

Present

Jackie Isden (chair), Roger Davies, Chris Gray, Sue Gyles, Paul Pinner, James Weeden
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 19.300*

20/039 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE M Stovell, S Ellington, M Smith

20/040 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None

20/041 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

District councillor, Sue Ellington (by email):

£100K homes - the government is set to launch the 100k Homes Scheme at the end of March, The scheme will increase owners' ability to save compared with the rental market for a similar or equivalent property and like owning any home, owners will build equity in the property through mortgage repayments. For information go to: <https://www.100khomes.co.uk>

VE Day commemorations: SCDC has opened its Community Chest Grant Scheme to applications of up to £1000 to mark the 75th anniversary. Voluntary and community groups may apply, but not parish councils. For more details go to: <https://www.scams.gov.uk/community-development/grants/community-chest-grants/>

New taxi licensing scheme was approved at full council on 20 February to improve safety for both passengers and drivers and to ensure that taxis are greener. For further information go to: <https://www.scams.gov.uk/new-taxi-licensing-policy-will-see-cctv-installed-as-standard-and-improve-air-quality-across-south-cambridgeshire/>

20/042 LOCAL CRIME/PCSO

Over the first two weeks in March there was a spate of fly tipping in the village.

20/043 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The chair signed the minutes of the February meeting, which were unanimously approved with no amendments.

20/044 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS *(unless a separate agenda item)*

19/069 Rosary junction improvements were completed on 26 February.

20/009 Community Warden Scheme – waiting for a decision from CCF re the grant application.

20/014 Playground renovations were completed on 12 March.

20/015 Opus invoicing/direct debit problems have been resolved. The chair thanked R Davies for his time spent sorting out the situation.

20/023 'Speedwatch operates here' sign – still in hand.

20/027 Public footpath sign (Park Lane) resolved by the Public Rights of Way Officer.

20/029 A letter was sent to bowls club agreeing to extend its lease for another year subject to the BC trimming the hedge once between Nov 2020 and Jan 2021. The club has suspended play until September due to the Covid-19 virus.

20/030 Swift box scheme – nest boxes and a calling system are being researched.

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20/032 CCC energy – clerk to pay the outstanding invoice.

20/033 New PC website – still in hand with M Stovell and the clerk.

20/035 A14 Legacy Fund: after weeks of chasing by email and phone the chair spoke with Pam Hobson who advised that the scheme should still be agreed by 31 March. Other PCs are chasing too. David Forbes is still the liaison for the legacy fund.

20/035 The clerk submitted 20/036 A14 damage report to Highways in February.

20/038 A donation (£400) was made to the Babies & Toddlers Group.

20/045 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (clerk)

1. Thank you letter from the Babies & Toddlers group.
2. Email from Highways re traffic management course. See item 20/048.
3. Email from Simon Kidney re ACV listing for the Three Tuns. At a meeting with the chair it was agreed that the parish council would make no application for ACV listing without timely consultation between both parties.
4. Email from 10K re banner. It was agreed the banner could be positioned on the mini roundabout outside the pub.

20/046 VILLAGE/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE & VERGE CUTTING (JI/clerk)

JI purchased and planted an amelanchier tree with SCDC voucher.

The handyman has completed the play equipment repainting.

RH Landscapes cut football field and village hall field on 13 March.

Clerk to request that RHL does not cut the verge on Mill Road/Cootes Lane corner until August as this is planted with wildflower seeds.

Cowslips are ready for planting by the primary school on the Vermuyden Way/Cootes Lane verge.

20/047 LHI 2020/21

The parish council's bid for implement traffic calming in Cootes Lane was unsuccessful. A request for a 40-mph buffer zone along Mill Road will be submitted next year if the A14 Legacy Fund does not give it the go-ahead.

20/048 HIGHWAYS TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT COURSE

It was agreed that there was no need to send anyone on the course at this time. The 10K committee has trained members who manage the road closures.

20/049 VE DAY 75

PC unanimously approved expenditure of £242 for bunting purchased by the village hall committee.

20/050 CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) ACTION

Impact on future village events: the VE75 celebrations will be looked into and cancelled or changed accordingly. Fen Drayton has been successful in its bid for a flyover by a Spitfire and this can go ahead in any event.

Help for residents at risk: a volunteer bank is being set up to help villagers who are in self-isolation. The PC will get cards printed with numbers to call for support. The Three Tuns is also helping with takeaway meals and meat and fruit suppliers who will offer a delivery service.

ACTION: clerk to organise flyer artwork/print and delivery rota.

The April PC meeting and the village meeting have been suspended pending official advice from NALC on how to manage meetings during the Covid-19 outbreak.

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20/051 PLANNING APPLICATIONS (clerk)

New applications

20/01577/PRI06A Ridgeley's Farm Fen Drayton, erection of agricultural storage unit

Status: awaiting decision.

SCDC decisions – none

20/052 FINANCES (clerk)

PKF Littlejohn (external auditor) will email out the AGAR forms during the week commencing 23 March.

JANUARY RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS

<i>Business account</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Payments</i>	<i>VAT</i>
FD Football Club	Architect - pavilion	793.50		
Grantscape	Mick George grant	28446.54		
Caloo	Inv 2764 (swings etc)		7,139.42	Y
Caloo	Inv 2765 (zip wire)		9,112.82	Y
Caloo	Inv 2766 (resurfacing)		17,883.60	Y
S Barnett	Hedge cutting		504.00	Y
Village hall	Meeting room hire		28.00	
G Parrish	Clerk February pay		404.80	
C Burns	Handyman February		240.00	
P Newport	VE day bunting for VH		242.00	Y
R Davies	Phone call to Opus		25.78	Y
CCC	Street lighting		1016.40	

Account balances (as of 12/03/2020)

- Business account balance £5,359.48
- S106 account balance = £2,386.24
- Town Lands account balance = 24,397.85
- Cambridge B/S = £13,600.00

Meeting closed: 20.55 Next meeting: TBA