

FEN DRAYTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

26 NOVEMBER 2015



Present

Harry Webster (chair), Judith Christie, Chris Gray, Jackie Isden
District councillor: Mark Howell (from 19.45 to 20.20)
Parish clerk: Gill Parrish
Members of the public: 1

PARISH COUNCIL OPEN FORUM

Opened at 19.30

A member of the public was present concerning the pavilion upgrade. See item 895.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Opened at 19.55.

885. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from R Lewis, M Smith and N Wright.

886. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

None.

887. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

M Howell: SCDCs scheme of buying property to let or sell on has been approved to the tune of £100 million over five years. The council will borrow the money at three percent and lend it to a self-owned private company for six/seven percent. The private company will undertake the property purchasing, letting (at market rents) and management. The profits will make up for the increasing shortfall in grant money from central government and ultimately benefit the taxpayer.

888. LOCAL CRIME/PCSO

Owing to the increase in crime in surrounding villages it was suggested that a clinic in home protection by the police, to be held in the village hall in March would be helpful.

- **ACTION: clerk to email the local PCSO to arrange.**

889. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

J Christie, seconded by C Gray, proposed the October minutes as correct. All in favour.

890. ACTIONS/UPDATES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- (861) The chestnut tree in Daintrees Road has been lifted.
- (862/1) Applying for ACV status for the Three Tuns is in progress (clerk).
- (863) Cootes Lane/Vermuyden Way corner landscaping: re-grassing will be done in March 2016.
- (864) LHI update: H Webster will attend an assessment session on 22/25 January 2016 to reinforce the case for HCV restrictions in Horse and Gate Street.
- (870) Change of bank update – in progress (clerk).
- (880) A cheque for £200 has been prepared for Fen Drayton Focus.

891. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

1. *Local Government Boundary Commission*. 3/11/2015: advising that, due to 'undertaking further limited consultation in Cambridge' the final recommendations will now be published on 9/2/2016 instead of 17/11/2015.
2. *Highways England*. 28/10/15: invitation to meeting for landowners and tenants affected by the A14 upgrade.
3. *Planning Inspectorate*. 18/11/15: findings/conclusions/recommendations from the examination due the Secretary of State for Transport by 13/2/16.
4. Email (via website). 12/11/15: from Vermuyden Way resident asking about planting to replace the hornbeams and willow.

892. VILLAGE LANDSCAPING/TREES/MAINTENANCE

The dead willow in Vermuyden Way and village hall elms were felled on 11 November.

Playground repairs: the edging between the grass and rubber matting keeps being kicked away. This is expected wear and tear and will be repaired again this winter.

The handyman will also be given the go-ahead to put new anti-slip pads on the footbridge by the lock-up – and asked to source cheaper anti-slip pads than the current quoted price of £15 each. (The clerk checked with SCDC and the footbridge repairs are the responsibility of the parish council.) The clerk will enquire whether SCDC will replace the coping stone on the tunnel entrance at the back of College Farm Court.

The handyman is still cutting grass so is doing more hours than usual for the time of year. J Isden will ask him to cut his hours back to two a week in January and February 2016.

Re broken window in Hall Court: H Webster, seconded by J Christie, proposed to offer to split the cost of repair with Atlas.

- **ACTION: J Christie to progress the grassing of Vermuyden Way corner in March 2016.**
- **ACTION: J Isden to progress replacement trees in Vermuyden Way early next year.**
- **ACTION: J Isden to liaise with the handyman re footbridge, playground and his hours.**
- **ACTION: clerk to email SCDC about replacing the brook tunnel coping stone.**
- **ACTION: chair to speak to Atlas about splitting the cost of the window in Hall Court.**

893. A14 UPGRADE

H Webster attended a Highways England meeting for landowners and tenants affected by the A14 upgrade. Highways will be visiting all affected parties in the new year.

894. COLLEGE FARM COURT PARKING

C Gray and J Isden met with a resident of College Farm Court due to concerns over parking. This is a matter for the residents to resolve, with or without Highways involvement. In the meantime the parish council is trying to facilitate a meeting with Highways, M Smith and residents. C Gray has been trying to speak to Highways but no one returns her calls.

- **ACTION: C Gray to persevere with contacting Highways.**

895. FOOTBALL FUNDING/PAVILION

C Gray has looked at various funding sources and Sport England looks the best option, but will also look at Mick George and Olympic Legacy. J Christie was unable to find any Legacy Fund information so the fund is probably now closed. H Webster spoke to AA Taylor but he was unable to give a price for renovation without more detailed specifications. A member of the Lions football

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club suggested a prefabricated unit, such as Mac containers, as other clubs use them. It was agreed that prices would be obtained from Mac and another kit company for two separate changing rooms (male and female), plus a central area and kitchen.

- **ACTION: all councillors to study the Sport England information on its website.**
- **ACTION: C Gray to continue to investigate funding sources.**
- **ACTION: J Isden to obtain quotes for container/kit buildings.**

896. PARISH COUNCILLOR RECRUITMENT

A half page advert for a new parish councillor has been placed in the Fen Drayton Focus. The chair will contact I Whitby to see if he still wishes to continue as a parish councillor. The village hall committee is short of two parish councillors on its committee, as J Isden cannot represent the parish council now she is chair of the village hall committee. J Christie, seconded by C Gray, proposed, that two committee members be seconded by the PC; all in favour.

- **ACTION: chair to contact I Whitby.**

897. MEETINGS IN 2016

Tuesdays were suggested as the preferred day for meetings in 2016. The clerk will contact R Lewis to check whether Tuesday suits him.

- **ACTION: clerk to contact R Lewis.**

898. DEFIBRILLATOR FOR VILLAGE HALL

A member of the committee has requested a defibrillator for the village hall.

- **ACTION: chair to look into obtaining a defibrillator for the village hall.**

899. PLANNING

New applications:

S/1456/15/VC 54 Park Lane – removal of condition 3 of S/1579/11

S/2492/15/FL 8 Mill Road – new build dwelling

S/2582/15/FL 13 Cootes Lane – two new dwellings

Approved/no objections:

S/2492/15/FL 8 Mill Road – new build dwelling

Refused:

S/1456/15/VC 54 Park Lane – removal of condition 3 of S/1579/11 – proposed by J Isden, seconded by J Christie; all in favour.

SCDC approved decision notices: none

900. FINANCE

- Business account balance £15818.93
- S106 account balance = £4937.06
- Town Lands account balance = £7413.11

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<i>OCTOBER EXPENDITURE</i>	<i>Chq no</i>	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Payments</i>	<i>VAT</i>
Glasdon (dog waste bin)	1307		147.60	Y
Target Printers (Enclosure Act maps)	1308		181.20	Y
CAPALC (training)	1309		105.00	
Window Solutions (Hall Court)	1310		192.00	Y
CGM (September)	1311		413.40	Y
e-on (electricity for pavilion)	1312		34.11	Y
Clerk salary (October)	1314		264.92	
Atlas (Daintrees Road chestnut tree)	1315		72.00	Y
Village hall rental (Jan-Sept 2015)	1316		220.00	
Handyman (October)	1317		416.00	

H Webster, seconded by C Gray, proposed the October expenditure as correct.

Meeting closed at 21.50.

Next meeting: 12 January 2016 (to be confirmed).

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