

# FEN DRAYTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

10 JANUARY 2017



## Present

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

## PARISH COUNCIL OPEN FORUM

*Opened and closed at 19:30 as no members of the public were present.*

## PARISH COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING

*Opened at 19:30*

**16/1024 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** | Whitby

**16/1025 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS** None

**16/1026 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

There were no councillors present.

**16/1027 LOCAL CRIME/PCSO**

No issues were raised.

**16/1028 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

*C Gray, seconded by J Christie, proposed the November minutes as correct. All in favour*

**16/1029 ACTIONS/UPDATES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

16/977 The defibrillator is now being installed at the village hall. It needs to be hardwired into the electricity socket. S Gyles will obtain a quotation for this. The clerk will contact a paramedic for a demonstration on how to use the device.

16/1015 Swavesey Spartans has been invoiced.

16/1016 Cost of skate park/zip wire. The cost of a skate park is likely to be prohibitive. Prices in 2007 ranged from £18K to £40K. C Grey will obtain up-to-date prices from the manufacturer for the next meeting. In addition to purchase and installation costs, insurance and maintenance/inspection costs will need to be factored in.

16/1016 Swavesey Road accident black-spot. Cllr Smith has been made aware.

16/1018 Cherry tree pruning is in hand with Atlas.

16/1018 J Isden, seconded by J Christie, proposed the purchase of two litterbins from Glasdon (for the Rosary triangle area and to replace the damaged one near the play area) at a cost of £300 each plus VAT.

16/1018 Hedge cutting contractor: H Webster will try to track down Sid Barnett.

- **ACTION: S Gyles to obtain quotation for hardwiring defibrillator.**
- **ACTION: Clerk to contact paramedic.**
- **ACTION: C Gray to obtain current prices for skate park equipment.**
- **ACTION: Clerk to order two litterbins.**
- **ACTION: H Webster to track down Sid Barnett re hedge cutting.**

## 16/1030 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Several emails were received from a villager about plans for an agricultural building in the field on the vicarage corner (see 17/1038).

24/11/16 Letter complimenting the PC for the Vermuyden Way replanting.

05/12/16 Email re North Parishes Patch transport meeting on 25 January in Swavesey.  
H Webster will attend.

28/12/16 Email re draft Corporate Energy Strategy for Cambridgeshire County Council.

03/01/17 Email re North Parishes Patch transport meeting on 25/1 – agenda attached.

09/01/17 Email from SCDC re tree health and safety surveys. The parish council is interested in this, dependent on costs.

10/01/17 Email: new proposed date for Healthwatch meeting is 20 February. S Gyles hopes to attend (the date is still provisional).

- **ACTION: H Webster to attend North Parishes Patch transport meeting.**
- **ACTION: Clerk to email SCDC to confirm interest in the tree survey scheme.**
- **ACTION: S Gyles to attend Healthwatch meeting.**

## 16/1031 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE/HANDYMAN

- Pruning the cherry tree behind the school is in hand with Atlas.
  - Vermuyden Way roundabout: the handyman has the re-gravelling in hand.
  - The handyman will work summer hours from March.
  - The handyman is cutting back trees in the playing field to make it accessible for the grass-cutting contractor.
  - Daintrees footpath: vegetation needs cutting back. Clerk to contact footpath department at SCDC.
  - The litterbin by the pavilion has come away from its base. Handyman to re-concrete.
  - Handyman to re-stain the village noticeboard and trim back bushes near growing up around it.
  - Hall Court: handyman to reseed grass where necessary and re-stain bench.
  - Lock-up: handyman will sand and repaint the doors.
  - Grass clippings from Vermuyden Way: J Isden to arrange for the green bin to be moved to the front of the village hall to aid the disposal of Vermuyden Way grass clippings by the handyman.
  - Playing field: the handyman will cut back the vegetation to keep the path behind the tree island clear. R Lewis will obtain costs for purchasing a petrol strimmer for the handyman.
  - Litter in the verge between Bannolds and the A14 is unsightly. Clerk to email Cllr Smith to see who is responsible.
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- **ACTION: Clerk to report overgrown Daintrees Road footpath to SCDC.**
  - **ACTION: J Isden to organise moving the green bin to the front of the village hall.**
  - **ACTION: R Lewis to obtain costs for a petrol strimmer for the handyman.**
  - **ACTION: Clerk to contact Cllr Smith re litter in the verge near Bannolds.**

## 17/1032 2017-18 PRECEPT

H Webster and the clerk to draw up a budget to be discussed at the February meeting.

- **ACTION: H Webster and clerk to draw up a budget for the 2017/8 precept request.**

## 17/1033 PRE-SCHOOL SIGN OUTSIDE VILLAGE HALL

The pre-school cannot afford to purchase the sign, so the village hall will now pay for it. A barn dance fundraising event will be held on 1 April.

## 17/1034 BOWLS CLUB LEASE RENEWAL

J Christie and H Webster have arranged to meet members of the Bowls Club committee on 23 January 2017.

## 17/1035 AFFORDABLE HOUSING

J Isden raised the issue of lack of affordable housing in the village. See next item:17/1036.

## 17/1036 PARISH COUNCIL CONFERENCE

S Gyles reported on the Parish Council Conference that she attended on 18 November. On the topic of housing projects there are two possible organisations that could help: Community Land Trust (CLT) and Cambridgeshire ACRE (Rural Exception Sites). J Isden will contact these. S Gyles will look into community projects, such as community shops.

- **ACTION: J Isden to speak to CLT and Cambridgeshire ACRE re affordable housing.**
- **ACTION: S Gyles to research other community projects.**

21.:05 J Isden left the meeting.

## 17/1037 PROPOSAL FOR NOTICEBOARD AT COOTES LANE/MILL ROAD

S Gyles requested a notice board for the Mill Road end of the village.

- **ACTION: Clerk to look into costs of providing a second village notice board.**

## 17/1038 PLANNING

### New applications:

S/2783/16/LB Ward-Hunt, 15 High Street, repairs to fabric of building (see below)

S/3436/16/FL Farebrother, 5 Mill Road, two new dwellings.

S/3565/16/FL P Fox, 56 Park Lane, change of use to one dwelling (17/1)

S/3582/16/FL I Ruggles, 44 Middleton Way, new dwelling (20/1)

S/3609/16/FL Smissen, 4 Mill Road, new dwelling (20/1)

### Approved/no objections (by PC):

S/2783/16/LB 15 High Street, repairs to fabric of building

**Refused:** None.

### SCDC decision notices:

24/11: S/2603/16/FL 5 Mill Road, rear extensions, front porch and detached garage

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Field at vicarage corner. Planning permission for an agricultural building has been granted by deemed consent. H Webster will write to SCDC to express disappointment at the way this was handled by SCDC, especially as the parish council had refused a previous application.

- **ACTION: H Webster to write to SCDC.**

## 17/1039 FINANCES

Internet banking up and running as of 16/11/2016.

Swavesey Spartans invoiced £275.00.

C Gray has agreed to become an account signatory.

## NOVEMBER/DECEMBER RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS (bus acct)

<i>Business account</i>	<i>Chq no</i>	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Payments</i>	<i>VAT</i>
WEL Medical (defibrillator)	1385		1639.20	
e-on	1386		37.73	
CGM	1387		89.10	
Clerk expenses	1388		90.36	
Fen Drayton Focus (donation)	TFR		300.00	
Simpson's nurseries	TFR		266.52	
Play Inspection Company	TFR		75.00	
Cambridge Water	TFR		15.79	
Handyman (November)	TFR		540.00	
Clerk salary (November)	TFR		208.42	
Fen Drayton VH Oct/Nov hire	TFR		44.00	
Cambridge B/Society interest		50.72		
Cambridgeshire ACRE	TFR		71.40	
Clerk December pay	TFR		197.83	
Handyman (December)	TFR		208.00	

- Business account balance £14731.72
- S106 account balance = £10620.88
- Town Lands account balance = £9855.13
- Cambridge B/S = £7,600.00

*S Gyles, seconded by C Gray, proposed the November/December expenditure correct; all in favour.*

**Meeting closed** at 21.30. **Next meeting** 7 February 2017, 19.30 in the village hall.

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