

FEN DRAYTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

25 JUNE 2015



Present

Harry Webster (chair), Jackie Isden, Richard Lewis
District councillor: Mark Howell
Parish clerk: Gill Parrish
Members of the public: 1

PARISH COUNCIL OPEN FORUM

Opened at 19.30.

A Fen Drayton resident is concerned about a chestnut tree growing in the playing field. Branches are overhanging Daintrees Road and being damaged by high vehicles, which is not good for vehicles or the tree itself.

Open forum closed at 19.40.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Opened at 19.40.

841. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from C Grey, V Hartop, I Whitby, J Christie, M Smith and N Wright.

842. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

None.

843. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

District councillor's report:

M Howell: the inspector from the Planning Inspectorate has asked for more information on the local plan results especially in view of the government's policy changes since the plan was submitted. The inspectors have questioned the councils' assessment of the number of new homes needed. The councils have been asked to provide more evidence on the development strategy, including alternative sites on edge of Cambridge within the Green Belt. The inspectors stressed that this should not be interpreted as indication that further release of Green Belt would be necessary.

Five-year land supply. SCDC only has 4.7 at present.

S106 for Northstowe is still being discussed.

No proposals have yet been made by the government concerning the extension of the Right to Buy scheme.

844. LOCAL CRIME/PCSO

No crimes reported on e-Cops for Fen Drayton. A councillor reported that Bannolds had a break-in on 23 June.

845. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

- R Lewis, seconded by J Isden, proposed the May minutes as correct. All in favour.

846. ACTIONS/UPDATES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

768. HGV restrictions through the village. H Webster contacted Derek Crosby who said that Horse and Gate Street would be suitable for a HGV ban due to the narrowness of the roads and pavements. Derek Crosby advised anyone might do a survey. H Webster will draft a letter to be delivered to households in Horse and Gate Street asking for volunteers to help with the survey. The parish council has to contribute 10 per cent of any cost involved in putting a ban in place.

- H Webster, seconded by R Lewis, proposed an HGV survey by volunteers. All in favour.

822. CAPALC. The parish council has subscribed. Three councillors will go on a training course.

836. No decision has yet been reached about replacements for the Vermuyden Way hornbeams. Waiting for a quote for the removal of the dead willow tree from Atlas.

837. The village pump has been repaired. Hall Court window damage: new glass has been cut and the handyman is arranging a time to install it with the householder.

- **ACTION: H Webster to draft a letter for HGV survey volunteers.**
- **ACTION: clerk to arrange the CAPALC courses.**

847. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

1. Email from a resident of Vermuyden Way about grass cutting – see item 851/1.

848. VILLAGE MEETING

The clerk will email potential speakers for the meeting. The council members saw the clerk's initial draft of the invitation. Refreshments will be served in the interval as before.

- **ACTION: clerk to email speakers and arrange printing of invitations.**
- **ACTION: J Isden to speak to J Christie about refreshments for the meeting.**

849. VILLAGE LANDSCAPING/TREES/MAINTENANCE

VERMUYDEN WAY/COOTES LANE CORNER: Paul Larter's quote will be accepted. The area will be cleared, leveled and grassed with existing viable trees and shrubs retained. A planted or rock border will be put in to prevent cars parking on the grass.

The fence is down between the land and the adjoining house in Cootes Lane. The owner asked the parish council to pay half the fencing costs. He also requested that a tree be removed from the land as it drops sap on a vehicle parked in his drive. To be put on the next meeting agenda.

- **ACTION: J Christie and J Isden to continue to deal with the Cootes corner landscaping.**

850. PAVILION

Removing the false ceiling when the showers are refitted was mooted. J Isden suggested applying for lottery funding for more extensive renovations. This would require a project leader – H Webster has already discussed the matter with the Lions. J Isden to follow this up.

- **ACTION: J Isden to speak to the Lions.**

851. MAINTENANCE

1. The handyman put the new bench and planter in Hall Court and varnished the Plantation benches and the notice board. He has cleared the brambles along the path between Hall Court and Vermuyden Way and cut the grass in Vermuyden Way. The coping stone has still to be repaired.

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2. H Webster will assess the chestnut tree branches overhanging Daintrees Road following the request by a resident during the public forum.
3. The bund earthworks are now complete; the sluice still needs to be finished.
4. The sign at the end of the footpath to Fenstanton on the Cootes Lane/Mill Road junction warning people not to step into the road is covered in moss. R Lewis will get it cleaned.
5. Verbal complaints have been received about the state of Holywell Ferry Road by the playing field. Clerk to contact M Smith about it.

- **ACTION: H Webster to assess the tree branches overhanging Daintrees Road.**
- **ACTION: R Lewis to arrange the cleaning of the footpath sign.**
- **ACTION: Clerk to email cllr M Smith about Holywell Ferry Road.**

852. A14 UPDATE

1. A representation update was submitted that includes access to the Town Lands field.
2. The Town Lands field is scheduled for a site inspection by the Planning Inspectorate.
3. The statement of common ground was submitted. J Christie will attend the meeting on 2 July.

853. RETIREMENT OF VICAR *(Item moved to next meeting agenda.)*

854. PLANNING

New applications:

S/01157/15/OL 507/15/FL 40A Middleton Way, new dwelling.

Approved/no objections: none.

Refused:

S/01157/15/OL 507/15/FL 40A Middleton Way, new dwelling.

SCDC approved decision notices: none.

840. FINANCE

The annual return was submitted to the external auditor by the deadline.

The clerk wrote a letter of thanks to the internal auditor, Bob Williams.

A BACS receipt for the VAT refund of £1611.73 has been received.

May receipts and payments	VAT	Chq no	Received	Paid
Atlas (Vermuyden Way tree felling)		1271		744.00
J Christie (trees for Hall Ct)		1272		84.45
Handyman (April)		1273		425.99
Clerk salary (April)		1274		304.25

Business account balance = £13200.13

S106 account balance = £4937.06

Town Lands account balance = £6605.09

- J Isden, seconded by R Lewis, proposed the May expenditure as correct. All in favour.

Meeting closed at 21.35

Next meeting: 9 September 2015 at 19.30 in the village hall.