

FEN DRAYTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

15 OCTOBER 2015



Present

Harry Webster (chair), Judith Christie, Chris Gray
County councillor: Mandy Smith
District councillor: Nick Wright
Parish clerk: Gill Parrish
Members of the public: 4

PARISH COUNCIL OPEN FORUM

Opened at 19.32

A parishioner was present to reinforce the importance of a HCV weight restriction in Horse and Gate Street. The parish council is putting forward an LHI application for a restriction to be imposed and the chair has discussed this with Derek Crosby of the police.
Members of the Lions football team were present concerning the state of the pavilion, which is in need of replacement or refurbishment.

Open forum closed at 20.00.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Opened at 19.30.

871. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from J Isden, R Lewis, V Hartop and M Howell.

872. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

None.

873. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

M Smith: the county council is now consulting on next year's budget and want input from residents across Cambridgeshire on setting the budget, by completing a survey at:

<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/budgetconsultation>.

Boundary Commission: still in review stage.

LHI bids: M Smith has been alerted to the danger for children playing in the roads near the lock-up and advised the LHI application could include improvements to this area as well as the HCV weight restriction in Horse and Gate Street.

N Wright: LSA: following the abolition of SPD code 5 and 6, new guidance is now in place.

Budgets are being looked at. The council has to save half a million pounds next year due to decreasing government grants, but other sources of revenue are now coming on stream. The county and city councils are amalgamating services including refuse collection/recycling and planning for major projects, to cut costs.

Cllr Wright will check the plans for the raising of Covell's Drain east bank near the river, which is now 3-4 feet higher than the west bank.

874. LOCAL CRIME/PCSO

Cllr Smith advised the next police panel meeting is on 20 October.

875. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

J Christie, seconded by C Gray, proposed the September minutes as correct. All in favour.

87. ACTIONS/UPDATES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- (861) Assessment of chestnut tree in Daintrees Road – see 878.
- (862/1) Applying for ACV status for the Three Tuns – in progress (clerk).
- (863) Update of landscaping at Cootes Lane/Vermuyden Way corner – see 878.
- (864) LHI update – see 879.
- (867) Online newsletter (clerk) superseded by magazine – see 880.
- (867) Notice about size of posters on notice board (clerk) – still pending.
- (870) Sale of enclosure maps – two sold and paid for. Other orders in place.
- (870) Change of bank update – in progress.

877. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

1. Email re reviving the village magazine + request for donation for setting-up costs.
2. Resignation from parish council – V Hartop
3. Precept estimated tax base (same as last year)
4. Community Gritting Scheme (email distributed 6/10).

878. VILLAGE LANDSCAPING/TREES/MAINTENANCE

Tree overhanging Daintrees Road. Atlas will deal on 11 November at a cost of £60 plus VAT. J Christie proposed, seconded by C Gray to accept the quotation. The dead willow tree in Vermuyden Way and the elms by the village hall entrance will be felled on the same date. The clerk will email the handyman asking him to go through the playground inspection report to see what needs to be done and how much it will cost.

P Larter will landscape Cootes Lane/Vermuyden Way corner in late November/early December. The handyman will also be given the go-ahead to put new anti-slip pads on the footbridge by the lock-up and paint the railings.

New planters for the Plantation benches will be discussed at the next meeting.

- **ACTION: J Christie to progress the pruning of the tree in Daintrees Road**
- **ACTION: clerk to email handyman about the footbridge and playground repairs**

879. LOCAL HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT (LHI) SCHEME

H Webster will submit the LHI application for weight restrictions in Horse and Gate Street and improvements to the Rosary triangle (making it an obvious roundabout) for safety purpose.

- **ACTION: H Webster to submit the LHI application by 2 November deadline**

880. VILLAGE MAGAZINE

A group of parishioners propose to revive the village magazine with a first issue in December. J Christie, seconded by C Gray, proposed a donation of £200 towards the set-up costs of the magazine. The parish council's online newsletter will not go ahead at the present time.

- **ACTION: clerk to notify the magazine team**

881. FOOTBALL FUNDING/PAVILION

C Gray met with Alan Lamb (who project managed the funding and construction of a new pavilion in Lode). He advised three options: (1) demolish and rebuild, (2) refurbish and upgrade or (3) refurbish with no upgrade. As a starting point, C Gray is going to look at funding from various sources including possible monies from a highways legacy fund, which J Christie will investigate. H Webster will ask Andrew Taylor for a quotation for renovating the building (option 3). The Lions are willing to do much of the interior work, once the rotten parts of the exterior have been replaced.

- **ACTION: C Gray to look into possible funding sources**
- **ACTION: J Christie to investigate the highways legacy fund**
- **ACTION: H Webster to obtain a quotation from A Taylor**

882. MEETINGS IN 2016

Due to lack of time, this will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

- **ACTION: clerk to put on November agenda**

883. PLANNING

New applications:

Tree work application for Orchard House, High Street. *For information only.*

Approved/no objections:

S/2337/15/FL 24 Oaktree Road – new build dwelling

Refused: none

SCDC approved decision notices:

5/10/2015 S/1594/15/FL storage hut - granted.

02/10/2015 S/1157/15/OL erection of single dwelling - granted

884. FINANCE

Town Lands Michaelmas rent has been received and banked.

Precept BACS receipt 9/10.

Six-monthly expenditure/budget figures were prepared and distributed by the chair. Copies will be emailed to the absent councillors.

Changing banks update – identified Unity Trust as a potential bank. Clerk continuing to deal.

Precept estimated tax base: H Webster proposed acceptance of the figure, seconded by J Christie, all in favour.

- **ACTION: H Webster to distribute the six-monthly budget figures by email**
- **ACTION: clerk to continue to look into changing banks**
 - Business account balance £17865.16
 - S106 account balance = £4937.06
 - Town Lands account balance = £7438.11

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<i>SEPTEMBER EXPENDITURE</i>	<i>Chq no</i>	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Payments</i>	<i>VAT</i>
CGM July/Aug	1298		826.80	Y
Clerk expenses	1299		98.55	
VOID (paid from Town Lands)	1300		000	
HMRC	1301		197.20	
Cambridgeshire ACRE	1302		36.00	Y
Play Inspection Co	1303		75.00	Y
Clerk September salary	1304		370.39	
Handyman September invoice	1305		577.75	
PKF Littlejohn – external auditors	1306		120.00	Y
Precept B		9000.00		

J Christie, seconded by H Webster, proposed the September expenditure as correct.

Meeting closed at 21.55.

Next meeting: 26 November 2015, at 19.30 in the village hall.

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