

Present

Harry Webster (chair), Jackie Isden, Derek Robinson, Andrew Webb.
County Councillor: Mandy Smith
Parish Clerk: Gill Parrish

Members of the public: 4

PARISH COUNCIL OPEN FORUM

Opened at 19.30.

A parishioner from Park Lane requested an update on the bund as there is currently no work being carried out on Holywell Ferry Road. The chairman reported that SCDC is going out to tender for the construction of the hump in the road by the sluice.

- **ACTION: H Webster to continue to monitor.**

Richard Lewis invited members of the parish council to a tour of Stubbins early next year.

- **ACTION: Clerk to liaise with Richard Lewis to organise the tour.**

Two parishioners expressed concern that HGV vehicles will come through Fen Drayton when the A14 upgrade and building at Northstowe gets under way. The parishioners asked the parish council to push for a weight limit to be imposed.

- **ACTION: H Webster to ask the district councillors if they are dealing with the HGV question (following the village meeting). If not, the clerk will write to Cllr Smith to formally request that action is taken.**

Open forum closed at 19.50.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Opened at 19.50.

754. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from J. Christie, D. Cross, V. Lawless, I Whitby and PCSO Baugh.

755. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

None declared

756. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor Mandy Smith

Still waiting for the second light to be installed at the guided bus stop on the Cambridge-bound side. No news on the cycle path. The hedge outside 27 Cootes Lane has still not been cut back. Cllr Smith to chase with Highways.

Cllr Smith will investigate who is responsible for clearing the grips in the verge that drain into Hall Brook along the High Street.

757. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The September minutes were proposed as correct by J Isden and seconded by D Robinson; all in favour.

758. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

(706) 27 Cootes Lane/Mill Road overhanging hedges – Cllr Smith chasing (see 756).

(739) Vermuyden Way land: J Christie reported (via J Isden) that details of land ownership in Vermuyden Way/Hall Court will cost around £150 to purchase from the Land Registry. A Webb proposed this should be implemented; D Robinson seconded; all in favour.

(751) H Webster thanked J Christie for organizing the refreshments for the village meeting, and thanked the helpers who distributed invitations.

- **ACTION: Clerk to advise J Christie that she may proceed with the Land Registry searches.**

759. LOCAL CRIME/PCSO

- In October one break-in occurred in Church Street.
- A parishioner found empty shotgun cartridge cases in the recreation area behind the school. The school reported this to the police.

760. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

1. Email from a parishioner about HGV traffic through the village. *See public forum.*
2. Resignation from the parish council from D Robinson.
3. Resignation from the parish council from A Webb.

The chair thanked D Robinson and A Webb for their contribution to the parish council and wished them well for the future.

761. VILLAGE LANDSCAPING PROJECTS

HALL COURT: the best quotation for landscaping groundwork was from Paul Larter at £1,920. H Webster proposed that the contract be given to Paul Larter and was seconded by Derek Robinson; all in favour. J Isden showed the councillors a selection of benches suitable for the area. These will be discussed further at the next meeting.

- **ACTION: J Isden to give the go-ahead to Paul Larter. J Christie and J Isden to research furniture and planting.**

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VERMUYDEN WAY CORNER: J Christie and J Isden have rethought the design for this area and decided to keep it simple – mainly grass and a glade of trees at the back. J Isden will provide costs and suggestions for tree species for the next meeting.

- **ACTION: J Isden to provide costs.**

PLANTATION BENCHES: are in bad repair. J Isden will provide costs for new benches at the next meeting and also ask the handyman to provide an estimate for repairing them, if viable.

- **ACTION: J Isden to provide costs.**

762. MAINTENANCE AND FLOOD DEFENCE UPDATE *see public forum.*

763. 2015 MEETING DATES

- **ACTION: Clerk to check village hall availability then publish dates.**

752. PLANNING

Approved: S/2020/14/FL no objections (subject to agreement with adjoining neighbour).

Amended application: S/1681/14/FL – Cobbles (received 4/11/2014)

753. FINANCE

OCTOBER EXPENDITURE	Chq no	Receipts	Payments	Bank bal	VAT
Precept 14/15 B		8,300.00		14736.57	
PKF Littlejohn (external audit)	1230		240.00	14496.57	Y
Clerk September salary	1231		386.56	14110.01	
HMRC (July/Aug/Sept)	1232		196.00	13914.01	
Cambridgeshire ACRE (July-September)	1233		20.52	13893.49	Y
Handyman (lock-up repairs)	1234		664.80	13228.69	
Handyman (September)	1235		416.00	12812.69	
CGM (grass cutting September)	1236		413.40	12399.29	Y
HMC Framing (enclosure map)	1237		165.30	12233.99	
J Christie - reimbursement of expenses (VM)	1238		24.90	12209.09	
Atlas (Hall Court trees)	1239		480.00	10729.09	Y
Donation (from village meeting)		28.85		10757.94	

A Webb, seconded by D Robinson; all in favour, proposed October expenditure as correct.

That expenditure for the renovation of the lock-up will be paid out of the Town Lands charity account was proposed by H Webster and seconded by J Isden.

That expenditure for the restoration of the Enclosure Act and map will be paid out of the Town Lands charity account was proposed by H Webster and seconded by A Webb.

The meeting closed at 21.50

Next meeting: 7 January 2015 at 19.30 in the village hall.