

## Present at e-meeting

Jackie Isden (chair), Roger Davies, Chris Gray, Sue Gyles, Sarah Newport, Mandy Smith, James Weeden.

County councillor: Mandy Smith; District Councillor: Sue Ellington.

Parish clerk: Gill Parrish. Members of public: none

## PARISH COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING

Opened at 19.30 via Zoom.

**21/035 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** None.

**21/036 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** None.

**21/037 PUBLIC OPEN FORUM** Opened and closed at 19.30 as there were no participants.

### 21/038 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

**RESOLVED:** the February minutes were proposed, seconded and unanimously approved as correct with no amendments and signed by the chair.

### 21/039 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND POLICE

039.1 *County councillor's report:*

**Mill Road 40 mph speed limit** – this has now been given the go-ahead. The chair thanked Cllr Smith for all her hard work to achieve this.

**Greenways cycle path to busway** – no further update.

**New grant** – CCC has opened a new Cultivate community grant stream for amounts of £2,000 to £15,000. It is also offering pre-application advice on 23 March (one-to-one online appointments), which it strongly recommends people use before submitting a request. Deadline is 1 May 2021.

More information is available at:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/communities-localism/innovate-and-cultivate-fund>

**Recent flooding** – Cllr Smith will chase up the meeting with Environment Agency, Anglia Water, CCC and SCDC to look at flooding solutions in the longer term.

039.2 *District councillor's report:*

**Grants** – SCDC is offering grants up to £15,000 for eco-friendly projects (such as improving community buildings and providing eco bikes). It also has a post-Covid recovery pot for grants of £1,000 to £3,000. A new round of Community Chest grants opens on 1 April.

039.3 *Police matters/crime reports* – our local PCSO, Tom Baugh, is stepping up to be a warranted police officer and will start training soon. The PC looks forward to seeing him back in the village in the near future.

### 21/040 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- Letter of resignation from the PC received from Paul Pinner. The chair thanked Paul for his hard work, enthusiasm and expertise. He was a great asset to the PC and would be welcome back any time the future.
- Email from St Mary's Church re assistance with funding repairs to the church bell. The request arrived too late for inclusion in the agenda for today. The council members expressed a unanimous desire to help and will discuss at the April meeting.

- From SCDC community briefing this evening: Addenbrooke's has set up a long Covid centre. Anyone who is suffering symptoms should contact his/her GP for referral.

## 21/041 VILLAGE MATTERS AND MAINTENANCE

- Dogs fouling on the football field are an ongoing problem. Notices to be put up around the village and on Facebook asking dog owners to pick up dog poo. **ACTION** (clerk/J Weeden)
- Lock up doors: renovation was completed early in March.
- Cycling on public footpaths – again, complaints have been made about this and signs to be sourced. Cyclists are allowed on bridleways not footpaths. **ACTION** (clerk)
- Grass cutting: RHL keeping prices the same as 2020. **RESOLVED**: council members approved renewing contract for 2021 by email, so cutting could start earlier than planned.

## 21/042 NON-MOTORISED USER PATH

Will there be signposting at the junction of Middleton Way and the old Huntingdon Road to warn of the new cycle path? R Davies to check with A14 Highways England. **ACTION**.

## 21/043 SWIFT BOX PROJECT

The village hall committee reconfirmed that it is happy for swift boxes to be put up on the north side of the hall. J Isden has ordered eight more boxes. Luke Ebbutt-James has kindly offered to help the handyman put them up.

## 21/044 PAVILION

A pavilion committee meeting was held on 23 February. The likely cost of a new brick built pavilion would be £350,000+. As there are no grants over £100,000 due to Covid, the committee is looking at alternative options. The next committee meeting will be held on 27 April.

## 21/045 UPDATES/ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

(20/115) Mill Road speed limit (see 21.039/1).

(20/128/6) Men's Shed scheme – S Gyles has spoken with people involved with shed schemes. The first step is to find a suitable shed or building, or land to put a container on.

(21/012) Millennium clock repair. An electrician confirmed that power to the clock via a control unit is fine, so the clock itself is faulty. Clerk to source a clock repairer. **ACTION**.

(21/015) Playground report: still awaiting reply from Caloo. J Isden is chasing.

(21/014) Plantation benches: currently monitoring for antisocial behaviour before looking at moving/replacing the benches.

(20/135/2) The A14 legacy fund Cootes Lane traffic calming has been approved by Highways and will be delivered in the financial year 2021/22.

(21.015.3) The tree policy draft was approved by the PC and will be uploaded to the website.

(21/029) Flood defence meeting – the defence policy is still being considered. SCDC began desilting the Oxholme brook today – it should be completed tomorrow. J Isden is obtaining quotations for clearing the ditch around the back of the recreation ground. J Isden met with Anglia Water and was assured that the pumping station is working properly. Tankers pumped out excess water last week to ease the pressure on the pumps.

## 21/046 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

### New applications

**21/00275/FUL** r/o 27 Cootes Lane, Fen Drayton

Erection of new dwelling, detached garage and stable

STATUS Awaiting decision

**21/047 FINANCES**

Paperless statements are not currently available for business accounts.

**February Receipts & Payments**

<i>Business account</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Payments</i>	<i>VAT</i>
Opus Energy	Street lighting		98.42	Y
D P Goodwin	Lock up doors repair		120.00	
eon	Pavilion electricity		36.99	Y
G Parrish	Clerk February pay		516.66	
C Burns	Handyman February		272.00	

**RESOLVED:** council members unanimously approved the February receipts and payments.

**Account balances (as at 08/03/2021)**

- Business account = £17,126.00
- S106 account = £2,386.24
- Town Lands account = £26,657.10
- Cambridge B/S = £13,600.00

**21/048 2021 MEETING DATES**

NALC advice is that meetings should be held remotely until further notice.

Annual parish meeting (village meeting) could be held remotely before 6 May or in the village hall after 21 June, possibly 28 June. Will be looked at again at the April meeting.

Next meeting: 19 April 2021, 19.30 via Zoom.

*Meeting closed at 21.15*