

Members present

Harry Webster (chair), Judith Christie, Jackie Isden, Verity Lawless, Derek Robinson,
County Councillor: Mandy Smith
South Cambridgeshire district councillors: Mark Howell, Nick Wright
Parish Clerk: Gill Parrish

PARISH COUNCIL OPEN FORUM

Opened at 19.35.

Attended by residents of Vermuyden Way and a representative of the Fen Drayton History Society.

Residents of Vermuyden Way expressed their distress and concern about a dog from Hall Court that has killed three cats since April and has been seen on other occasions running free in Hall Court/Cootes Lane. The residents handed a petition to the chair, which was subsequently passed to Councillor Howell to be handed over to Chris Bradley at SCDC so witness statements could be collected. The parish and district councils were already aware of the situation and Councillor Howell had spoken with Chris Bradley and advised the public forum of actions in place to deal with the situation and that the owner of the dog was to be interviewed on the following Monday and an application for a dog control order be made to the authorities. The residents also expressed concern about the reactions of the police. H Webster will follow this up with Mark Rabel, the sergeant at Histon police station.

Richard Treeby represented the Fen Drayton History Society and outlined how the name of a soldier killed in action, but missing from the war memorial, came to light. The society has successfully applied for a Community Chest grant of £1400 to renovate the memorial and inscribe the missing name. Work will take place in September/October and the History Society hopes to mark the occasion with a ceremony on Armistice Day or Remembrance Sunday.

Open forum closed at 20.05

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Opened at 20.05.

713. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Andrew Webb, Ian Whitby and PCSO T Baugh

714. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

None declared.

715. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor Smith: lighting at the busway request stop is going ahead but no date for this yet. Feeder bus service to the guided busway is also going ahead but again no dates fixed yet. Path to the busway: no further news.

Boundary Commission is going to carry out a review.

40 mph speed limit along Mill Road: need to contact Derek Crosby, traffic police. Email address to be sent to clerk.

Councillor Wright: Stubbins: manager Richard Lewis has met with residents of Springhill and Oaktree Road. He is aware of the problems the residents have with Stubbins and will try to address them. He hopes to improve things for the residents and wants them to be involved in landscaping decisions.

Five year land supply: due to a change in planning inspector and therefore guidance rules, the five year land supply is now three and a half years, so more housing development is needed. This is likely to be areas that were looked at previously, such as Melbourn and land at Marshalls Airport. Fen Drayton could be affected but it is unlikely.

Councillor Howell: addressed the open forum and outlined the actions being taken in the case of the out of control dog (see above).

716. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The June minutes were proposed as correct by D Robinson, seconded by J Isden; all in favour apart from J Christie who abstained as she was absent from the June meeting

717. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

(687) Enclosure act progress report. The act is being bound and will be completed next week. The map is nearly ready: framing will cost £165. H Webster offered to help J Christie choose the frame. J Christie has a quotation for £278.00 for making a digital copy of the award. J Christie to proceed with the work after confirming the price.

- **ACTION: H Webster and J Christie to purchase map frame.**

(659/703) Village meeting - see 726

(691) Joseph Ellis Foundation Trust. D Cross has volunteered to be the new representative for Fen Drayton.

- **ACTION: Clerk to notify the clerk to the trustees.**

(704) Local Highways Project. Applications due in by 12 September. The clerk will apply for a 40 mph limit along Mill Road and also email Derek Crosby (traffic police).

- **ACTION: clerk to deal with application and contact Derek Crosby.**

(704) Springhill area. The RSPB has cut the hedges along the path leading from Springhill to the nature reserve.

(706) 27 Cootes Lane/Mill Road overhanging hedges: M Smith advised that Highways has agreed to cut this back and bill the residents.

(707) The handyman has painted the playground swings.

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(707) The mower has been added to the insurance schedule.

(707) Lock-up repairs: labour costs will be £416-£500, materials £175-£200.

(694) The 2013-4 annual return has been submitted to the external auditor.

718. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

1. Letter from Martin Eaton re tennis club. As this isn't urgent the clerk will scan and distribute to all council members.

- **ACTION: clerk to distribute letter.**

2. Email re trees in Vermuyden Way affecting Cootes Lane gardens. See 723.

3. Estimate from Jon Collins for gardening in Vermuyden Way. See 722.

4. Email from CCC – verge-cutting schedule.

5. Email from Mouchel re investigations on Town Lands field. Distributed to all on 24/7/14. H Webster tried several times to contact Mouchel. Now waiting for Mouchel to get in touch.

6. Complaint about the overhanging vegetation on Mill Road. See 722.

719. VOTES OF THANKS

A vote of thanks was recorded for:

- The 2014 Fen Drayton Open Gardens committee and helpers who raised money for Fen Drayton PCC.
- Bob Williams for completing the 2013-4 internal audit for the parish council.
- Frank & Creative for designing the parish council logo and masthead.

Proposed by J Isden, seconded by D Cross; all in favour.

720. DANGEROUS DOG/LOCAL CRIME/PCSO

See public forum.

721. WAR MEMORIAL RENOVATION

See public forum.

722. MAINTENANCE

- Verge cutting programme: email distributed to all councillors.
- Drains clearance: still to be done (should have been completed in July but the programme is behind schedule).
- Vermuyden Way maintenance by J Collins: to be revisited once the fate of the land has been decided.
- Litter from the Shell garage blowing around the area around the Fenstanton end of Mill Road is still a problem. The handyman has reported it to CCC.

723. PLAYGROUND INSPECTION REPORT

The annual playground inspection report was carried out on 21 July. No urgent issues were found. The report has been distributed by email to all members. Ongoing equipment maintenance will be carried out over the winter months.

724. HALL COURT LANDSCAPING

S106 monies can fund this. J Christie advised there is a drain in the garden area, so advice may be required on how to deal with it. The estimated cost for landscaping including turfing and seating is £2000. J Christie and J Isden will present two design proposals at the village meeting.

- **ACTION: J Christie and J Isden to obtain designs for the village meeting.**

725. TREES IN VERMUYDEN WAY (behind 36 & 37 Cootes Lane)

Trees planted by the Vermuyden Way developer have grown to the extent they block light from the gardens of 36/37 Cootes Lane. J Christie and the clerk will meet with the Cootes Lane residents to resolve. J Christie has obtained a quotation for the removal of the trees.

- **ACTION: clerk to arrange meeting.**

726. VILLAGE MEETING

This will now be held in October. Clerk to book the village hall/primary school and draft a topics list. Leaflets will be delivered to all village households outlining the village meeting agenda with an overview of the parish council's activities over the past year.

- **ACTION: clerk to book venue and email draft topics list and ideas for the leaflet to all members.**

727. FESTIVALS FUND

Members agreed that the £250 in the dormant Festivals Fund bank account may be transferred to the parish council's bank account so that the money can be distributed between the three village beneficiaries: St Mary's, the village hall and the PTA. J Christie to provide G Dodgson with bank details.

- **ACTION: J Christie to provide bank details for funds transfer.**

728. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Approved:

S/1229/14/FL 30 The Plantation

New application:

S/1661/14/FL The Birches, Cootes Lane (additional first floor to form two-storey extension). To be dealt with online. (Paper plans are available to any member who would like to see them.)

729. FINANCES

JULY EXPENDITURE	Chq no	Receipts	Payments	Bank bal	VAT
SCDC Community Chest BACS payment error	1213		1500.00	8267.80	
Cambridgeshire ACRE (April-June)	1214		20.42	8247.38	Y
Clerk salary (June)	1215		378.88	7868.50	
Handyman (June)	1216		471.99	7396.51	
CGM (grass cutting June)	1217		413.40	6983.11	Y
CCC street lighting Apr-Sept 2012	1218		357.89	6625.22	Y
Cambridge Water Dec 13-May 14 (pavilion)	1219		17.89	6607.33	

July expenditure was proposed as correct by D Cross and seconded by J Christie; all in favour.

Meeting closed at 22.00. Next meeting: Wednesday 27 August at 19.30 in the village hall.