

# FEN DRAYTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

11 APRIL 2017



## Present

Parish councillors: Jackie Isden (chair), Judith Christie, Chris Gray, Sue Gyles, Richard Lewis, Harry Webster (from 20:15).

County councillor: Mandy Smith. District councillors: Mark Howell and Nick Wright

Parish clerk: Gill Parrish. Members of the public: 0

## PARISH COUNCIL OPEN FORUM

*Opened and closed at 19:31.*

## PARISH COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING

*Opened at 19:31*

### 16/1064 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

PCSO Tony Martin

### 16/1065 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

H Webster declared an interest in item 17/1077, as he is the applicant.

### 16/1066 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

**Cllr Mandy Smith:** C Gray and S Gyles, supported by all the council members, expressed disappointment and anger at the rejection of the LHI grant application for a 40 mph speed limit. Cllr Smith recommended putting forward a plan for the whole village for the LHI grant next year.

**Holywell Ferry Road:** Highways will fill in the potholes in the road. Cllr Smith is supporting the drive to upgrade the road under the Greenways Project.

**Cllr Mark Howell:** the bin collection date change went smoothly with only a few bins missed! The proposed new park and ride in the Hardwick/Scotland Farm area to serve the A428 is still in consultation. A report, which will also look at busway solutions, is due to be presented to the Greater Cambridge City Deal executive board in July.

A new chief executive for SCDC, Beverley Agass, has been appointed.

**Cllr Nick Wright:** the devolution deal for Cambridge and Peterborough will bring in £80 million for affordable housing. Cllr Wright suggested a housing needs survey for Fen Drayton – these are done by Cambridgeshire ACRE. H Webster will speak to James Fisher at SCDC for advice on the benefits and costs of undertaking a Neighbourhood Plan.

### 16/1067 LOCAL CRIME/PCSO

No issues reported.

### 16/1068 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

*That the chair sign the March minutes as a correct record, with no amendments, was proposed, seconded and unanimously approved.*

### 16/1069 ACTIONS/UPDATES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

(16/1058) Hardwiring the defibrillator has been done.

(16/1058) Second notice board update. The clerk is progressing a Community Chest grant application and planning permission prior to purchasing the board.

(16/1058) Bowls club lease renewal meeting will be held on Tuesday 18 April.

## 16/1070 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

17/3 email re A14 mobile visitor centre available for booking.

4-6/4 emails from a College Farm Court resident about continuing parking problems. The clerk suggested the police may help and emailed a link to the police village parking website.

6/4 email re roadworks at Low Road Fenstanton – extended duration due to unforeseen problems. Junction will be fully closed for eight weeks from 24/4.

10/4 Email from Salvation Army/East Anglian Air Ambulance re clothing bank.

- **ACTION: Clerk to follow up the clothing bank email.**

## 16/1071 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE/HANDYMAN

**Pavilion:** the leaking toilet cistern has been repaired.

**Maintenance equipment:** the Stihl Kombi system has been purchased for the handyman.

## 17/1072 LHI REPORT

The parish council's LHI application for a 40 mph speed limit along Cootes Lane, for safety reasons, was turned down, despite the encouragement it received at the presentation stage. Fen Drayton failed to achieve the required number of points, but the application process does not explain how points are awarded. C Gray and S Gyles will speak to one of the panel judges for advice for next year's LHI application.

- **ACTION: S Gyles/C Gray to speak to an LHI panel judge.**

## 17/1073 GEORGE WILDERSPIN

The chair and council members expressed condolences to the family of George Wilderspin and would like to remember the many years of work that he did for the parish council, and his dedication to the village, with a memorial. C Gray will speak to the family in the first instance.

- **ACTION: C Gray to speak to the Wilderspin family.**

## 17/1074 COMMUNITY PROJECTS UPDATE

Community cafes: S Gyles has contacted four people who run community cafes – one has responded so far. There are different models, such as book cafes, IT cafes and cafes offering soup lunches. S Gyles will arrange to visit one as the next step.

Timebanking workshop: S Gyles and C Gray attended a workshop organised by Cambridgeshire ACRE on 3 April. The speaker was the coordinator of the project in Cambourne. There are seven schemes in S Cambs – two of which are run by volunteers. The coordinator from Somersham & Pidley is willing to speak to the parish council and will be asked about giving a presentation at the village meeting.

- **ACTION: S Gyles/C Gray to follow up the timebanking and community café schemes.**

## 17/1075 GREENWAYS PROJECT

J Isden had a meeting with Mike Davies of the Greenways project, about a cycle path from the village to the busway. Mr Davies said a road might make more sense and he is going to apply for a feasibility study (funding is available for four studies) for a road/cycle path. Cllrs Mandy Smith and Mark Howell support the proposal.

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## 17/1076 SOCIAL HOUSING

The social housing seminar was postponed (no new date so far). J Isden attended a Planning Open Day at SCDC seeking information on affordable housing for Fen Drayton. The parish council needs to get a Housing Needs Survey done in the first place (as confirmed by Cllr Wright who advised that Cambridgeshire ACRE provide this service).

- **ACTION: Clerk to contact Cambridgeshire ACRE for a Housing Needs Survey.**

## 17/1077 PLANNING

### New applications:

S/0955/17/FL & S/0956/17/LB, Home Farm, High Street, proposed conversion of stable to workshop.

### Approved/no objections by PC

S/0955/17/FL & S/0956/17/LB, Home Farm, High Street, proposed conversion of stable to workshop.

**Refused:** none.

**SCDC decision notices:** none.

## 17/1078 FINANCES

### MARCH RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS (bus acct)

<i>Business account</i>	<i>Chq no</i>	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Payments</i>	<i>VAT</i>
E-on	FPO		34.04	Y
A A Taylor (pavilion toilet)	TFR		103.00	
Fen Drayton village hall	TFR		24.75	
David O'Neill	TFR		80.00	
Clerk expenses	TFR		34.00	
CGM (previously not invoiced)	FPO		677.20	

- Business account balance £11137.50
- S106 account balance = £10620.88
- Town Lands account balance = £9855.13
- Cambridge B/S = £7,600.00

*That the March receipts and payments are correct was proposed, seconded and unanimously approved.*

**Meeting closed** at 21.40.

**Next meeting/AGM** 16/5/2017 at 19.30 in the village hall.

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