

# FEN DRAYTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

05 FEBRUARY 2018



## Present

Harry Webster (chair), Judith Christie, Chris Gray, Sue Gyles  
Parish clerk: Gill Parrish Members of the public: 0

## PARISH COUNCIL OPEN FORUM

*Opened and closed at 19.30*

## PARISH COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING

*Opened at 19.30*

### 18/1178 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

J Isden, I Whitby, Cllr M Smith

### 18/1179 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Item 18/1174: H Webster (member of tennis club).

### 18/1180 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS - no councillors present

### 18/1181 LOCAL CRIME/PCSO

Tom Baugh is PCSO point of contact for Fen Drayton again.

**Crimes reported:** 14/01/2018 10:30 -11:30, Swavesey Road, Fen Drayton. Unknown offender keyed passenger door of blue Renault Scenic.

### 18/1182 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

*The January minutes were proposed, seconded and unanimously approved (JC/CG).*

### 18/1183 ACTIONS/UPDATES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

(17/1154) The new notice board was installed at Cootes Lane/Mill Road on 15 January.

(17/1157) A meeting with the football club will take place on Sunday 11 February.

(17/1161) The revised 2018 meeting dates were distributed to council members.

(17/1164) The Cambridge Building Society signatory changes are in hand.

(18/1175) The precept request for £21,000 submitted to SCDC on 16 January.

(18/1172) The handyman checked the new trees in Vermuyden Way following the high winds in January, and found no damage.

(18/1173) The HNS report has been uploaded to the parish council website.

### 18/1184 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

31/1 From SCDC – consultation on the roles of district councillors.

04/2 From a resident about footpath sign to Conington when it's not possible to get there without crossing the A14.

### 18/1185 MAINTENANCE & HANDYMAN

The parish council thanked Richard Johnson for help clearing the fallen tree in the recreation ground on 24/25 January.

Heavy-duty brush attachment for Stihl – H Webster to discuss with handyman.

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Increasing handyman's contracted hourly rate: as the handyman has worked for six years without any increase, it proposed to increase his hourly rate from £13 to £15 p/h.

Increasing handyman's contracted winter hours to six: this will be discussed at the next meeting.

## **Highways faults reported:**

281412 Give way lines need repainting on mini-roundabout outside the Three Tuns. The lack of lines is dangerous as cars approaching fast frequently fail to give way at the roundabout.

281414 Fen Drayton sign at top of Cootes Lane in bad state – replacement needed.

281415 Fen Drayton sign in Swavesey Road in bad state – replace/repair needed.

Grass cutting update: CGM operations manager, Paul Flight, has assured the clerk that the it will provide excellent and continuous grass cutting services this year. The clerk will put together a list of contractors to quote for grass cutting services when the current contract expires.

*That the handyman's hourly rate be increased to £15 per hour was proposed, seconded and unanimously approved (CG/SG).*

- **ACTION: H Webster to discuss the Stihl brush attachment with the handyman.**

## **18/1186 HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY**

Parish councillors met Mark Deas and others on 25 January for a walk around the village to look for possible sites for the housing project. Several possible sites were identified. The councillors felt that more information was needed relating to the proposed number of houses to be provided and that there should be a mandate in place and consensus on how to proceed. The item will be moved to 12 March for further discussion due to the absence of J Isden.

- **ACTION: clerk to put the HNS on the agenda for the next meeting.**

## **18/1187 TENNIS CLUB**

The PC is still trying to get a definitive answer to the question of whether it can reclaim VAT for the tennis court resurfacing. Haslingfield PC has been through the same process recently, so H Webster will contact the clerk for more information.

- **ACTION: H Webster to speak to Haslingfield PC clerk.**

## **18/1188 PLAY EQUIPMENT FUNDING**

J Isden and the clerk are working on the full A14 Community Fund grant application (deadline 14 February). The grant request is £10,000 and the cost of the play equipment (Caloo triple combi access goal and table tennis table) is £18,000.

*It was proposed, seconded and unanimously approved that £8,000 towards the purchase of the Caloo play equipment be provided from S106 and Town Lands funds. (CG/SG)*

- **ACTION: J Isden and the clerk to submit the grant application by 14 February.**

## **18/1189 VILLAGE SPEEDWATCH**

The mobile speed sign in Mill Road is now nearing the end of its tenure. The first week it was in stealth mode (collecting data but not flashing). The second week it flashed at speeds over 54 mph. Councillors expressed concern that the speed sign is too close to the bend coming out of

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Cootes Lane, so drivers are still not up to full speed when they pass it. S Gyles will look into the possibility of getting the sign moved or having it back again at a later date.

S Gyles will get the ball rolling to set up a village speedwatch group. Speedwatch data would, hopefully, reinforce a case for installing traffic calming measures in this year's LHI initiative.

- **ACTION: S Gyles to look into the speed sign siting/extending loan time.**
- **ACTION: S Gyles will investigate Speedwatch and email council members.**

## 18/1190 PLANNING

### New applications:

S/4581/17/LD 39 Middleton Way, single storey rear extension

### Approved/no objections by PC:

S/4220/17/FL Ashwood, Honey Hill, demolish existing house and build eco home and cart lodge.

S/4581/17/LD 39 Middleton Way, single storey rear extension.

## 18/1191 FINANCES

- 1) S106 BACS payment for Daintrees Farm has been received.
- 2) The clerk has been invoiced for the village hall Community Café hire in January. C Gray is opening a bank account for the café so the invoice was handed over to her.

### DECEMBER/JANUARY RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS

<i>Business account</i>	<i>Chq no</i>	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Payments</i>	<i>VAT</i>
Cambs ACRE (payroll)			41.40	Y
Handyman December			260.00	
Clerk December			241.80	
Community Cafe donation			50.00	
HMRC			184.40	
K A Page			474.00	Y
Stocksigns			202.20	Y
Leeds Day Solicitors (on account)	1392		500.00	
Arthur Ibbett			65.19	Y
Handyman January + extra hours			656.50	
eon			31.95	Y
Clerk January			232.33	
Sid Barnett (hedge cutting)	1393*		300.00	Y
Village hall - PC Jan meeting			17.50	
Village hall - HNS meeting			7.00	

- Business account balance £18121.40
- S106 account balance = £10620.88
- Town Lands account balance = £11773.13
- Cambridge B/S = £7,600.00

*That the November/December receipts and payments are correct was proposed, seconded and unanimously approved (JC/CG).*

**Meeting closed** at 21.40. **Next meeting** 12 March at 19.30 in the village hall.

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