

FEN DRAYTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

18 NOVEMBER 2019



Present

Jackie Isden (chair), Roger Davies, Chris Gray, Sue Gyles, Paul Pinner, Max Stovell
County councillor; Mandy Smith
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.*

19/146 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE J Weeden

19/147 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None.

19/148 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS – County Councillor, Mandy Smith:

Greenways project: this is delayed but still viable. Cllr Smith will pick it up again next year. The A14 grant for a 40 mph limit along Mill Road has not progressed. This won't change until after 9/12 as the A14 team is working flat-out on the opening of the new southern bypass.

A14 footbridge to Conington: still in the pipeline.

Community warden scheme: Elsworth wants to join with Fen Drayton, Fenstanton and Lolworth though hasn't officially committed yet.

White ribbon day: 25 November (International day for the elimination of violence against women)

19/149 LOCAL CRIME/PCSO

Nothing reported.

19/150 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The chair signed the October minutes, which were proposed, seconded and unanimously approved as correct with no amendments.

19/151 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

19/116 Still waiting for quotation for cutting hedge in recreation ground.

19/116 Cootes Court hedge – clerk has written to the management company.

18/126 Village Christmas tree update (see 19/160)

19/127 Pavilion – architect has been instructed to submit plans.

19/138 Fen Drayton sign in Mill Road: clerk chased Highways – waiting for an update.

19/138 Broken numbered slabs on the Hall Court verge – still in hand.

19/142 Community warden scheme: waiting for Elsworth PC to join. R Davies and K Mitchell (Fenstanton PC) are putting together an application for an Innovate & Cultivate grant, to be submitted early next year. The chair thanked R Davies for his work on the warden scheme and preparing a report for the PC.

19/152 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- 1) Email from Swavesey Army Cadets re marshalling/helping at events – passed to the village hall committee.

- 2) Email with bus survey aimed at both bus users and non-users from CCC – distributed via Facebook, PC website and Fen Drayton Focus.
- 3) Bobby Scheme letter. Three Fen Drayton residents were helped by the scheme in the past year. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously approved to donate £450.00 to the scheme. **ACTION: clerk**
- 4) Email from a resident about the proposed traffic calming in Cootes Lane. **ACTION: clerk to respond**

19/153 VILLAGE/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE & VERGE CUTTING

1. Vermuyden Way road surface reported to Highways 23/10 ref 325389.
2. Atlas - trees in Daintrees Road will be dealt with in February
3. Grants available for tree planting – M Stovell will research in the new year. Grants are currently available from CCF for biodiversity. **ACTION: M Stovell**
4. Village grass cutting – RH Landscapes to quote for cutting the areas of grass that the handyman cuts at present. **ACTION: clerk**
5. Feedback from RHL re cutting the vegetation in the rec behind the goal. This will incur an extra cost as the mower won't cope. The PC agreed it is the responsibility of the football club to keep down the vegetation in this area. Once grass has established the contractor can incorporate with the regular mowing. Clerk to advise the football club.
6. Wildflower seeds have been sown in the verge at the top of Cootes Lane.

19/54 PLAYGROUND

The grant application to Mick George for new playground equipment and surface has been accepted. The application forms now have to be completed. R Davies has compiled a price comparison list from three potential suppliers. However, one has been discounted, so another one has been sourced. The handyman will prepare and repaint all the metal equipment at a cost of £850.

19/155 AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The plans will be submitted next month after a delay for more surveys following the recent modifications to the original plans.

19/156 PC WEBSITE

The website has a new URL: www.fendrayton.org. The new website is still in development and will go live in the new year.

19/157 VE DAY CELEBRATIONS

A participants meeting will be held in the Three Tuns on 2 December. The timetable so far:
Friday 3 pm: 'The Nation's Toast to the Heroes of World War 2' in the Three Tuns.

Friday 7 pm: peal of church bells followed by celebrations (TBA) in the pub.

Friday evening: Military Wives Choir performance in Fenstanton (ticketed event).

Saturday morning: Fen Drayton community cafe, including wartime songs, with choirs from the school and village.

Saturday 2 pm: flypast (TBC in January).

Saturday evening: Bannolds swing band evening (ticketed event).

Sunday 10.15 (after 9.30 communion in the church): the Tribute to the Millions at the village war memorial. The History Society will read a short remembrance of the two Fen Drayton soldiers killed in action.

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In addition to the planned events, the History Society hopes to produce a booklet about Fen Drayton in the second world war and the parish council would like to plant commemorative trees.

19/158 THINK COMMUNITIES CONFERENCE FEEDBACK

I Isden attended the Think Communities conference. When Shire Hall closes and CCC moves to Alconbury the plan is to have satellite offices in the community. It has also set up a scam committee that aims to stamp out scamming in South Cambs. The parish council is thinking of becoming a supporter of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Against Scams Partnerships and has obtained a supply of The Little Book of Big Scams and leaflets to give out at the next community cafe.

19/159 LHI 2021

A site meeting was held with Highways and R Davies, P Pinner and M Stovell. Traffic calming installations need to be situated near the school so drivers have less chance of speeding before reaching the school. The opening of the A14 southern bypass on 9 December should reduce the amount of traffic through the village and lessen the congestion at school start and finish times. If the parish council LHI bid is successful, Highways will draw up plans around mid-April and modifications may be possible at this stage. Submitting the application was proposed, seconded and approved by all (with one abstention). **ACTION: R Davies to submit the LHI application**

Speeding parents dropping off/collecting children from the school is a problem. J Isden to speak to the school head.

19/160 VILLAGE CHRISTMAS TREE

This is in hand with J Weeden and the Three Tuns. Carols and an event in the pub are planned. The PC decided a banner to advertise the event would supplement the advertising in the Fen Drayton Focus and online. **ACTION: clerk to source a supplier and oversee the banner printing/delivery.**

19/161 PLANNING

New applications:

S/3489/19/FL	Timber carport on driveway.	Yew Tree House, Honey Hill
S/3593/19/FL	Swimming pool and pool house	Ivy House, High Street
S/3787/19/FL	Cafe/retail + c/park	Bannolds

SCDC decision notices - approved

S/3162/19/FL	Erection of single dwelling	14 Cootes Lane
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19/162 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS

<i>Business account</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Payments</i>	<i>VAT</i>
Swavesey Spartans	Pitch use	275.00		
eon	Pavilion electricity		19.33	
Village hall	Meeting room hire		35.00	Y
G Parrish	Clerk October pay		489.98	
J Isden	Wreath		16.00	
C Burns	Handyman October		612.00	
RH Landscapes	Grass cutting		242.40	Y
G Parrish	Clerk admin expenses		186.54	

Account balances (as of 12/11/2019)

- Business account balance £19,688.61
- S106 account balance = £5,685.24
- Town Lands account balance = 25,247.85
- Cambridge B/S = £13,600.00

Meeting closed: 21.15 **Next meeting:** 20 January 2020 at 19.30 in the village hall.