FEN DRAYTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

4 MAY 2020



Present at e-meeting

Jackie Isden (chair), Roger Davies, Chris Gray, Sue Gyles, James Weeden Parish clerk: Gill Parrish

PARISH COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING

20/052 OPEN FORUM no parishioners participated in the open forum so the general meeting opened at 10.30.

20/053 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

J Isden was elected unanimously as chair and R Davies was elected unanimously as vice-chair for 2020/21

20/054 WELCOME BY THE CHAIR

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their hard work during the Covid-19 situation. The chair acknowledged M Stovell's resignation as a councillor and thanked him for his valuable contribution to the work of the parish council.

20/055 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE M Stovell. P Pinner

20/056 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None

20/057 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The March minutes were unanimously approved with no amendments. The chair will sign them at the first meeting after lockdown restrictions are lifted.

20/058 AGAR GOVERNANCE STATEMENT moved to June meeting agenda

The AGAR governance statement will be approved at the June meeting after the internal audit has been completed.

20/059 TO APPROVE THE 2019/20 RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS SUMMARY

The council members unanimously approved the 2019/20 accounts (also approved via email by P Pinner).

20/060 AGAR ACCOUNTS STATEMENT moved to June meeting agenda

The AGAR accounts statement will be approved at the June meeting after the internal audit has been completed. The clerk will submit the AGAR paperwork and associated documents electronically to the internal auditor tomorrow (Tuesday 5 May).

20/061 COVID-19 UPDATE

J Weeden reported that there are about five regular users of support volunteers, mainly for collecting prescriptions as people are now getting regular food deliveries from supermarkets. The chair thanked J Weeden for his hard work setting up and coordinating the Covid-19 support group.

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The PC will recirculate information about long-term help for villagers after the next Cobra report. J Isden mentioned possibly setting up a food bank donation point in the village. S Gyles will distribute an email about personal hygiene products for people in financial difficulties. **ACTION**.

20/062 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' AND POLICE REPORTS

District councillor, Sue Ellington (by email) – the green bin collection is due to restart from 4 May with one collection a month for the duration of the Covid-19 situation.

Police (via South Cambs weekly alert) – a vehicle was broken into and searched on Holywell Ferry Road (in the RSPB nature reserve).

20/063 MOBILE WARDEN SCHEME UPDATE

The scheme has had major setback, as the grant submission to CCF was unsuccessful. J Isden and R Davies wrote to CCF to ask for clarification as to why the grant was rejected and are waiting for a reply.

20/064 A14 LEGACY FUND PROJECT UPDATE

Pam Hobson (A14 IDT) emailed on 26 March to confirm that the projects will still be delivered. However, there have been no further updates so J Isden will chase again. **ACTION**.

20/065 TO APPROVE THE 2020/21 BUDGET

R Davies presented the 2020/21 budget to the council members, which was unanimously approved by all present (and via email by P Pinner). R Davies advised that last year's figures were distorted by unexpected costs arising from the illegal encampment in June and VAT paid on the new playground equipment. The latter will be reclaimed. A major expenditure for 2020 will be replacing the rope walk on the climbing frame in the playground.

20/066 TO APPROVE THE MARCH EXPENDITURE

MARCH RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS

Business account	Description	Receipts	Payments	VAT
G Parrish	Admin expenses		76.10	
C Burns	Painting play eqpmt		1,060.00	
Grantscape	Painting play eqpmt	1,060.00		Υ
Opus Energy (DD)	Street lighting March		47.67	Υ
Atlas	Tree surgery		216.00	Υ
Opus Energy (DD)	Street light Nov19-Mar20		256.28	Υ

The March receipts and payments were unanimously approved by the council members present (and via email by P Pinner).

Account balances (as of 30/3/2020)

- Business account balance £3,747.03
- S106 account balance = £2,386.24
- Town Lands account balance = 24,397.85
- Cambridge B/S = £13,600.00

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20/067 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

New applications

20/01252/HFUL Swimming pool and pool house, Ivy House, High Street. STATUS: awaiting decision.

20/01356/FUL 14 affordable dwellings + access, Cootes Lane. Status: awaiting decision.

SCDC decisions - none

20/068 NEXT MEETING DATE

The next parish council e-meeting will be conducted via Zoom on 1 June 2020 at 19.30.

The meeting closed at 11.20. Next meeting 1 June at 19.30 (via Zoom).

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