

FEN DRAYTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

13 MAY 2015



Present

Harry Webster (chair), Judith Christie, Chris Gray, Jackie Isden, Richard Lewis
Parish Clerk: Gill Parrish

Members of the public: 1

PARISH COUNCIL OPEN FORUM

Opened at 19.35.

A resident of Fen Drayton, proposing to run a Landlubbers Bible holiday club for 5 –11 year-olds, from 1 – 7 August, requested financial assistance from the parish council. The estimated cost of the venture is £500. The number of children aimed for is 20.

Open forum closed at 19.52.

ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Opened at 19.50.

825. COUNCILLOR ELECTIONS

- J Christie, seconded by C Grey, proposed to co-opt J Isden onto the parish council; all in favour.
- J Christie, seconded by J Isden, proposed that H Webster be re-elected chair; all in favour.
- H Webster, seconded by C Grey, proposed that J Isden be re-elected vice-chair; all in favour.

826. COUNCILLORS' DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE

The chair and all members present signed signed declarations of acceptance, witnessed by the clerk. I Whitby had signed his declaration earlier in the day.

827. SIGNING OFF 2014-15 ACCOUNTS

The accounts were signed by the chairman as being a true and accurate record of the monies spent and received by Fen Drayton Parish Council in the financial year 2014-15.

- R Lewis, seconded by J Isden, proposed the annual accounts as correct; all in favour.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Opened at 20.00.

828. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from I Whitby, V Hartop and M Howell

829. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

C Grey declared an interest in 839 (planning: 6 Mill Road) and had abstained from commenting on the application when the plans were being commented on.

830. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

District councillor's report:

Flood defence bank: Cllr Wright thanked H Webster for his hard work in progressing the flood defence bank.

Elections: Cllr Wright thanked the residents of Fen Drayton for their support in the recent district election. He said that the feedback he received from residents while he was canvassing was positive, which reflects on the good work of the parish council.

South Cambridgeshire District Council: SCDC aims to be self-sufficient by 2020 so that it will no longer rely on central government grants, which are being cut by around 15 per cent a year.

S106: Following the budget, the government was concerned about the lack of new housing being built, despite planning permissions being granted. In an attempt to kick-start development the government decided that developments of fewer than 10 houses should not be subject to S106. Self-build houses are also exempt. CIL will come through later in the year with the local plan, but in the meantime it appears that new developments will not be subject to S106 or CIL.

County councillor's report:

Local Government Boundary Commission: Cllr Smith informed the meeting that the Local Government Boundary Commission has now published its draft proposals. The LGBC wants anyone who has an opinion on the draft recommendations, whether to support them or propose alternative arrangements, to contact them. The draft recommendations can be viewed at:

<https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/4143>

HGVs through the village: Cllr Smith advised the council that the police force needs to support the HGV ban proposals. H Webster said that Horse and Gate Street meets the criteria for a ban, due to its width, lack of pavements etc, but other key factors, such as traffic volumes, still need to be assessed. He will contact Derek Crosby as suggested by Cllr Smith.

Litter from Shell garage: this should be pursued via SCDC.

831. LOCAL CRIME/PCSO

The police panel meeting will be held on 18 June at Swavesey Village College. Anything to be raised at the meeting should be emailed to PCSO Tom Baugh.

832. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

- C Grey, seconded by R Lewis, proposed the April minutes as correct; all in favour.

833. ACTIONS/UPDATES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

768. HGV restrictions through the village. H Webster to contact Derek Crosby.

819. Pavilion showers. H Webster is still waiting for another quotation from the Lions.

779. S106. See 830.

801. Landlubbers Bible holiday club. The parish council is considering a donation of £250 towards the cost of setting up the club. H Webster to write to the organiser.

822. CAPALC membership. Three members wish to go on a CPALC training course so the council will subscribe in order to get benefits including reduced training workshop fees.

- **ACTION: H Webster to contact Derek Crosby about HGV restrictions.**
- **ACTION: clerk to organise the CAPALC subscription.**

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834. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

1. Letter from Highways Agency.
2. Email from a resident of Vermuyden Way about the dead willow tree.

835. VILLAGE MEETING AGENDA

This will be organised by email and finalised at the June meeting.

J Christie mentioned the 2016 Capability Brown Tercentenary Celebrations. This will be discussed next month.

836. VILLAGE LANDSCAPING/TREES/MAINTENANCE

VERMUYDEN WAY: Atlas has removed the 14 trees from parish council land in Vermuyden Way. The council proposes to plant four or five ornamental trees in their place. The dead willow tree is to be removed.

VERMUYDEN WAY/COOTES LANE CORNER: will be cleared, leveled and grassed, retaining existing viable trees and shrubs. A planted or rock border will be put in to prevent cars parking on the site. Budget to be discussed in item 840.

HALL COURT: the bench is still to be put in.

- **ACTION: J Christie and J Isden to continue to deal.**

837. HANDYMAN UPDATE

The handyman is due to put the new bench up in Hall Court and varnish the benches in The Plantation and notice board.

The coping stone needs to be retrieved from the brook near the lock-up.

Damage to the pump – may have been repaired.

The damage caused by Atlas to a window in Hall Court last year still hasn't been resolved.

- **ACTION: J Christie to check the village pump.**
- **ACTION: J Isden to follow up the damaged window.**

838. S106 UPDATE

See 830. The parish council awaits the outcome of CIL later in the year.

839. PLANNING

New applications:

13/04/15 S/0769/15/FL 2 Mill Road. New front porch.

22/04/15 S/0914/15/FL 6 Mill Road. New build dwelling

Approved/no objections:

S/0914/15/FL 6 Mill Road. New build dwelling.

S/0769/15/FL 2 Mill Road. New front porch.

Refused:

S/0507/15/FL Agricultural storage unit Swavesey Road/Honey Hill junction

SCDC approved decision notices: none.

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840. FINANCE

BUDGETS

Budgets for the following major outlay items were discussed:

£250 (from Town Lands) for Landlubbers Bible holiday club.
£1200 from current account for Vermuyden Way/Cootes Lane corner landscaping.
£500 for Vermuyden Way willow tree removal.
£200 for new tree planting in Vermuyden Way.
£600 for CALC subscription and training.
£1000 (from Town Lands) for the pavilion refurbishments.

- R Lewis, seconded by C Grey, proposed that the above budget amounts be accepted; all in favour

MONTHLY EXPENDITURE

April receipts and payments	VAT	Chq no	Received	Paid
Handyman (March)		1267		272.39
Clerk salary (March)		1268		362.43
Camb's ACRE		1269		82.44
Community Chest (pavilion)			1000.00	
Sale of two enclosure maps			50.00	
HMRC		1270		214.40

Business account balance = £6501.77
S106 account balance = £4937.06
Town Lands account balance = £5,622.07

- J Isden, seconded by J Christie, proposed the April expenditure as correct. All in favour.

Meeting closed at 22.15

Next meeting: Thursday, 25 June 2015 at 19.30 in the village hall committee room.