FEN DRAYTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES



7 JANUARY 2015

Present

Harry Webster (chair), Judith Christie, Jackie Isden, Verity Hartop.

County Councillor: Mandy Smith

Parish Clerk: Gill Parrish

Members of the public: 1

PARISH COUNCIL OPEN FORUM

Opened at 19.30.

Heidi Allen, Conservative parliamentary candidate for South Cambridgeshire, introduced herself to the parish council.

Open forum closed at 19.35.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Opened at 19.50.

766. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from D Cross, I Whitby and PCSO Tom Baugh.

767. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

None declared

768. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor Mandy Smith

The second light has been installed at the Fen Drayton Lakes busway stop.

Hedge cutting and grip drainage: Gavin Wiseman is the new officer in charge.

HGV restrictions: Sharon Piper is the officer in charge. Cllr Smith will email her and CC the clerk. Boundary commission. H Webster to email Geoff Twiss, vice-chair of Over PC, to ask about the advantages of regrouping Fen Drayton with Swavesey, Over and Willingham. Comments need to be submitted by 19 January.

• ACTION: H Webster to investigate possible boundary regrouping.

769. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The November minutes were proposed as correct by J Isden, seconded by H Webster; all in favour.

770. ACTIONS/UPDATES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Public forum (Nov): HGV restrictions: see item 768.

Public forum (Nov): The sluice and hump in Holywell Ferry Road are now complete. The western end of the bank is still to be finished.

756. Lighting at guided busway. See 768.758. Documentation pertaining to ownership of land in Vermuyden Way: Land Registry search in progress.

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761. See 773.

763. Meeting dates are now on the website.

771. LOCAL CRIME/PCSO

Two crimes took place in Fen Drayton in December. One was damage to a car in The Plantation on 7 December. Details of the other were not disclosed by the police.

772. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- 1) Email from Geoff Twiss, Over PC, re boundary review (see 768)
- 2) Letter re precept from Sally Smart at SCDC (see 778)
- 3) Joseph Ellis Foundation Trust: report of annual meeting by D Cross
- 4) Email from Swavesey Spartans re use of recreation ground.

773. CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR

Richard Lewis was proposed as a councillor by J Isden and seconded by J Christie. All in favour. There are still two councillor vacancies – these to be advertised by a leaflet drop in the village.

• ACTION: clerk to draft a flyer to be distributed to all households.

774. BOUNDARY REVIEW

See 768.

775. VILLAGE LANDSCAPING PROJECTS

HALL COURT: hard landscaping was carried out by Paul Larter in November and grass seed and bulbs planted by J Isden and the handyman. J Isden provided details of benches for the area. A bench was selected – costing £600. J Christie will purchase three trees for the site.

• ACTION: clerk to order the bench and J. Christie purchase the trees.

PLANTATION BENCHES: will be restained by the handyman in the spring. The notice board will also be cleaned and restained.

ACTION: H Webster to oversee the handyman while J Christie is away.

776. VERMUYDEN WAY TREES

In hand with J Christie, awaiting results of the Land Registry search.

777. PAVILION REVOVATIONS

Awaiting the outcome of the Community Chest grant application, when decisions can be made as to the extent of the refurbishments. Swavesey Spartans wish to use the recreation ground this year. This was agreed by the parish council last year.

778. PRECEPT 2015-16

The parish council will apply for a precept of £18,000. Proposed by J Christie, seconded by V Hartop; all in favour.

ACTION: clerk to send the application form to SCDC.

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779. PLANNING

Approved:

S/2463/14/FL no objections as long as the applicant's interpretation of the allowed footprint is correct according to SCDC records for the site.

S/2710/14/FL 42 Middleton Way – new front porch. No objections.

S/2826/14/FL 26 Springhill – detached double garage and log store. No objections.

S/2470/14/FL Mariposa House, High Street – front elevation: render and paint off-white. No objections.

SCDC approved decision notices

S/2470/14/FL Mariposa House, High Street.

New application:

S/1416/14/FL 5 Mill Road, new self build. Plans arrived in post on 23/12/14. Available online on 21/12/14.

ACTION: clerk to check if S106 no longer applies to self-build.

753. FINANCE

November/December expenditure	VAT	Chq no	Received	Paid
SCDC Community Chest BACS payment (WM)			1400.00	
Donation (from village meeting)			28.85	
Hibbitt & Sons	Υ	1240		1680.00
e-on	Υ	1241		27.41
Clerk October salary		1242		258.17
Clerk expenses		1243		96.41
CCC Street lighting energy 1/10/13-30/9/14		1244		626.51
Handyman October		1245		520.00
CGM	Υ	1246		206.70
P Larter (Hall Court landscaping)	Υ	1247		1920.00
J Isden (plants for Hall Court)		1248		54.25
CGM	Υ	1249		206.70
Clerk November salary		1250		174.30
Handyman November		1251		208.00

Expenditure proposed as correct by J Christie, seconded by J Isden, all in favour.

Meeting closed at 21.25

Next meeting: 11 February 2015 at 19.30 in the village hall.