING

Opened at 19.50

18/1242 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE J Christie, I Whitby

18/1243 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None

18/1244 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Sue Ellington: following the full council meeting the cabinet will be reduced to the leader, Cllr Bridget Smith and deputy leader Cllr Aidan Van de Weyer. Finance portfolio – Cllr John Williams, planning – Cllr Tumi Hawkins, housing – Cllr Hazel Smith, environment – Cllr Neil Gough, business and staffing – Cllr Philippa Hart.

Cabinet members will attend parish council meetings if invited. There seems to be a desire to return to the committee system, subject to the agreement of the civic affairs committee.

In opposition, the conservative group continues to be led by Cllr Peter Topping, with Cllr Nick Wright as deputy and shadow planning and Cllr Mark Howell as shadow housing. Cllr Ellington is shadow environmental services; Cllr Grenville Chamberlain is shadow finance and chairman of scrutiny.

The five-year land supply has been achieved but by a small margin. The plan is still awaiting ratification and the new administration has a problem as several councillors were elected as they wanted to stop building on Bourn Airfield and Waterbeach barracks, both parts of the proposed plan to be agreed. Failure by the council to agree the government's accepted plan would result in further speculative housing developments.

The greater Cambridge partnership continues to be at loggerheads with the mayor, who wants to take it over. The new district council was voted in on the basis of its opposition to the GCP's transport to Cambourne plans, then discovered that the mayor's plans were even more unacceptable, so it has had to reverse its opinion of the GCP's plan.

From a health perspective Cllr Ellington is disappointed that there is no lead or anyone in the cabinet with knowledge of health issues. However, plans agreed before the election must be enacted during this year, so Cllr Ellington will keep an eye on it.

Finally, Parklife, SCDC's free family fun day, will be held on 1 July in Milton Country Park.

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18/1245 LOCAL CRIME/PCSO In the last month three vehicles were broken into and bags stolen, two from the RSPB car park and one from a vehicle in Springhill Road.

18/1246 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The May minutes were unanimously approved with no amendments (SG/JI).

18/1247 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING/S

- (18/1233) New bench for playground – on hold pending quotation from P Larter for a base.
- (18/1235) Handyman will deal with damaged tree next to the brook shortly.
- (18/1235) Cancelling CGM's contract and finding a replacement – see item 1249
- (18/1237) We're Watching You campaign posters have been delivered.
- (18/1237) New poo bin for Oaktree Road – waiting for the OK from SCDC.
- (18/1238) The village hall has been booked for the village meeting on 2 July.
- (18/1238) Speakers for the village meeting – see item 1252.
- (18/1238) PowerPoint presentation update – see item 1252
- (18/1241) The clerk has emailed the annual return to the external auditor.

- **ACTION: clerk to obtain quotations for a base for the bench.**
- **ACTION: clerk to liaise with handyman re siting of We're Watching You posters.**

18/1248 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

31/5 Email concerning new traffic island near Shell garage.

01/6 Email about the state of footpath 3.

06/6 Email about traffic through village, as above, and damage to Hall Court planter.

06/6 Email concerning traffic through village overnight due to A14 closures.

18/1249 MAINTENANCE, HANDYMAN & GRASS CUTTING

Overgrown hedge: complaints have been received about the hedge growing over footpath no 10 from no 25 Springhill Road. The PC will ask the owner to cut the hedge.

Planters: the parish council thanked Mr N Gill for donating plants for the planters in Cootes Lane.

Grass cutting: quotations for the grass cutting contract have been received. *The council voted unanimously in favour of giving Hamill Landscaping the contract for this year (JI/CG).*

- **ACTION: clerk to set up a contract with Hamill Landscapes.**
- **ACTION: clerk to write to the occupant of 25 Springhill Road.**
- **ACTION: clerk to thank Mr N Gill in writing.**

18/1250 COMMUNITY CAFE

The cafe continues to be popular and attracts good numbers. The parish council members have been asked to come up with suggestions for the dispersal of profits after running costs (village hall rental and sundries (cafetieres, trays etc) have been deducted.

18/1251 VILLAGE SPEEDWATCH

Three volunteers attended Speedwatch training on 9 June. Four more are due to attend the July session. More volunteers are needed and it is hoped some be recruited at the village meeting and through the Fen Drayton Focus. No application will be made this year for an LHI grant, as there is not enough time to gather the required data to back it up.

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18/1252 VILLAGE MEETING Speakers have been confirmed. The main topic will be the A14. R Davies is preparing a slide presentation for the event and the clerk will order invitations.

- **ACTION: clerk to organise printed invitations for the village meeting.**

18/1253 CAPALC MEMBERSHIP

Is still being considered.

18/1254 PC MEETING DATES

Mondays are still the preferred day for the council members.

18/1255 PLANNING

New applications:

S/1947/18/FL 9 College Farm Court, extension over garage

S/1949/18/FL Land rear of 47 Middleton Way, detached dwelling

Approved/no objections by PC:

S/0961/18/FL 48 Middleton Way, two-storey side extension.

S/1261/18/FL 51 Middleton Way: proposed erection of four new dwellings.

18/1256 FINANCES

Town Lands Lady Day rent received (£1012.65) and paid into the Town Lands account.

The clerk submitted the 2107-18 annual return to the external auditor by email on 24 May and the public rights notice was displayed on 3 June.

MAY RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS

<i>Business account</i>	<i>Chq no</i>	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Payments</i>	<i>VAT</i>
Came & Co (insurance)			594.48	Y
eon			42.11	Y
FDVH (PC)			17.50	
FDVH (May cafe)			30.00	
Clerk May salary			266.66	Y
Keep Britain Tidy (WWY)			324.00	Y
Hamill Landscapes (May)			484.80	Y
Handyman May			660.98	
Came & Co (insurance)			594.48	

- Business account balance £18,349.51
- S106 account balance = £13685.24
- Town Lands account balance = £12,785.78
- Cambridge B/S = £7,600.00

The May receipts and payments were unanimously approved (CG/SG)

Meeting closed at 21.40. **Next meeting** – village meeting on 2 July at 19.30 in the village hall.