

FEN DRAYTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

18 MARCH 2019



Present

Jackie Isden (chair), Roger Davies, Chris Gray, Sue Gyles, James Weedon
County Councillor: Mandy Smith; District councillor: Sue Ellington
Parish clerk: Gill Parrish Members of the public: 1

PARISH COUNCIL OPEN FORUM *Opened at 19.30, closed at 20.00.*

COMMUNITY WARDEN SCHEME

Andrew Morris from Age UK gave a presentation on the warden scheme (see item 19/047).

PARISH COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING *Opened at 20.00.*

19/040 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE S Pinner, I Whitby.

19/041 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST none.

19/042 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

District councillor, Sue Ellington:

SCDC staffing Mike Hill is currently acting CEO, but the CEO of Bedford Town Council is due to take over soon. Further structural changes will be announced at a meeting on 29 March.

Planning IT service is due to be streamlined. The cost (£100.000) will be split between Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire councils.

Housing SCDC has agreed to house five Syrian refugee families.

County councillor, Mandy Smith:

HGV weight ban through the village – meeting with Highways England: police didn't turn up. Derek Crosby has again refused this on the basis that it cannot be enforced. FDPC will continue to push along with Swavesey and other villages.

Fen Drayton to Conington footbridge: Cllr Smith is meeting with CCC and Highways in April.

Cycle path to busway: Cllr Smith is still waiting for a meeting with Greenways.

Mill Road 40 mph speed limit: Cllr Smith will keep pushing for this via the Greenways project. The PC will also push for this through the A14 Legacy Fund and continue to gather data from Speedwatch to reinforce any grant applications.

Chicken farm travellers: left during the afternoon of 18 March.

19/043 LOCAL CRIME/PCSO

Theft of motorhome from village during w/c 3 March.

Vandalism damage to play equipment behind the village hall during half term.

19/044 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The February minutes were unanimously approved with no amendments and signed by the chair.

19/045 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING/S (unless being dealt with as an agenda item).

19/031 Bowls club plaque – this will go on the fence.

19/032 Draft village survey is currently being prepared. R Davies will circulate to the council members before the April meeting.

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19/035 Pavilion update: C Gray met with the architect and builder. On 22 March. New plans (FA preferred) suitable for submitting for planning permission are in the pipeline. New foundations will be required as the new building is larger than the existing one.

- **ACTION: R Davies to complete and circulate draft village survey questionnaire.**

19/046 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

10/3 Email about wire protruding from a tree in the village hall field and Hall Court garden bulbs.

07/3 Email re theft of motorhome.

11/3 Email re traffic calming in local villages.

13/3 Email about pollarding/removing tree at Vermuyden corner.

19/047 TOWN LANDS/MOBILE WARDEN SCHEME

R Davies and S Gyles will attend a meeting with the A14 team about the design of the Town Lands field access from the detrunked A14.

R Davies to email Andrew Morris to confirm that the parish council wishes to proceed with the community warden scheme. Cllr Smith will talk to Conington, Knapwell and Boxworth PCs to see if they wish to participate and Cllr Ellington will speak to Lolworth. The next step is to assess the number of potential service users there are.

R Davies to email Libby White (Longstanton PC) for help with the scoping process. The cafe and the Fen Drayton Focus would also be good ways to identify potential service users.

- **ACTION: R Davies to email Age UK and L White re warden scheme.**

19/048 A14/TRAFFIC THROUGH THE VILLAGE

Speed-reducing measures: Pam Hobson from the A14 IDT has agreed to lend the parish council a mobile speed sign.

30 mph signs: new signs were put up in Mill Road on 15 March. Line repainting for 30 mph zone in Mill Road should be done in April.

Meeting with A14 team re legacy support on 2 April – J Isden and C Gray will attend.

18/049 VILLAGE/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

- The handyman has been made aware of the wire in the village hall field and the bulbs in Hall Court gardens.
- Hamills cut grass in recreation ground and village hall field on 3 March.
- Proposed new bench in village hall field – clerk to obtain costs.
- Tree pollarding/removal at Vermuyden corner – J Isden to ask Atlas to investigate.
- Check Springhill Road poo bin is on emptying rota – clerk to deal.
- After complaints about grass clippings at last year's 10K run it was agreed to ask the contractor not to cut the grass on the Friday before the run (3 May).

- **ACTION: J Isden to speak to Atlas about tree on Vermuyden Way corner.**
- **ACTION: Clerk to obtain prices for new bench in the village hall field.**
- **ACTION: Clerk check Springhill Road poo bin is on the council's emptying rota.**
- **ACTION: Clerk ask contractor not to cut the village grass on 3 May.**

19/050 SIGNS (PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY)

- Line painting around mini roundabout is due to be carried out by end April 2019.

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- New village sign For Mill Road (to be moved from Cootes Lane) is on order.
- Estate agents boards: Hockeys agreed to keep inside boundaries of houses for sale.
- The 10K banner has been taken off the culvert railings at request of PC, and can go back up on 1 April.

19/051 VILLAGE MEETING – 20 MAY

- *Invitations:* printed invitations will be sent out as in previous years.
- *Speakers:* Julian Lamb from A14 IDT has agreed to speak. Also James Edge, bhpa, re the affordable housing project, plus village groups who wish to participate.
- *Refreshments:* will be served at the end of the meeting.
- *Doors open:* at 19.00 so people can look at displays before the meeting starts at 19.30.

- **ACTION: J Isden to check refreshment quantities.**
- **ACTION: Clerk to organise printed invitations.**

19/052 PARISH EMERGENCY PLAN

Is currently being worked on.

19/053 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

New applications:

S/0318/19/FL 14 The Rosary, two-storey extension
S/0563/19/FL 51 Middleton Way, new agricultural building
S/0645/19/FL 13 Park Lane, new dwelling

Approved/no objections by PC:

S/0318/19/FL 14 The Rosary, two-storey extension

Objections by PC:

S/0563/19/FL 51 Middleton Way, new agricultural building
S/0645/19/FL 13 Park Lane, new dwelling

SCDC decision notices: none

19/054 FINANCES

FEBRUARY RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS

<i>Business account</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Payments</i>	<i>VAT</i>
G Parrish	Clerk admin expenses		109.80	
Village hall	Meeting room hire		17.50	
C Burns	Handyman February		274.00	
G Parrish	February salary		292.30	

Account balances (as of 18/03/19)

Business account balance £ 14,803.60

- S106 account balance = £5,685.24
- Town Lands account balance = [£24,207.29]
- Cambridge B/S = £10,600.00

Meeting closed: at 21.55. **Next meeting:** 15 April 2019.