

# FEN DRAYTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

17 FEBRUARY 2020



## Present

Jackie Isden (chair), Roger Davies, Chris Gray, Sue Gyles, Max Stovell  
County councillor: Mandy Smith, District councillor: Sue Ellington  
Parish clerk: Gill Parrish Members of the public: 2

## PARISH COUNCIL OPEN FORUM *Opened at 19.30*

- *A representative of the Fen Drayton Babies and Toddlers group that is short of funds and in arrears. Asking for financial assistance while more advertising is done to attract new clients.*
- *A member of the !OK run committee asking for permission to park on the recreation ground as in previous years. This was unanimously approved.*
- *Also, representing the village hall committee – made the PC aware of very tall trees growing near the west side of the hall.*

## PARISH COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING *Opened at 20.00*

### 20/022 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None made.

### 20/023 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

#### ***Cllr Mandy Smith:***

***New Fen Drayton sign:*** Is now on order and will be moved from Cootes Lane to Mill Road.

***Speedwatch:*** sign saying 'Speedwatch operates here' – need to speak to the Speedwatch co-ordinator. **ACTION:** S Gyles

***Street lighting handover:*** FDPC (along with all other Cambridgeshire parish councils) has incurred increased costs by buying electricity piecemeal. Also the handover was announced too late to include the cost in the precept. FDPC has complained to CCC to no avail. Cllr Smith will go back to CCC to say that FDPC is unhappy with the attitude of CCC.

#### ***Sue Ellington***

***SCDC full council meeting:*** will be held on Thursday 20 February.

***Street lighting: changeover to LED bulbs project is being rolled out.***

***SCDC Community Warden Scheme grant:*** SCDC has a pot of £100,000 for community warden scheme. FDPC has already applied for a two-year grant from CCC, but will monitor with a view to applying after the two-year CCC grant has expired.

### 20/024 LOCAL CRIME/PCSO

Nothing reported.

### 20/025 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

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

### 20/026 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS *(unless a separate agenda item)*

*19/069 Rosary junction improvements – work is due to start on 24 February.*

*19/133 Holywell Ferry Road – meeting held with the Greenways project re road*

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*improvements. A meeting is being arranged including the RSPB. The proposals will be discussed by CCC in June.*

*19/138 Fen Drayton sign replacement/relocation to Mill Road – in hand see 20/023.*

*19/159 LHI application – RD gave a presentation to the panel on 3 February. Decisions will be announced at the end of March.*

*20/009 Community Warden Scheme – the grant application has been submitted.*

*20/011 Duke of Edinburgh volunteers – two volunteers are doing litter picking for the PC (recreation grounds and public footpaths only).*

*20/012 Speakers for next village meeting – both Julian Lamb and the archaeologist can make 18 May.*

*20/018 Town Lands – nothing further to report re access to the field until the construction of the non-motorised pathway takes place.*

## **20/027 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED** (clerk)

- 1) Thank you letter from the Bobby Scheme.
- 2) Thank you email from Fen Drayton Focus.
- 3) Email from SCDC re joint Community Safety and Resilience event and Zero Carbon Communities workshop.
- 4) Email complaint about graffiti on the Springhill pumping station. Stubbins has now removed this.
- 5) Email re fence down in Cootes Lane. No further action required.
- 6) Email re repositioning a public footpath sign in the village hall field. Fault report submitted to CCC.
- 7) bpha is ready to submit the affordable housing planning application.
- 8) SCDC requested FDPC an extension to review the planning application for the pavilion until 5 March. This was granted by the architect on behalf of SCDC.

## **20/028 VILLAGE/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE & VERGE CUTTING** (JI/clerk)

The football field hedge has now been cut.

Atlas carried out the Daintrees Road/football field tree work on 6 February.

Tree voucher for £60 – J Isden will purchase an Amelanchier tree from Oakington garden centre. **ACTION**; J Isden

Woodland Trust free trees: M Stovell has ordered two packs totalling 210 trees (year-round colour and wildlife friendly) to be delivered in November.

## **20/029 BOWLS CLUB LEASE**

It was unanimously agreed that R Davies should draft a letter to confirm that FDPC has approved an extension of the the 1995 lease for one year subject to the bowls club trimming the boundary hedge between November 2020 and January 2021. **ACTION**: R Davies

## **20/030 SWIFT BOX SCHEME**

The BTO advised S Gyles that swifts don't make a mess around the nest site. The village hall committee was in favour of putting swift boxes up on the village hall. J Isden has sourced a possible nest box. Clerk to speak to an experienced swift-box maintainer for a second opinion. **ACTION**: clerk



**20/031 GREATER CAMBRIDGE LOCAL PLAN**

The PC unanimously agreed that it is vital to protect green spaces which are at risk as the five-year land supply has slipped into single figures. J Isden to respond for the parish council saying it would like the existing South Cambridgeshire planning policy for the village (as a Group village) adopted in September 2018 together with the policy for the Fen Drayton former LSA estate (Policy H/5) to continue for the foreseeable future.

**20/032 STREET LIGHTING ENERGY SUPPLIER**

See 20/023.

**20/033 NEW WEBSITE**

A new template has been selected. M Stovell to continue building the new website and, with the clerk, migrate content to it with a view to having a preview of the new site at the next meeting. **ACTION:** M Stovell/clerk

**20/034 PLAYGROUND RENOVATIONS**

- All Caloo work completed on Saturday 9 February though an engineer was recalled to put uniform bolts on the swing fixings.
- As the Wicksteed replacement net and platforms on the climbing frame cost over £4K including fitting, purchase will be delayed until later in the year. In the meantime the PC will try to resource cheaper generic parts. **ACTION:** R Davies

**20/035 PARISH MEETING WITH SCDC FEEDBACK**

It is illegal to litter pick along roadsides where the speed limit is above 30 mph. SCDC will supply litter-picking kits.

J Isden is still trying to get an update about the A14 Legacy Fund grant but David Forbes, who is responsible for the project isn't replying to emails. **ACTION:** J Isden

**20/036 A14 UPGRADE – DAMAGE REPORT**

The PC agreed to report the surfaces of all through roads in the village: Honey Hill, Horse and Gate Street, High Street between Horse and Gate Street and the bottom of Cootes Lane, Cootes Lane and Mill Road. Also grass verges that have been eroded away by HGVs, and a check of the underground water mains in Horse and Gate Street. Report to be sent to CCC/Highways England. **ACTION:** clerk

The pavement has collapsed outside the house under construction next to the vicarage. Clerk to report to planners and write to the house owners. **ACTION:** clerk

**20/037 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**New applications**

S/0031/20/FL	New dwelling and access	30 Cootes Lane
S/0042/20/FL	Side extension	44 Vermuyden Way

**SCDC decisions – approved**

S/3998/19/FL	Replacement workshop + storage	Bannolds, Capability Barns
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## 20/038 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

The council members unanimously approved a one-off grant of £400 for the Babies and Toddlers Group. **ACTION:** clerk

### JANUARY RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS

<i>Business account</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Payments</i>	<i>VAT</i>
C Burns	Handyman December		300.00	
Fen Drayton Focus	Donation		300.00	Y
Opus Energy	DD refund	1332.15		
e.on	Pavilion electricity		35.66	Y
Village hall	PC meeting room hire		17.50	Y
G Parrish	January pay		368.64	
G Parrish	Clerk admin expenses		30.00	Y
Ian Waters Design	Pavilion architect fees		325.00	Y
Atlas	Football field tree work		444.00	
C Burns	Handyman January		240.00	

### Account balances (as of 12/02/2020)

- Business account balance £11,699.86
- S106 account balance = £2,386.24
- Town Lands account balance = 24,797.85
- Cambridge B/S = £13,600.00

**Meeting closed:** 22.00. **Next meeting:** 16 March 2020 at 19.30.