

Present

Harry Webster (chair), David Cross, Judith Christie, Jackie Isden, Derek Robinson.

District Councillor: Nick Wright

Parish Clerk: Gill Parrish

Members of the public: 9

PARISH COUNCIL OPEN FORUM

Opened at 19.30.

- Parishioners from Honey Hill attended the public forum to discuss the 6.2 acres of land for sale just outside Fen Drayton on the Swavesey Road. The parish council was asked if it could purchase the land for allotments, but the parish council does not have sufficient funds available. Concern was expressed that travellers may purchase the land. Cllr Wright advised that, should travellers buy the land, he, or the SCDC, should be contacted at the first sign of any development.
- A parishioner expressed concern about the overgrown hedge along Honey Hill obstructing drivers' vision and the unsafe chevron road sign. H Webster will investigate the overgrown hedge and the clerk will report the chevron sign to Highways.
- Another parishioner expressed concern for the safety of children playing outside The Rosary. The existing island can be difficult for cars to negotiate due to parked cars along the High Street behind College Farm Court, so they go round the wrong side of the island – often at speed. The parish council has no objections to speed limit signs being put up at the entrance to The Rosary by residents. The clerk will investigate whether modifications can be made to improve the island.
- **ACTION: Clerk to report the chevron sign to Highways and look into having the island improved.**
- **ACTION: H Webster to investigate who owns the hedge which needs cutting back.**

Open forum closed at 20.15 then reopened at 20.20 on the arrival of Cllr Wright who answered questions from parishioners.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Opened at 20.40.

743. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from V. Lawless, I Whitby and Cllr M Smith.

744. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

None declared

745. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor Mandy Smith (via the clerk). A light has been installed at the guided bus stop on the Cambridge-bound side. Another is due to be installed on the St Ives-bound side.

Councillor Wright. The bund - construction should be finished by the end of November. Pat Matthews, or Nick Wright, will talk about the bund at the village meeting on 13 October.
Business/employment - owing to its high level of employment, South Cambridgeshire is now rated the top five areas to live in the country.

746. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

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

747. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

(687) Enclosure act progress report. The restoration of the Enclosure Act and map is now complete. The copy for the village hall will be ready in two weeks.

(704) Local Highways Project – an application for a 40 mph speed limit along Mill Road has been submitted.

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

(707) Lock-up repairs: the handyman has painted the lock-up doors. However his test patch for replacing the mortar in the brickwork was vandalised and the mortar scraped out and smeared over the bricks. The handyman will continue with the work during the next few days.

(720) Hall Court dog – the dog was seen out on a lead but not muzzled. If seen again this should be reported to SCDC.

(736) Pavilion repairs: H Webster and A Taylor have surveyed the pavilion. A Taylor will provide an estimate for a programme of repairs.

(739) Vermuyden Way trees: J Christie would like evidence of who owns the land – the parish council or the county.

- **ACTION: Clerk to search again for any documentation pertaining to item 739 in the files.**

748. LOCAL CRIME/PCSO

PCSO Tom Baugh did not attend the meeting. No issues to report.

749. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

1. Email of 3/9 re the parish council purchasing the land off Horse and Gate Street for allotments.
2. Invitation to Pre-school AGM on 7 October. *J Isden will attend.*
3. Six emails/letters objecting to Cobbles planning application. *See item 752.*

FEN DRAYTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

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750. HALL COURT LANDSCAPING

J Christie and J Isden have received quotations for the work. They will provide drawings of two alternative landscaping schemes at the village meeting.

- **ACTION: J Christie and J Isden to continue to deal.**

751. VILLAGE MEETING

- The date and venue have been confirmed: 13 October at 19.30 in the village hall.
- The clerk provided a proof of an A6 invitation, which will be printed and distributed to every household in the village. H Webster to coordinate the delivery rotas.
- All invited speakers have agreed to participate.
- The parish council website will be online prior to 13 October and announced at the meeting.
- Refreshments will be purchased by J Christie.

- **ACTION: clerk to get invitations printed ready for distribution a week prior to the meeting.**
- **ACTION: H Webster to provide delivery rotas for the invitations.**
- **ACTION: J Christie to purchase refreshments.**

752. PLANNING

Approved application:

11/8/14: S/1661/14/FL Extension - The Birches, Cootes Lane.

Parish council decision:

S/1681/14/FL. The Cobbles, Horse & Gate Street, Fen Drayton, Cambridge, CB24 4SH.
Refused.

753. FINANCE

A BACS remittance for the second precept installment was received on 17 September.

SEPTEMBER EXPENDITURE	Chq no	Receipts	Payments	Bank bal	VAT
Clerk salary (August)	1226		297.51	5992.79	
Admin expenses	1227		123.52	5869.27	
Handyman (August) + materials	1228		520.00	5349.27	
CGM (grass cutting August)	1229		413.40	4935.87	Y

The September expenditure was proposed as correct by D Robinson and seconded by D Cross; all in favour.

The meeting closed at 22.15.

Next meeting: 6 November at 19.30 in the village hall.