

FEN DRAYTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

20 MAY 2024



Present

Jackie Isden (chair), Roger Davies, Paul Goodwin, Chris Gray, Peter Kiss
Clerk: Gill Parrish
Members of public: 2

ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

24/059 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Council members unanimously elected J Isden as chair and R Davies as vice chair. Both accepted the offices.

23/060 COUNCILLORS' DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE

All council members present signed a declaration of acceptance of office.

23/061 2023-24 ACCOUNTS

Council members unanimously approved the receipts and payments summary as being a true and accurate record of the income and expenditure of Fen Drayton Parish Council in the financial year 2023-24

PARISH COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING

Opened at 19.40

24/062 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE & DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Apologies: Sue Gyles, Sarah Lockwood and James Weeden.
No declarations of interest were received.

24/063 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

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

24/064 PUBLIC OPEN FORUM *opened at 19.43*

Opened at 19.40: one member of the public wished to discuss the proposed pump track. The other was observing only. Closed at 19.55

24/065 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

24/065/1 **County councillor, Mandy Smith's report:** see below.

24/065/2 **District councillor, Sue Ellington's report:**

The four-day week continues to be an issue – a formal review will be held in July.

The 2024 budget was set to include raising council tax by the maximum allowable in order to pay for additional administration costs of £4.5 million and an increase in councillors' remunerations, while council housing rents have increased during the cost-of-living crisis.

Road charging was eventually put on the back burner by The Greater Cambridge Partnership (made up of leaders of the city and district councils as well as Cambridge University leaders).

Parking enforcement by SCDC was agreed by parliament and introduced from February 2024. It was welcomed by many schools and small streets across the district but surprised those who park 'inside' yellow lines (on verges) as that is also an offence.

Parking in The Plantation – SCDC housing is dealing direct with residents.

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24/066 VILLAGE CRIME

066/1 Coffee with a Cop – 15 June, 10 am to 11.30 am in the village hall. The clerk will organise printed flyers to be distributed to all village households to advertise the event. **ACTION**

066/2 Crime meeting report – no further update.

24/067 UPDATES/ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING *(or see agenda item)*.

(23/129) Community warden: Rachel currently has nine clients: two in Fen Drayton, one in Lolworth and six in Fenstanton. SCDC has funded the warden scheme for this year. SCDC. Has commissioned the Rose Regeneration consultancy to prepare a report to show the benefits of the scheme to send to funding authorities.

(24/013/4) Community Charity bank account change: after looking at the options the Community Charity decided to leave the account as it is.

(24/022) Pink Bin: is due to be in the village hall car park during July. It will be promoted in The Journal magazine and on social media.

(24/023) After School Cookery Club: the PC is still waiting for the club to provide more information.

(24/025/2) Regrading the gravel section of Holywell Ferry Road: P Goodwin reported that CCC advised, in response to his online query, that the work is due to be carried out within 12 weeks from 26 April.

(24/037) Pump track: a grant application has been submitted to the Rural England Prosperity Fund. A decision will be made in early July.

(24/049) Crime meeting report (see 24/063/2)

Cllr Mandy Smith arrived at 20.48

24/065/1 County councillor, Mandy Smith's report:

Flooding: Cllr Smith is meeting with Mr Ward from Elsworth in Fen Drayton next week. She will advise the PC of the date once it has been arranged. Cllr Smith also recommended that the PC write to the chairman of the Anglian Eastern Regional Flood and Coastal Committee (RFCC) about the faulty sluice gates on the Great Ouse at Earith ahead of its next committee meeting on 19 July. **ACTION**

24/068 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

RESOLVED Council members unanimously approved removing this item from future agendas as correspondence has been replaced by emails that are distributed to members as they arrive and any appropriate actions taken.

24/069 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

069/1 **RESOLVED** Council members approved Atlas's quotation of £300 + VAT to fell a diseased horse chestnut tree in football field for safety reasons. This was approved by email so the work could be scheduled without delay.

069/2 The handyman has fixed the squeaky swings in the playground

069/3 Plantation benches in bad condition: these are the responsibility of SCDC, which is aware of the situation.

069/4 Handyman's report: two new batteries are required for the MVAS. The handyman will replace the non-slip surface on the footbridge near the lock up.

24/070 20 MPH SPEED LIMIT

A report by P Goodwin, previously circulated to council members was discussed. P Goodwin will present the data at the village meeting and a village survey will be carried out at a later date.

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24/071 CCTV FOR THE VILLAGE

Council members discussed a resident's proposal for installing CCTV in the village. The consensus was that the best way forward, at present, would be to try to prevent crimes occurring by encouraging residents to ensure their property is well secured and by attending crime prevention sessions (such as Coffee with a Cop and a future meeting at a community cafe) and by Neighbourhood Watch.

24/072 ANGLIAN WATER GROUP PROPOSAL

Anglian Water hopes to set up a multi-agency group to address the impact of surface and ground water issues identified in South Cambridgeshire over last winter. Anglian Water believes that only a true catchment-based multi-agency partnership approach will resolve these challenges. R Davies will represent the parish council at an inaugural Microsoft Teams meeting on 24 May.

24/073 NEW COUNCILLOR

Council members discussed increasing the number of Fen Drayton parish councillors to 10, based on the procedure outlined by SCDC Democratic Services (previously circulated to council members). **RESOLVED** Members unanimously agreed to leave the number at nine and form a projects committee to oversee the pavilion and pump track projects, pending the outcome of their respective grant applications.

24/074 FINANCE

074/1 **RESOLVED** Council members unanimously approved the transfer of £20k from the business account to the reserve fund to gain interest.

074/2 **RESOLVED** Council members unanimously approved the April expenditure (appendix 1)

074/3 Account balances as of 11/03/24:

- Business account = £41,992.64
- S106 account = £34,654.01
- Town Lands account = £23,354.93
- Pavilion account = £6,641.55
- Cambridge B/S = £18,600.00

24/075 PLANNING

075/1 Update – 23/03537/FUL 29 Cootes Lane – permission granted.

075/2 Update – 23/02728/FUL Wellington's Retreat/Elney Cottage – appeal refused.

075/3 Update – 24/01214/OUT 50 Middleton Way – still pending.

075/4 New application – 24/01594/FUL land adjacent to 27 Springhill Road, erection of one self/custom build detached house and garage

24/076 MEETINGS

Next parish council meeting: 17 June 2024

Annual parish meeting (aka village meeting): 10 June

Please send any items for the agenda to the clerk by 4 pm on Friday 7/6/24

Meeting closed at 22:10

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APPENDIX 1

MARCH/APRIL RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

	<i>Description</i>	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Payments</i>	<i>VAT</i>
Arthur Ibbett	Handyman spares		54.47	Y
	March staff costs		656.18	
HMRC	Payroll liability		404.58	
	Handyman March		581.00	
Red Shoes	Payroll services		46.80	Y
RH Landscapes	Grass cutting		266.40	Y
Creative Arts East	Subscription		50.00	
eon	Pavilion electricity		21.29	Y
FD village hall	Meeting room hire		55.00	
SCDC	Precept	25,000.00		
Atlas	Felling woodland trees		816.00	Y
eon	Pavilion electricity		21.29	Y
FD village hall	Meeting room hire		51.25	
Geosphere	Online mapping		90.00	Y
	April staff costs		445.13	
Lambsquay Consulting	Cootes Lane report		360.00	
	April handyman		589.99	
RH Landscapes	April grass cutting		799.20	Y
Total Energies	April street lighting		47.06	Y
Bannold	Boulders for car park		529.20	Y