

Present at e-meeting

Jackie Isden (chair), Roger Davies, Peter Kiss, James Weeden.
District Councillor: Sue Ellington.
Parish clerk: Gill Parrish. Members of public: 1

PARISH COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING

Opened at 19.30 via Zoom.

21/069 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

J Isden and R Davies were proposed, seconded and unanimously approved as chair and vice chair, which they accepted. (Votes by email received from C Gray, S Gyles and M Smith).

21/070 DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

These will be signed at the June meeting.

21/071 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

S Gyles, C Gray, M Smith

21/072 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

21/073 PUBLIC OPEN FORUM *opened and closed at 19.36 as there were no speakers.*

21/074 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED: the April minutes were proposed, seconded and unanimously approved as correct with no amendments and signed by the chair.

21/075 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND POLICE

075.1 *County councillor's report: none submitted*

075.2 *District councillor's report:*

Community Chest: the grants committee approved a grant for repairs to the church bell.

SCDC investments: an emergency meeting was held in camera on Tuesday to decide on investments.

053/3 *Police matters/crime reports:*

Neighbourhood Alert notice reminding people about catalytic converter thefts that are still rife.

21/076 UPDATES/ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS *(or see agenda item).*

(20/115) Mill Road speed limit – no further update (has been approved).

(21/015) Zipwire cable fixing – Caloo has not responded yet. J Isden has chased.

(21/029) Flood defence meeting – no update yet.

(21/042) Update on Middleton Way/NMU path: give way signs have been painted at the Middleton Way and cycle path junction. Vehicles have been attempting to turn left at the end of Middleton Way to gain access to the A1307. Whippet Coaches has written to the A14 requesting the installation of bollards.

(21/055.1) No cycling and dog poo signs have been ordered.

(21/055.3) Swift boxes are now up on the village hall and a call system is on order.

(21/057) Millennium (replacement) clock is on order – awaiting delivery date.

(21/061) Advertising on local radio by AgeUK has been put on hold as Maria has changed jobs. Once a new warden is recruited this will be picked up again.

(21/062) The bowls club lease renewal letter has been sent out and verbally acknowledged. The clerk has not yet received the countersigned lease.

21/077 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Email re drains in Daintrees Road – this has been reported to CCC and M Smith will follow up.

21/078 VILLAGE MATTERS AND MAINTENANCE

(078/1) The handyman is repainting the doors on the lock up, then will repaint the railings and put a coat of non-slip paint on the wooden walkway.

(078/2) Tankers are still coming to the pumping station to remove excess water 24 hours a day. J Isden met with Colin Rogers of Anglian Water who advised that Fen Drayton is the only village left with residual problems since the January floods. The pumps are working flat out and ongoing investigations have found the pumping system to be in working order. AW still can't find where the excess water in the sewage system is coming from. The cost of running a shuttle of tankers is huge so AW is trying to solve the problem as quickly as possible. The chair asked J Weeden to post an update on Facebook and one will also go in the Fen Drayton Focus. **ACTION**

(078/3) The drains in Cootes Lane need clearing out. Clerk to report to CCC. **ACTION**

(078/4) The Honey Hill sign has been damaged. Clerk to report to CCC. **ACTION**

21/079 COOTES LANE TRAFFIC CALMING

The PC has received 16 responses to the flyer delivered to all households in the village so far.

RESOLVED: councillors unanimously approved the traffic calming proposals by Highways. The PC will collate all the suggestions and comments and submit them to Highways for consideration, within the project's budget. R Davies to draft the documents. **ACTION**

One response questioned whether there would be increased traffic through the village due to the new grain store at Ridgeley Farm. J Isden will check with M Smith. **ACTION**

The PC will also bear in mind suggestions enhancing the existing scheme and for traffic calming in other parts of the village for future projects.

P Kiss flagged up the problem with the green Swavesey VC buses stopping in unsuitable places on High Street and Cootes Lane. This will be monitored once the traffic calming is in place.

J Isden discussed parking on Cootes Lane with the chair of the school governors and head. To mitigate the parking problem at school start and finish times it may be possible to enlarge the village hall car park some time in the future.

21/080 LOCK-UP ART BIENNALE

The biennale is likely to be held in July. J Isden still waiting for confirmation of the date.

21/081 EAST WEST RAIL

This is currently out for consultation until 9 June. There are concerns about Section D (Bedford-Cambridge) routes due to the amount of new housing proposed around Cambourne and the impact of the infrastructure on surrounding area. Also, how will it mesh with the proposed Cambridge Light Rail scheme? And, will the railway be viable as more people could be working from home, post pandemic, or opting to travel in greener electric cars. J Isden and R Davies will compile a response from the PC. **ACTION**

21/082 MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING SUPPORT

Still in hand, so will be moved to the June meeting agenda

FEN DRAYTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

6 MAY 2021



21/083 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

New applications:

21/00963/FUL Backwater, Mill Road, Fen Drayton CB24 4ST
Agricultural tractor shed.

21/084 FINANCE

New receipts and payments

| <i>Business account</i> | <i>Description</i> | <i>Receipts</i> | <i>Payments</i> | <i>VAT</i> |
|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------|
| John Stimpson | Swift boxes | | 144.00 | |
| C Burns | Handyman March | | 240.00 | |
| SCDC | Precept A | 13425.00 | | |
| Opus | Street lighting | | 89.56 | Y |
| G Parrish | April salary | | 484.88 | |
| G Parrish | Clerk admin exps | | 66.58 | Y |
| Geosphere | Parish online | | 90.00 | Y |
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RESOLVED: councillors unanimously approved the receipts and payments.

Account balances (as at 02/05/2021)

- Business account = £27,784.72
- S106 account = £2,266.95
- Town Lands account = £27,717.38
- Cambridge B/S = £13,600.00

21/085 NEXT MEETING

Scheduled date: 21 June 2021