

FEN DRAYTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

8 APRIL 2015



Present

Harry Webster (chair), Chris Gray, Richard Lewis, Ian Whitby
Parish Clerk: Gill Parrish

Members of the public: 2

PARISH COUNCIL OPEN FORUM

Opened at 19.35.

Residents of Cootes Lane concerning the removal of hornbeam trees on parish council land in Vermuyden Way. See item 818.

Open forum closed at 19.52.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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809. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from J Isden, J Christie, V Hartop, M Smith, M Howell, N Wright

810. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

None.

811. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

No councillors present.

812. LOCAL CRIME/PCSO

No crimes reported in Fen Drayton on eCops since the last meeting.

The owner of the dog from Hall Court is serving a prison sentence for possession of drugs and weapons. He has been evicted from the Hall Court property.

813. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Amendment to Open Forum item 2. The following text was inserted, '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'.

- I Whitby, seconded by C Gray, proposed the March minutes, with an amendment, as correct. All in favour.

814. ACTIONS/UPDATES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

768. HGV restrictions through the village. The parish council has been told it needs to do a traffic survey and the chair has been trying to ascertain the procedure for doing this. The chair has tried to telephone Highways five times and reported the matter on the Highways website on 15 March, but has had no response. He sent an email today and is now waiting for a reply to that.

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779. S106. SCDC has told the chair that S106 monies are pending from three developments: Daintrees Farm, Ridgeley Farm and Mill Road. There was no mention of other developments, which should also be looked into.

- **ACTION: clerk to supply chair with a list of approved planning applications.**
- **ACTION: chair to contact S106 to see if these qualify for S106/CIL.**

791. A14 upgrade – Registration for representation on the application for development consent by Highways Agency for A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme was submitted online by the 12 March deadline. The apparent lack of access to the Town Lands field from the A14 has been flagged to the relevant team, who are looking in to the matter. In principle, maintaining access should be taken into account at the next stage of design and shown on the detailed plan.

801/1. Bible holiday club. Moved to next month.

801/3. Ouse Washes/Mike Petty talks. See 816.

815. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

1 Resignation of D Cross. The chair expressed his gratitude for D Cross's contribution to the parish council and thanked him for continuing to represent Fen Drayton on the board of the Joseph Ellis Foundation Trust.

2 Letter from Heidi Allen pledging her support in local issues if she is elected MP for South Cambridgeshire in the May elections.

3 Nomination forms received from SCDC for parish council election. These have been completed and returned by hand to SCDC.

4 Notice of Election from SCDC – this was displayed on the village notice board on 30 March.

816. VILLAGE MEETING

OWLP/Mike Petty talks. It was suggested that the Ouse Washes presentation would be an entertaining and information addition to the agenda for the village meeting on 20 July.

- H Webster, seconded by R Lewis, proposed that Mike Petty be booked to speak at the meeting. All in favour.

- **ACTION: clerk to confirm the Ouse Washes presentation for the village meeting.**

817. RECREATION GROUND – THIRD PARTY USE

£150 has been received from Swavesey Spartans 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. The chair has made the Spartans secretary aware of potential parking problems in the High Street where access is needed by large vehicles to Ridgeley Farm.

818. VILLAGE LANDSCAPING/TREES/MAINTENANCE

VERMUYDEN WAY TREES: the parish council inspected the trees again and decided that in the interests of balancing landscape values and consideration for the residents of Cootes Lane, the best solution is to remove 12 of the 14 hornbeams, retaining the western and middle ones (and the fifteenth tree which was not included in the original request). Atlas is due to carry out the work on 10 April.

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- H Webster, seconded by I Whitby, proposed that 12 hornbeams should be removed instead of the 14 as originally planned. All in favour.

- **ACTION: H Webster to confirm that 12 trees are to be removed with Atlas.**

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. Details and costs to be discussed next month.

- **ACTION: clerk to move to May agenda.**

819. PAVILION REVOVATIONS

The parish council has received a Community Chest grant of £1000 for renovating the showers. H Webster has spoken with the Lions, who can contribute £500. This still leaves a considerable shortfall for the parish council to make up, which may not be viable considering the overall state of the pavilion. A lower-specification job was suggested – possibly using less expensive uPVC wall cladding instead of tiles.

- **ACTION: H Webster to obtain a revised quotation for the shower renovation.**

820. RISK ASSESSMENT

The clerk has updated the parish council's risk assessment document. Council members will read and email any suggestions to the clerk. The clerk will also provide financial regulations to be adopted by the PC.

- **ACTION: All members to read the risk assessment and email any comments to the clerk.**
- **ACTION: clerk to provide financial regulations to be adopted by the council.**

821. ENCLOSURE MAP – sale copies

Two copies have been sold. The company that printed the maps has gone into administration, so a new supplier needs to be sourced and prices obtained. It was agreed that it would be better to purchase further copies of the map as orders are placed, rather than keeping a stock.

822. CAPALC MEMBERSHIP

The clerk will investigate training courses on offer for councillors and other benefits of joining.

- **ACTION: clerk to investigate the benefits of joining CAPALC.**

823. PLANNING

New applications: none.

Approved/no objections: none.

Refused: none

SCDC approved decision notices:

16/03/2015: S/1681/14/FL 5 Cobbles – new detached house and garage.

16/03/2015: S/2020/14/FL 29 Cootes Lane – erection of two detached dwellings.

- **ACTION: clerk to forward all decision notice emails to councillors.**

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794. FINANCE

March expenditure	VAT	Chq no	Received	Paid
CGM grass cutting (from October)		1264		206.70
Village hall rental June-Dec 2014		1265		152.50
Land Registry fees		1266		74.00
Swavesey Spartans			150.00	

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES

S106 account = £4937.06

Business account = £7942.12

Town Lands account = £5622.07

S106 EXPENDITURE

Retrospective approval of three S106 cheques in the year ending 31/3/15 was recorded.

Expenditure	VAT	Chq no	Received	Paid
Ibbetts (petrol mower)	Y	2		450.00
Xfer to business account for Hall Court project		3		2454.25
Bench for Hall Court garden	Y	4		676.49
TOTAL				4937.06

- I Whitby, seconded by R Lewis, proposed the March business account and the S106 annual expenditure as correct. All in favour.

Meeting closed at 22.00

Next meeting: annual meeting on 13 May 2015 at 19.30 in the village hall committee room.