

# FEN DRAYTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

15 NOVEMBER 2016



## Present

Harry Webster (chair), Judith Christie, Chris Gray, Sue Gyles, Jackie Isden, Richard Lewis.  
Parish clerk: Gill Parrish Members of the public: 4

## PARISH COUNCIL OPEN FORUM

*Opened at 19.30*

Present:

A committee member of the bowls club requesting renewal of lease with the parish council.  
A committee member of the village hall and pre-school requesting permission for a permanent sign for the village hall to be erected on village hall land.

## PARISH COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING

*Opened at 20.00*

**16/1010 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** | Whitby, M Smith

**16/1011 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS** J Isden: item 16/1020 (chair of the village hall committee).

### 16/1012 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

There were no councillors' reports. Cllr Smith emailed the results of the Swavesey Road traffic survey for forwarding to the council members.

### 16/1013 LOCAL CRIME/PCSO

C Gray and S Gyles attended the police panel meeting (Histon sector) on Thursday 20/10 and gave feedback to the council members.

### 16/1014 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

*C Gray, seconded by R Lewis, proposed the October minutes as correct. All in favour*

### 16/1015 ACTIONS/UPDATES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- (16/977) Defibrillator is on order.
- (16/998) Faulty speed signs in Cootes Lane reported to Highways.
- (16/1002) The parish council is responsible for the Vermuyden Way roundabout.
- (16/1003) The LHI application for 2017-8 has been submitted.
- (16/1004) The flood defences questionnaire has been submitted.
- (16/1005) New tree planting in Vermuyden Way is in hand.
- (16/1005) Playing field hedge cutting (see 16/1018)
- (16/1007) Mill Road litter reported to Highways.
- (16/1009) Playing field usage (by Swavesey Spartans) will be the same as last year.

- **ACTION: Clerk to invoice Swavesey Spartans.**

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## 16/1016 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

16/10 Letter from resident about park facilities, and the dangerous corner just outside Fen Drayton in Swavesey Road. The park facilities will be put on the agenda for January. C Gray will look into costs. The clerk will speak to Cllr Smith about the dangerous corner along the Swavesey Road.

- **ACTION: C Gray to look into the costs of facilities (skate park/zip wire).**
- **ACTION: Clerk to speak to Cllr Smith about the Swavesey Road black spot.**

## 16/1017 LHI INITIATIVE

Application for a 40 mph speed restriction along Mill Road has been submitted. C Gray liaised with Road Watch coordinator who supported the application. Derek Crosby has also responded favourably. With the supporting evidence compiled by C Gray and S Gyles, the council is hopeful that the speed restriction will be approved.

## 16/1018 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE/HANDYMAN

- Pruning the cherry tree behind the school. All agreed this should be done professionally. J Isden to contact Atlas.
  - The handyman cut back the vegetation on the Vermuyden Way roundabout as it was spreading over the road. He will purchase a bag of gravel to complete the tidying up.
  - Handyman hours: due to the warm weather and tasks to be undertaken, the handyman will continue to work eight hours a week until the end of November.
  - The Plantation: the existing planters flanking one bench have proved very popular. The handyman will make two more for the second bench at a cost of £50 each.
  - A new bin is needed for the playground (near the picnic tables) as the existing one is falling apart. Clerk to order a replacement.
  - Playing field hedge: this is too big a job for Atlas. C Gray has contacted a hedge-cutting contractor and is waiting to hear from him.
- **ACTION: J Isden to organise cherry tree pruning with Atlas.**
  - **ACTION: Clerk to order new litterbin.**
  - **ACTION: C Gray to speak to hedge cutting contractor.**

20:50 The general meeting was suspended and the public forum reopened for 10 minutes to hear a report of the first year of business from the Fen Drayton Focus editors.

21:00 The public forum was closed and the general meeting resumed.

## 16/1019 VILLAGE MAGAZINE

The Fen Drayton Focus magazine has made a very small profit in its first year of publication. However, due to some of last year's donors dropping out and the loss of a major advertiser, a loss is forecast next year. The parish council was in favour of making a donation to help keep the magazine going. The parish council also commended the editors for doing an excellent job. C Gray, seconded by J Christie, proposed a donation of £300 for the magazine. All in favour.

## 16/1020 PRE-SCHOOL SIGN OUTSIDE VILLAGE HALL

The parish council agreed in principle to allow a permanent sign to be erected at the entrance of the village hall on parish council land. The format and wording of the sign is yet to be decided as well as the possibility of two signs (one each side of the entrance).

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## 16/1021 BOWLS CLUB LEASE RENEWAL

H Webster and J Christie will meet with members of the bowls club to discuss the lease renewal.

## 16/1022 PLANNING

### New applications:

S/2704/16/LB 15 High Street, repairs to fabric of building.

S/2967/16/FL Fen Drayton Farm, Swavesey Road, upgrade of poultry unit.

**Approved/no objections (by PC):** S/2704/16/LB and S/2967/16/FL.

**Refused:** None.

### SCDC decision notices:

21/10/16: S/0326/16/FL 8 Mill Road, erection of two dwellings – approved

20/10/16: S/2290/16/FL 10 Mill Road, two new dwellings – approved

24/10/16: S/1679/15/VC 7 Mill Road, removal of code 6 requirements – refused

01/11/16 S/1065/16/AD RSPB Fen Drayton Lakes, 7 signs - approved

## 16/1023 FINANCES

Internet banking set-up is progressing.

### October receipts and payments

<i>Business account</i>	<i>Chq no</i>	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Payments</i>	<i>VAT</i>
Precept B		9,250.00		
HMRC 6/7-5/10	1382		160.40	
Clerk October salary	1383		256.44	
Handyman October	1384		426.00	

- Business account balance £18464.35
- S106 account balance = £10620.88
- Town Lands account balance = £9855.13
- Cambridge B/S = £7,600.00

*J Isden, seconded by J Christie, proposed the October expenditure correct; all in favour.*

**Meeting closed** at 21.30. **Next meeting** 10 January 2017, 19.30 in the village hall

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