

FEN DRAYTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

19 FEBRUARY 2023



Present

Jackie Isden (chair), Roger Davies, Paul Goodwin, Sue Gyles, Peter Kiss, Mandy Smith,
Parish clerk: Gill Parrish
Members of public: 0

PARISH COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING

24/016 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE & DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

J Weeden, C Gray

No declarations of interest received.

24/017 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOVED council members unanimously approved the January minutes, which were signed by the chair as an accurate record, with no amendments.

24/018 PUBLIC OPEN FORUM *Opened at 19.31*

Flooding: 14 Daintrees Road residents attended to voice concerns about the recent flooding at the Daintrees Road junction with Holywell Ferry Road. The chair updated the residents with the efforts the PC has made to get information from the Environment Agency (EA) and Anglian Water (AW). Anthony Browne MP has offered to chair a meeting with the parish councils in the Oxholme Drain catchment area and EA, AW and local authorities, but so far, no date has been forthcoming despite the chair chasing. On the plus side, the new pump, installed following the floods in 2020/21 has rectified the foul water problem and a resident thanked the PC for the community flood group help during the latest flood event. The chair reassured the residents that she would continue to press for the meeting with Anthony Browne, which the PC hopes will find a long-term solution to the flooding issue. Daintrees residents will also contact Anthony Browne direct – his contact details can be found at: <https://www.anthonybrowne.org/contact> or email: anthony.browne.mp@parliament.uk

Planning: a resident asked about H/5 and H/16. The PC confirmed it will continue to support H5 on LSA land and had met with SCDC/GCP to discuss the possible implications of H16 for future planning applications within the village.

Public forum closed at 20.20

24/019 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND ANY CRIME ISSUES

24/019/1 County councillor, Mandy Smith's report

20 mph limit – applications close on 20 March. The PC will apply for a later round as there is insufficient time to make a case for this year, if the village decides it wants the 20 limit.

Greenways – Cllr Smith has spoken to the designers. The new contact is on leave so Mandy will speak to her when she gets back.

Signage – Cllr Smith is still working on better signage to stop Northstowe traffic going through the village. She will also ask why there is a 40 mph speed restriction along the A1307 from Godmanchester to Fen Drayton.

24/019/2 District councillor, Sue Ellington's report

Budget – SCDC's budget will be set at a full council meeting next week.

Fair funding review – the government is planning a fair funding review in 2026, which could mean a loss of funding. At present SCDC is using the new homes bonus and Cambridge business rates pool to build up funds ahead of the review.

Four-day week – has cost £600k in agency fees so far.

SCDC is celebrating 50 years – since its inception in 1974 when Swavesey and Fen Drayton were together. They were split in 1976, but now they are together again, showing what goes around comes around.

24/020 VILLAGE CRIME

020/1 New crime reports or issues: a couple of small thefts have been reported in the village – though not to the police.

020/2 Follow-up to letter to crime commissioner – the chair is still chasing a response to her letter and statistics on Fen Drayton's crime figures compared with those of other local villages.

020/3 Crime statistics analysis – the chair thanked R Davies for his work on the crime statistics for Fen Drayton.

24/020 UPDATES/ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING (or see agenda item).

(23/086) Pavilion donations – now total £14k in donations (£6k already in the bank and the balance promised.

(23/101/2) VH field/Land Registry – still in progress.

(23/114) New website and email account are now up and running.

(23/130) Proposed flood meeting chaired by Anthony Browne – J Isden is still chasing for a definite date.

(23/142) Northstowe S106 LHI traffic calming: Cambridge Road bridge – nothing has been heard yet. Cllr Smith will try to find out if the PC's application has been approved.

(23/144) Spartans rent has been paid.

(24/008) Flooding – no further update.

(24/009) Pavilion grant application – will be submitted to FCC this week.

(24/010) Information re 20 mph grant – P Goodwin has been looking into this and advised the village needs to be consulted on whether to install the limit. It will be put to the village at the annual village meeting on 10 June, followed by an online poll. It will also be put on Facebook and in The Journal magazine. Cllr Smith supports the 20 mph limit.

(24/013/4) Community Charity bank account change is still in hand.

24/021 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

25/1 Email from Highways – the old A14 (now A1307) was handed over to Cambridgeshire County Council on 8 February. The contact at CCC is Hilary Tandy.

26/1 ZCC newsletter – including feature on hosting a pink bin (see 24/022)

10/2 Email from resident about pot holes in Cootes Lane and the give way warning sign for the kerb buildout damaged. Both have been reported to Highways. It appears that the sign was turned by the affordable housing contractors to avoid damaging it when moving heavy plant onto site. P Kiss will speak to the contractors. The site contact is Mark Browning.

12/2 Email from a resident about the state of Daintrees footpath. This has now been resolved as CCC delivered and spread scalplings along the path a few days ago.

24/022 PINK BIN

RESOLVED council members unanimously approved of Fen Drayton hosting a roaming pink recycling bin for small electrical appliances (a new initiative by the Greater Cambridge Shared Waste Service team). The clerk will apply. **ACTION**

24/023 SCHOOL COOKERY CLUB

Council members considered a request for a grant for after school cookery lessons. While the PC supports this idea, more information is needed, along with a meeting with the school, PTA and the PC. **ACTION**

FEN DRAYTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

19 FEBRUARY 2023



24/024 PROPOSED CHANGES TO LOW ROAD

The CCC proposal for closing Low Road, or making it one way, was not supported in the Fenstanton PC meeting on 8 February.

24/025 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

025/1 **RESOLVED** council members unanimously approved Atlas's quotation to fell four dead elms in woodland by the village hall of £680 + VAT. Work is scheduled for Wednesday 17 April.

025/2 Poor state of Holywell Ferry Road (gravel section). Cllr Smith will see if she can get this regraded.

025/3 Poor state of Daintrees footpath: the footpath has now been resurfaced (see 24/021).

025/4 Handyman's report:

Defibrillator – following a verbal report from a member of the public, the handyman physically checked the defibrillator. The clerk also checked online (The Circuit). All is present and correct.

Speed sign – the sign reads 'thank you' when it flashes red at 30 mph. P Kiss will correct this when the speed sign is next moved. **ACTION**

24/026 FINANCE

026/1 Swavesey Spartans has paid the pitch rental for the current season.

026/2 **RESOLVED** council members approved the January receipts and payments and the account balances as of 12/02/24:

- Business account = £24,510.02
- S106 account = £34,654.01
- Town Lands account = £25,216.62
- Pavilion account = £6,620.30
- Cambridge B/S = £18,600.00

24/027 PLANNING

027/1 23/03537/FUL 29 Cootes Lane: no further update

027/2 23/02728/FUL Wellington's Retreat/Elney Cottage: appeal 4/1/24 – still awaiting decision

027/3 H/16 and H/5: Tom Chenery of SCDC/GCP Planning met with members of the PC to explain the significance of H/5 and H/16.

027/4 Pavilion: the lawful development certificate is in hand.

027/5 New application: 24/00368/FUL Backwater, Mill Road. Erection of agricultural building.

24/028 MEETINGS

Next parish council meeting: 18 March 2024. Cllr Ellington gave apologies for the April meeting; P Goodwin gave apologies for March and April.

Please send any items for the agenda to the clerk by 4 pm on Friday 8 March.

Meeting closed at 21:53

FEN DRAYTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

19 FEBRUARY 2023



APPENDIX 1

January receipts and payments

	<i>Description</i>	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Payments</i>	<i>VAT</i>
eon	Pavilion electricity		28.54	Y
Staff costs	December		551.47	
HMRC	Payroll liability		367.60	
C Burns	December handyman		264.00	
Play Inspection Co	Playground inspection		99.00	Y
Red Shoes	Payroll services		46.80	
SCDC	SCDC election fees		135.00	
Swavesey Spartans	Pitch donation	300.00		Y
BWP Creative	Website build		776.46	Y
eon	Pavilion electricity		26.69	Y
FD village hall	Meeting room hire		45.00	
Staff costs	January		479.68	
C Burns	Handyman January		330.00	
Total Energies	Street lighting energy		281.91	Y