

FEN DRAYTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

11 MARCH 2015



Present

Harry Webster (chair), Judith Christie, Chris Gray, Richard Lewis, Ian Whitby
County Councillor: Mandy Smith
Parish Clerk: Gill Parrish

Members of the public: 3

PARISH COUNCIL OPEN FORUM

Opened at 19.30.

- 1) 2015 10K and Fun Run committee member: for information. The run is restricted to maximum of 500 participants, but 350-370 are expected. The organisers have obtained permission to close Cootes Lane, High Street and Holywell Ferry Road briefly for safety purposes at the start of the run. There will be a leaflet drop informing villagers of the roads affected and times. The parish council gave permission for the recreation ground to be used for committee members' parking, unless heavy rain renders the ground unsuitable. Car parking marshalls will be present on the day and there will be no parking allowed on Cootes Lane between the village hall and High Street.
- 2) Resident of Park Lane with questions about when the final 80 m of the bund will be completed. The chair advised that this should happen as soon as the ground is dry enough to continue working. Regarding the Daintrees/Park Lane footpath, the chair took the opportunity to ask that the resident's work in the footpath did not include moving its location. The resident confirmed that it was not her intention to move it
- 3) Resident of Cootes Lane for update on the trees on parish council land in Vermuyden Way. See item 805.

Open forum closed at 20.00.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Opened at 20.00.

795. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from J Isden, D Cross, V Hartop, M Howell

796. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Item 801 J Christie declared an interest in the Bible Holiday Club, as she is on the church council.

797. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Deferred until later in the meeting as no councillors were present.

804. CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR (moved forward to allow participation in the meeting)

- Chris Gray was proposed to be co-opted onto the parish council by R Lewis, seconded by I Whitby; all in favour.

798. LOCAL CRIME/PCSO

Two incidents were noted in the village in February:

Pavilion verandah struts damaged, possibly accidental. Not reported to the police.

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Theft of a trailer from a driveway in Honey Hill.

799. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

- R Lewis, seconded by I Whitby, proposed the February minutes as correct. All in favour. Two abstentions: J Christie and C Gray.

800. ACTIONS/UPDATES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

768. HGV ban – chair to speak to Graham Armstrong at SCDC to obtain more information on monitoring traffic levels.

779. S106 – chair to contact Stephen Reid at SCDC for clarification on S106.

704. Local Highways Project – still waiting for reason for refusal of the Mill Road 40 mph limit.

789. Recreation ground use – see 803.

790. Thank you – email sent by the clerk to the parishioner who is planting new trees in the playing field behind the village hall.

791. A14 upgrade – H Webster and a parishioner attended the A14 upgrade event at Bar Hill on 4 March. Registration for representation on the application for development consent by Highways Agency for A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme must be submitted online by the 12 March 23.59 deadline.

- C Gray, seconded by I Whitby, proposed that the parish council registers online; all in favour.

792. Pavilion renovations – see 806.

- **ACTION: chair to contact local highways officer re HGV traffic through village.**
- **ACTION: chair to contact Stephen Reid (S106).**
- **ACTION: clerk to submit online A14 registration by deadline.**

801. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

1) Letter requesting financial assistance for a bible holiday club from the parish council. The chair will invite the organiser to speak at the next public forum to provide more information.

2) Letter from a parishioner about retaining access to the Town Lands field after the A14 upgrade. Chair to speak to the parishioner, whose highlighted concern will be added to the A14 representation registration document.

3) Email from Ouse Washes Landscape Partnership (OWLP) about presentations by Mike Petty on the history of Ouse Washes communities. It was agreed this was worth investigating, possibly to take place at the village meeting.

4) The chair received two queries (verbal) about the hedgerow clearance that is ongoing on the footpath between Park Lane and Daintrees Road. The resident from Park Lane was present at the public forum and advised that the path was being cleared for the benefit of the village.

- **ACTION: chair to invite the bible holiday club organiser to the April meeting.**
- **ACTION: chair to speak to the parishioner about the A14 issues raised in his letter.**
- **ACTION: clerk to investigate the Ouse Washes presentations.**

20.50 Councillor M Smith arrived.

797. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

County councillor Mandy Smith:

- Council tax - the council is putting up its council tax element by 1.99 percent. The fire service is staying the same as last year.
- LGBCE boundary review - there have been no updates on the council boundary changes.
- Highway faults reporting - Graham Armstrong is the new local highways officer. Highways faults should be reported online, via the link below, so they can be directed to the correct area and logged on the system for future reference. Alternatively, faults can be reported by phone on 0345 045 5212.

<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/>

802. 2015 10K & FUN RUN

See public forum.

803. RECREATION GROUND – THIRD PARTY USE

The chair has written to Swavesey Spartans, and the club has agreed to pay £150 for the use of the recreation ground for the latter part of the 2014/5 season. Fees for next season will be discussed after the end of the current one. It was noted that three teams have been using the grounds, not the expected two, which may cause traffic problems for the local residents. The situation will be monitored and the chair will discuss with the Spartans secretary.

- **ACTION: H Webster to speak to the Spartans secretary.**

804. CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR *dealt with after item 797.*

805. VILLAGE LANDSCAPING/TREES/MAINTENANCE

HALL COURT: the bench has been delivered and will be put in place shortly. J Christie is ordering trees.

LITTER PICKING: a parishioner is organising a village litter picking session on 28 March. The parish council is grateful for this and the clerk will speak to the organiser to see if the PC can help.

MILL ROAD: the hedge overgrowing the foot/cycle path from 27 Cootes Lane has been cut back.

VERMUYDEN WAY TREES: the best quotation for removal of the 14 hornbeam trees was from Atlas (£790 + VAT), who can carry out the work on 10 April (subject to the Countryside and Wildlife Act 1981).

- H Webster, seconded by R Lewis, proposed that the removal of 14 hornbeams be carried out by Atlas; all in favour.

- **ACTION: H Webster to liaise with the handyman about installing the bench.**
- **ACTION: clerk to speak to the litter pick organiser.**
- **ACTION: J Christie to progress the tree felling in Vermuyden Way.**

VERMUYDEN WAY TREES: The resident of Cootes Lane also requested the removal of another hornbeam tree growing nearby. As this was not part of the original request, it will be assessed separately.

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- **ACTION: H Webster and J Christie to look into the request to remove the extra tree.**

806. PAVILION REVOVATIONS

H Webster has spoken with the Lions, who will look into finding a comparison quotation for the shower renovations and into possibly contributing towards funding this. There is already a Community Chest grant of £1,000 available for renewing the showers. The Lions club is also looking for a project leader to head a more comprehensive pavilion upgrade.

793. PLANNING

New applications: none.

Approved/no objections:

S/1416/14/FL 5 Mill Road – new private build single dwelling.

S/2893/14/FL Oak Cottage, High Street – bridge and vehicular access to highway.

Refused: none

SCDC approved decision notices:

27/02/2015: S/1416/14/FL 5 Mill Road – new private self build single dwelling.

794. FINANCE

February expenditure	VAT	Chq no	Received	Paid
Clerk expenses Nov 14 to Jan 15		1260		71.83
Clerk February salary		1262		239.28
Handyman February		1263		208.00
Payment from Lloyds Bank			200.00	

£676.49 was paid from the S106 account for the purchase of a bench for Hall Court.

Signatory forms have been submitted (again) to Lloyds Bank.

Ex gratia compensation payment of £200 has been paid into the main account.

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES

S106 account = £5,613.33

Business account = £8,225.32

Town Lands account = £5,622.07

- I Whitby, seconded by J Christie, proposed the expenditure as correct. All in favour.

Meeting closed at 21.35

Next meeting: 8 April 2015 at 19.30 in the village hall committee room.