

FEN DRAYTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

18 MARCH 2024 - **DRAFT**



Present

Jackie Isden (chair), Roger Davies, Sue Gyles, Peter Kiss, James Weeden,
Parish clerk: Gill Parrish
Members of public: 3

PARISH COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING

24/029 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE & DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

C Gray, P Goodwin, S Lockwood, M Smith.

No declarations of interest received.

24/030 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

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

24/031 PUBLIC OPEN FORUM *Opened at 19.30*

Dog fouling: *a resident complained about dog mess on The Plantation grass and on the village streets. SCDC owns the Plantation land so any signage would need to be put up by it. The parish council has its full complement of dog waste bins, so the chair will speak to the handyman about moving one bin to a better location. The residents also complained about parking in The Plantation: spaces get filled up by parents picking up children from the school bus. Cllr Ellington advised sending photos and times of the problem to the parking warden. The residents also want clarification of parking space allocation in The Plantation. Cllr Ellington will ask someone from SCDC to talk to the residents. Public forum closed at 19.48*

24/032 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND ANY CRIME ISSUES

24/019/1 County councillor: no report as Cllr Smith was absent.

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

Emergency meeting: SCDC is holding an emergency meeting on 21 March to approve the borrowing of £200 million to build 256 new homes at Cambourne. Cllr Ellington is concerned about water supply and sewage, which all goes to Utton's Drove.

Community warden scheme: SCDC has agreed funding for 2024-25.

24/033 VILLAGE CRIME

033/1 New crime reports or issues: the lock up door was damaged over the weekend of 9/10 March. The police were called and a crime number allocated.

033/2 Other crime issues: strangers and unknown vehicles have been observed around the village especially around Oaktree Road/Stubbins area.

24/034 UPDATES/ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING *(or see agenda item).*

(23/086) Pavilion donations: no change from the last meeting.

(23/129) Community warden: SCDC has agreed to fund the scheme for 2024-25.

(23/130) The flood meeting chaired by Anthony Browne will take place on Friday 22 March.

(23/142) Northstowe S106 LHI traffic calming - Cambridge Road bridge: decisions will be made in May/June this year.

(24/013/4) Community Charity bank account change – in progress.

(24/020/2) Letter to crime commissioner: no further action.

(24/022) Pink Bin: Fen Drayton can host the Pink Bin in July if agreed with the village hall committee. **ACTION**

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(24/023) *After School Cookery Club*: the scheme will be run by La Cucina Italian for Y3+ and would cost £12.50 per child/session. The PC would be happy to contribute to support the attendees but not the start-up funding. Another meeting is needed, with the head teacher too.

(24/025/2) *Regrading the gravel section of Holywell Ferry Road*: Cllr Ellington has spoken with a contact who will hopefully be able to do the work.

24/035 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

29/2 email from 10K/Fun Run – see item 24/041

5/3 email from Melanie Pittock – CEO Age UK

6/3 from Combined Authority Transport Team – electric vehicles and charging points survey.

24/036 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

036/1 *Damage to left hand lock up door*: the handyman repaired on Monday, 11 March.

036/2 *Handyman's report/any other issues*: **RESOLVED** council members unanimously agreed to use logs from the elms due to be felled on 17 April as sleepers to mark out car parking spaces in the village hall car park. The handyman has spoken with contractors on the affordable housing site who will flatten the car park floor. The PC will then only need to purchase boulders from Bannolds to stop people parking on the grass areas.

The handyman will be off work from 4 April for knee surgery and has organised cover for grass cutting. The MVAS will not be moved or have its battery charged while the handyman is away.

24/037 MUGA/PUMP TRACK

Council members agreed the pump track would be better for families than a MUGA, which is better for organised team sports. The location, village hall field or football field, is to be agreed. R Davies will contact Clark & Kent for comparative costings for the football field. **ACTION**

The PC will submit a funding expression of interest to Thalia (was Amey). **ACTION**

The PC will also look at lottery and SCDC for further funds. **ACTION**

24/038 SCHOOL BUS STOPS

The school bus company is changing the pick-up location from the village hall to The Plantation/ Cootes Lane for safety reasons. The return drop off point will stay the same.

24/039 COMMUNITY WARDEN SCHEME UPDATE

SCDC has agreed funding for 2024-25.

24/040 LIVE THEATRE

RESOLVED The PC will subscribe to Creative Arts East who host live events for communities in the east of England with a view to having a live theatre show in the village during November or December.

24/041 2024 10K AND FUN RUN

RESOLVED Council members unanimously agreed that the 10k and Fun Run committee may use the football field again this year for parking on Sunday 5 May and put up banners advertising the event in the village.

24/042 FINANCE

041/1 **RESOLVED** Council members approved the February receipts and payments - see Appendix 1.

042/2 *Account balances as of 11/03/24*:

- Business account = £23,050.68

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

24/043 PLANNING

043/1 23/03537/FUL 29 Cootes Lane – no update

043/2 23/02728/FUL Wellington's Retreat/Elney Cottage: appeal 4/1/24.

043/3 New application: 24/00606/FUL 15 Mill Road. Single storey ground floor extension.

24/044 MEETINGS

Next parish council meeting: 15 April 2024.

Annual parish meeting (aka village meeting): 10 June.

Please send any items for the agenda to the clerk by 4 pm on Friday 8/4/24

Meeting closed: 21.50

