

FEN DRAYTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

12 MARCH 2018



Present

Harry Webster (chair), Chris Gray, Sue Gyles, Jackie Isden, Ian Whitby
County councillor: Mandy Smith District councillor: Sue Ellington
Parish clerk: Gill Parrish Members of the public: 0

PARISH COUNCIL OPEN FORUM

Opened and closed at 19.30

PARISH COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING

Opened at 19.30

18/1192 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE J Christie

18/1193 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Item 18/1201: H Webster (member of tennis club).

18/1194 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Smith: Cycle path to busway Highways and Cambridgeshire County Council are working together to try to get funding for the project.

Holywell Ferry Road repair work will be carried out but no dates have been confirmed.

HGV damage to verges opposite the Shell garage caused by HGVs parking there – Cllr Smith will look into having cones put on the verge and stopping HGVs parking along the road to Bannolds.

Cllr Ellington: the Local Plan is about to be agreed – hopefully before the elections in May.

Hare coursing has been taking place in Conington and other fields near the A14. The A14 roadworks have taken out hedgerows/ditches, making access to fields easier. The coursers use drones to locate hares and drive 4x4s (often stolen).

18/1195 LOCAL CRIME/PCSO

Crimes reported: 04/02/18 Holywell Ferry Road, Fen Drayton. Field entered via gate and a vehicle set on fire and left to burn out. The offender/s were caught and a court case is pending.

18/1196 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

That the February minutes are an accurate record, with no amendments, was proposed, seconded and unanimously approved (CG/SG).

18/1197 ACTIONS/UPDATES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

(17/1164) Cambridge Building Society signatory changes have been made.

(18/1188) A grant application for play equipment was submitted to the A14 Fund on 13 February.

(18/1187) Outcome of talks with Haslingfield clerk (see 18/1201).

18/1198 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Letter from SCDC and nomination forms for parish council elections on 3 May, which have been distributed to councillors for completion.

Complaint about the state of Holywell Ferry Road.

Resignation of R Lewis from the parish council as he has moved out of the area.

18/1199 MAINTENANCE & HANDYMAN

The young pear tree in Hall Court garden has been damaged and lost a branch, probably from being hit by someone cycling over the paved area.

Stihl brush attachment for handyman – it may be possible to get a second hand one.

The Daintrees Road footpath has been reported as overgrown.

- **ACTION: J Isden to discuss the brush and Daintrees path with the handyman.**

18/1200 AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The parish council will advertise for applications for any parishioners who wish their land to be considered as a housing site in the next issue of the Fen Drayton Focus. Discussions with Cambridgeshire ACRE about the project are ongoing.

That the council advertises for land available for affordable housing in the Fen Drayton Focus was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed (HW/IW).

- **ACTION: clerk to put advertisement in the Fen Drayton Focus.**

18/1201 TENNIS CLUB

H Webster spoke with Haslingfield PC clerk about reclaiming VAT for work being carried out on its tennis club. Haslingfield said, having investigated the situation, it had decided against doing this. The parish council agreed to lend the tennis club up to £3,000 on a short-term basis in the event of a shortfall for carrying out the resurfacing work (a vote taken by email was unanimously approved – H Webster abstained).

18/1202 VILLAGE SPEEDWATCH

A trial of a mobile speed camera took place along Mill Road between 23 January and 7 February. Data from each village has been collected and a meeting to discuss the findings, with a view to the villages jointly purchasing mobile speed signs, is being arranged by the Swavesey PC clerk. A speedwatch group is still being considered, but more volunteers are needed.

- **ACTION: S Gyles to try to enlist more Speedwatch volunteers.**

18/1203 PAVILION

A meeting is due to take place on 15 March at 17.30 in the pavilion with the architect, Ian Waters, and representatives of the football club, parish council and volunteers.

18/1204 HOLYWELL FERRY ROAD

Dealt with under item 18/1194

18/1205 A14 UPDATE AND TOWN LANDS

There has been no update on the compulsory purchase compensation for the Town Lands field as yet. The Town Lands rent has been adjusted to allow for land taken by Highways for A14 upgrade. H Webster to check the revised rent amount before the Lady Day rent is invoiced.

- **ACTION: H Webster to check the revised Town Lands rent.**

