

FEN DRAYTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

14 JUNE 2016



Present

Harry Webster (chair), Judith Christie, Chris Gray, Jackie Isden, Ian Whitby
County councillor: Mandy Smith
District councillors: Nick Wright
Parish clerk: Gill Parrish Members of the public: 2

PARISH COUNCIL OPEN FORUM

Opened at 19.30

Two residents proposing to set up a youth club in the village.

PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL & GENERAL MEETING

Opened at 19.35

16/965 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE R Lewis, S Gyles, M Howell

16/966 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS None.

16/967 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Smith

Devolution: Cllr Steve Count, leader of Cambridgeshire County Council, is seeking an urgent meeting with Greg Clark calling for the government to reconsider a devolution deal for Cambridge and Peterborough, which excludes Norfolk and Suffolk. The government is pushing for the devolution deal to include all three counties, as announced by George Osborn in the last budget.

Grass cutting: villagers are complaining about the overgrown state of the village's footpaths. Cllr Smith will try to find out when the next scheduled grass cutting will take place.

Cllr Wright

Flooding: H Webster expressed concern about Covell's Drain being blocked near the A14 (both north and south of the road). Cllr Wright will email the new drainage manager, Rob McGovern (who is also the ecology officer) to request a meeting on site.

Local Plan: examination is still in progress. Once it has been agreed CIL will be implemented.

City Deal: has announced congestion-busting proposals, which include providing more buses and improving park and ride facilities (possibly abolishing parking charges). A levy on private parking is also in the pipeline.

16/968 LOCAL CRIME/PCSO

Three village break-ins took place in May:

17/05/2016 20:00 - 21/05/2016 10:00, Cootes Lane. Tools stolen from an unsecured garage.

31/05/2016 between 20:00-21:00hrs, Cootes Lane. Property entered by smashing a glass patio door and a black Volkswagen stolen from the driveway.

02/06/2016 22:00 - 03/06/2016 09:00, The Orchard. Chainsaw stolen from a garage.

16/969 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

J Christie, seconded by J Isden, proposed the May minutes as correct. All in favour.

16/970 ACTIONS/UPDATES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

(16/958) Shell garage exit. Clerk spoke to Fenstanton clerk. Fenstanton PC has been trying for years to get the Shell to improve the exit/signage.

(16/959) Landscaping: Vermuyden Way corner. (See 16/974)

(16/959) Risk assessment for the primary school running programme. This will be done and a copy forwarded to the parish council.

(16/959) A sign about litter will be put up near the entrance to The Rosary. If this doesn't solve the litter problem a bin will be reconsidered.

(16/959) Clerk has report the broken Fen Drayton sign to the council.

(16/960) Costs for picnic benches. (See 16/973)

(16/961) J Isden/clerk to contact City Deal re cycle path – not had time to do this.

(16/962) Defibrillator – see 16/977

16/971 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

21/5/16 Email about rabbit damage to the bowling green

23/5/16 Letter from Highways England re compulsory acquisition of land for A14 upgrade.

H Webster is trying to ascertain how much land is being taken and also checking if the access mentioned in the documents is the Town Lands field one.

31/5/16 Email about rat run traffic in Horse and Gate Street.

12/6/16 Email requesting funds for starting up a village youth club.

J Isden, seconded by C Gray, proposed a donation of £50 to cover the cost of setting up an initial event for the youth club project.

16/972 VILLAGE LANDSCAPING/TREES/MAINTENANCE

The handyman has repaired the gate and replaced a section of fence by the pavilion.

He has also cut back the vegetation on the Daintrees Road footpath. There have been complaints about other overgrown paths around Springhill; the clerk has reported these to CCC.

Replacement trees for the Vermuyden Way hornbeams. J Christie produced designs for two options for replacing the hornbeams: a community orchard and a visual screen. The council members agreed that a community orchard was a good idea but in a different location, so the visual screen was the preferred option. This would cost about £360 and the trees would be planted in autumn. *J Christie, seconded by C Gray, proposed that the visual screen should go ahead; all in favour. J Isden, seconded by I Whitby, proposed to approve the cost of eight trees totalling £360; all in favour.*

Replacement trees for the Vermuyden Way dead willow. *J Isden, seconded by C Gray, proposed planting three birch trees to replace the willow tree.* This will also be done in the autumn.

Tree on Vermuyden corner overhanging garden in Cootes Lane. The crown lifting has been carried out by Atlas.

16/960. NEW BENCHES NEAR THE PLAYGROUND

J Isden advised the cost of two new picnic benches made from recycled material would cost £450 + VAT each. Paul Larter will erect them fixing them in concrete beneath a paved base). Total cost will be just over £2,000. *J Isden, seconded by I Whitby, proposed that the work goes ahead; all in favour. The clerk will apply for a Community Chest grant.* The work will start in 10 weeks time.

- **ACTION: clerk to apply for Community Chest grant.**

16/974 VERMUYDEN WAY SOFT LANDSCAPING

J Christie suggested a metalwork 'eye catcher' to be positioned on the corner of Cootes Lane and Vermuyden Way. It was agreed that a competition be held to find a suitable design which could be worked up by a blacksmith. Also a second piece of artwork designed by the primary school was suggested. J Christie will organise.

- **ACTION: J Christie to organise the design competition.**

16/975 CAPABILITY BROWN GARDEN AND FESTIVAL

This is being held on the weekend of 25/26 June. A photography competition is being held with three age categories with prize money of £50 each. Cambridge Gardens Trust is sponsoring one prize and NADFAS another. C Gray, seconded by J Isden, proposed a donation of £100 for the event (£50 to sponsor a photography competition prize and £50 towards admin costs); all in favour.

16/976 VILLAGE MEETING AGENDA

The annual village meeting will be held on 11 July at 7.30 pm in the village hall. Refreshments will be organised by J Christie and glasses hired by J Isden. The clerk will organise printed invitations. Speakers will be invited to give reports on: A14 upgrade, RSPB, 10K/fun run, police, pre-school, youth club, tennis and bowls clubs.

- **ACTION: J Christie to organise drinks.**
- **ACTION: J Isden to organise hire of glasses.**
- **ACTION: Clerk to design and print invitations.**

16/977 DEFIBRILLATOR & TRAINING

The cost of purchasing a defibrillator is very high due to the outdoor position of the machine and other constraints. H Webster to investigate renting one.

- **ACTION: H Webster to investigate renting a defibrillator.**

16/978 PLANNING

New applications:

S/0895/16/FL RSPB Fen Drayton Lakes. Habitat enhancement.

S/0832/16/FL RSPB Fen Drayton Lakes, 7 new directional/welcome signs.

Approved/no objections (by PC):

S/0895/16/FL RSPB Fen Drayton Lakes. Habitat enhancement.

S/0832/16/FL RSPB Fen Drayton Lakes, 7 new directional/welcome signs.

Refused:

None.

SCDC decision notices:

10/6/2016: S/0814/16/FL 22 Park Lane, ground floor extension. GRANTED.

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16/979 FINANCES

The 2015-6 annual return has been signed off by the internal auditor and posted to the external auditor.

<i>MAY RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS</i>	<i>Chq no</i>	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Payments</i>	<i>VAT</i>
CGM (March/April)	1346		620.10	Y
e-on	1347		46.92	Y
Chris Burns (handyman May)	1348		416.00	
Clerk (May salary)	1349		280.35	
Clerk/admin expenses	1350		52.67	Y
Came & Company (insurance)	1351		576.73	
CGM (May)	1352		295.80	Y
Cambridge Water	1353		23.14	
Transfer to S106 account	1354		5683.82	

- Business account balance £14834.06
- S106 account balance = £10620.88
- Town Lands account balance = £7688.11
- Cambridge B/S = £7,600.00

I Whitby, seconded by J Christie, proposed the May expenditure as correct; all in favour.

Meeting closed at 22.30

Next meeting (village meeting) 11 July 2016 in the village hall.

Next scheduled general meeting 13 September 2106.

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