

Present

Jackie Isden (chair), Roger Davies, Chris Gray, Sue Gyles, Peter Kiss, Sarah Newport

District councillor: Sue Ellington

Parish clerk: Gill Parrish.

Members of public: 0

PARISH COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING

22/115 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mandy Smith, James Weeden.

21/116 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

22/117 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

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

22/118 PUBLIC OPEN FORUM *opened and closed at 19:35 as no members of the public were present.*

22/119 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND POLICE

119/1 County councillor's report: none received.

119/2 District councillor – Sue Ellington:

Congestion charging – the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) has proposed a £5 charge to be introduced by 2027/8. It has published a consultation document and survey, which is available online at: <https://consultcambis.uk.engagementhq.com/making-connections-2022>

Bus services: local parish councils, district and county councillors are working together to gather information on Stagecoach cuts. The group intends to discuss this with Stagecoach and local authorities to ensure a bus service is retained. Fen Drayton residents can email the clerk with details about the way any cuts will impact on them at fendrayton.clerk@gmail.com, or via the PC Facebook.

SCDC four-day week: SCDC is trialling its four-day working week rota system for admin officers January 2023. Staff hours will be reduced from 37.5 to 30 per week and will be achieved by reducing meetings and working from home. The trial will last for three months.

119/3 Police matters/crime reports: none received.

22/120 UPDATES/ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS *(or see agenda item).*

(19/133) Greenways project: no further update.

(21/044) Pavilion – meeting with football club to be arranged for early November. **ACTION** (JI)

(22/035) Flood defence: (1) J Weeden will hold a meeting with flood defence co-ordinators and volunteers before the wet weather season. (2) R Davies is trying to arrange a meeting with CCC, and the EA, with EA providing data on the rainfall in the Oxholme Drain catchment area. EA has said the PC needs to submit a freedom of information request. Sue Ellington has offered to speak to Anthony Browne on behalf of Fen Drayton PC, as he is due to meet with the EA on behalf of Swavesey PC. R Davies & J Isden will email Sue with details of the information Fen Drayton PC needs from the EA.

(22/106/5) Ownership of plantation benches: waiting to hear from Highways.

(22/107/1) Community support fair report: see appendix 3.

(22/108/1) Downloading data from MVAS. R Davies has downloaded data from the MVAS and will brief the clerk, who will undertake future data retrieval. **ACTION** (clerk)

(22/109/1) Meeting with Lions to discuss pitch usage: parking has improved and the parish council is being consulted, as requested, when non-regular teams want to use the pitches.

(22/111) PC Facebook: the addition of the clerk as an administrator is in hand.

22/121 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

10/10 Email from the Lions football club on behalf of the Swavesey Spartans, requesting permission to use the football pitch on 15/10 for a men's match.

22/122 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

122/1 The football field fence was replaced on 12 October and the latch removed to provide access to the field for wheelchair users. The ground beneath the gate has worn away and water pools there in wet weather. The handyman will obtain a quotation for installing a paved path through the gate.

122/2 Handyman report: see above

22/123 STREETLIGHTING ENERGY PRICES

The PC's contract with Opus is due for renewal in October. Prices for the next year have increased by 600 per cent. The parish council is contacting other local parish councils to compare quotations, and will investigate ways of mitigating the high costs. **ACTION** (RD/clerk)

22/124 NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

22/03907/HFUL Junipers, Honey Hill. Two-storey side extension, garage conversion, revision of front porch to provide larger new main entrance and single-storey rear extension.

22/125 FINANCE

125/1 R Davies presented the half-yearly financial report, which shows the expenditure and costs to be on budget.

125/2 **RESOLVED** Council members unanimously approved the September receipts and payments – see Appendix 1.

125/3 Account balances (as at 12/09/22)

- Business account = £34,770.98
- S106 account = £9.75
- Town Lands account = £26,183.62
- Cambridge B/S = £13,600.00

22/126 MEETINGS

Next full council meeting: 21 November 2022. No meetings are held in December.

Meeting closed at 21.15

