



# Fen Ditton

## Parish Council Newsletter



April 2015

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### Parish Council

The Council meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm in the Pavilion, Church Street. Members of the public are welcome at meetings.

There are currently vacancies on the Parish Council. If you are interested in becoming a councillor and would like to find out what might be involved, please contact the Chairman or the Parish Clerk.

**Vince Farrar**  
(Chairman)

**Charles Jones**  
(Vice Chairman)  
Finance

**Felicity Bennée**  
Finance

**Mark Easterfield**  
Crime and Welfare  
Cemetery  
Highways and Transport  
Marshall's Committee  
Lead Planning

**Laurice Suess**  
Newsletter  
Website

**Susannah Ticciati**

**Laurie Woolfenden**  
Cemetery  
Crime and Welfare

All parish councillors are members of the Planning Committee.

**Parish Clerk**  
**Sarah Smart**  
Tel: 01223 862687  
[clerk@fenditton-pc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@fenditton-pc.org.uk)

**Tree Warden**  
**Alan Alderson**

**District Councillor**  
**Robert Turner**  
[cllr.turner@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.turner@scambs.gov.uk)

**County Councillor**  
**John Williams**  
[John.Williams@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:John.Williams@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

### From the Chairman

First, a big thank you to Geoff Peel and Jenny Parr, who resigned as councillors last year, for all their hard work for the community over the years. Felicity Bennée has joined us on the council, but there are still two vacant seats to fill.

The proposed bridge on Ditton Meadows continues to be the hot topic, with further consultation taking place (see below).

The Parish Council remains strongly opposed to the original proposals but is obliged to keep an open mind until any formal planning application is received, when it must consider it fairly.

While we are still considering upgrading the pavilion, we are not neglecting the existing building. We have just completed some electrical upgrades and replaced the hard wooden chairs, and we are now looking into ways of improving the heating and security.

### Proposed foot and cycle bridge between Abbey and Chesterton

Cambridgeshire County Council has earmarked large sums of money for this proposed bridge on Ditton Meadows and development of the Chisholm Trail, and a specialist bridge architect has just been appointed. However, as a result of significant opposition to the proposals put forward in the summer (including the petition signed by over 300 Fen Ditton residents), it is still the subject of further consultation and debate, with 120 people attending an open stakeholder meeting in February.

The Parish Council has set up a working group to look into the issues. The group continues to press the County for more reliable data on projected usage and for better-connected sites to be also considered. If the modelling justifies a bridge on the meadows, the group concludes that its size must reflect the predicted user numbers, and the design, siting and construction process must minimise visual and ecological impacts. The Parish Council will be a consultee to any formal planning application.

### ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Church (Community) Hall, Church Street  
Tuesday 12th May at 7.30pm

This is not a council meeting but an open meeting for the whole parish. Councillors and representatives of other organisations present reports and take questions. Come along and find out what has been happening in Fen Ditton over the past year.

### Upgrades to the Pavilion and Rec

First, many thanks to everyone who filled in the questionnaire on this subject, either at the drop-in session on 27th September or since then. A total of 56 were returned, including some with very useful detailed comments. As you can imagine, the responses to some questions were very varied, although there was a clearer consensus on others. The Parish Council is setting up a working group to look at all the responses and make recommendations. If you would like to be involved in this group, please contact Sarah Smart on 01223 862687 or email [clerk@fenditton-pc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@fenditton-pc.org.uk).

### Useful Contacts

#### POLICE

Emergency 999  
Non-emergency 101  
[www.cambs.police.uk](http://www.cambs.police.uk)  
[www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk](http://www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk)

#### Local PCSO

Julie Hajredini  
Tel: 101 ext. 7615

#### E-cops

Local crime info email list  
[www.ecops.org.uk](http://www.ecops.org.uk)

**Cambs Crimestoppers**  
Freefone 0800 555 111

#### NHS

Emergency 999  
Non life-threatening 111

#### GAS

Emergency 0800 111 999

#### ELECTRICITY

Emergency 0800 316 3105

#### CAMBRIDGE WATER

Burst main 01223 706050

#### HIGHWAYS FAULTS

Potholes, street lights etc.  
0345 045 5212

#### TRANSPORT

**Bus passes**  
0345 045 1367

#### Traveline

Public transport information  
0871 200 2233

#### National Rail Enquiries

08457 48 49 50

#### Highways Agency

0300 123 5000

#### Newmarket Rd Park & Ride

01223 294531

#### Dial-a-Ride

01223 506335

#### CamShare

Free travel share matching  
[camshare.liftshare.com](http://camshare.liftshare.com)

#### Cambridge Cycling Campaign

[www.camcycle.org.uk](http://www.camcycle.org.uk)

#### South Cambs District Council

03450 450 500  
Mon-Fri 8am-5.30pm  
[www.scambs.gov.uk](http://www.scambs.gov.uk)

#### Cambs County Council

0345 045 5200  
Mon-Fri 8am-6pm  
Sat 9am-1pm  
[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

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## Village Groups

### Ancient Shepherds

**Book Club**  
Tel: Carol 292809

### Badminton Club

Tel: Ian 292240

### Bellringers

Tel: Frank 292797

### Bridge

Tel: Mike 862293

### Church Choir

Tel: Mike 294317

### Coffee A.M. (Nov–Apr only)

Tel: Linda 292795

### Coffee Pot

Tel: Elizabeth 292697

### Cricket Club

Tel: Adam 07708 261555

### Gardening Club

Tel: Brenda 293705

### Football

FD FC Tel: Peter 293829  
Kitsonians FC  
[bakerowen3.ob@gmail.com](mailto:bakerowen3.ob@gmail.com)

### Friends of Ditton Meadows

[friendsofdittonmeadows.org.uk](http://friendsofdittonmeadows.org.uk)

### Keep Fit (50+)

Tel: Wendy 293205

### Morris

[coton.morris@gmx.com](mailto:coton.morris@gmx.com)

### FD Baby & Toddler Group

10–11.30am Thursdays  
(term-time only)  
[toddlers@fenditton.org](mailto:toddlers@fenditton.org)

### Recreation Ground

For pavilion and ground  
bookings contact  
[clerk@fenditton-pc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@fenditton-pc.org.uk)

### Church (Community) Hall

[fd.cch.hall@live.co.uk](mailto:fd.cch.hall@live.co.uk)

### Sunday Club

10–11.30am, first Sunday of  
every month except August  
[fd.sundayclub@gmail.com](mailto:fd.sundayclub@gmail.com)

## Wing Update

Marshalls' outline planning application to build 1300 homes on land next to Newmarket Road is still under discussion with the District Council. We hope to be able to give details of the next Community Forum, at which there may be more news, on the website shortly.

## FEN DITTON'S ROADS

You will have noticed that the new 40mph 'buffer zone' speed limit over the old railway bridge is now in place, which should make it safer for all road users. The Parish Council is now considering other traffic problems in the village, including car parking along High Ditch Road, reports of 'near misses' at the pelican crossing, and possible improvements to the cycle path on Horningsea Road / Ditton Lane.

There will be consultations on the website on all these issues.

Please consider the bus when parking, and support the efforts of those who look after our grass verges by not parking or driving on them, especially around the War Memorial. Thank you!



**Saturday  
16th May**

Meet at the  
village sign at 10am

If you would like to take part, please  
contact Sarah Smart on 01223 862687  
or email [clerk@fenditton-pc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@fenditton-pc.org.uk)



## CARE NETWORK CAMBRIDGESHIRE

This local charity, which runs the Help at Home and Community Navigator Services, is looking for volunteers who want to help older, isolated or vulnerable people to stay independent and maintain social contact. Volunteers are trained, supported and paid out-of-pocket expenses. If you could spare a few hours a month and are interested to help, please visit [www.care-network.org.uk](http://www.care-network.org.uk), call 01954 211919 or email [volunteering@care-network.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@care-network.org.uk).

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Please visit our website regularly to keep up to date with news and events in the village. Under the Parish Council tab, you will find a link to the Consultations area, where you can let us know your views on current issues. Please let us know what you think.

## Helplines

[www.helplines.org.uk](http://www.helplines.org.uk)

**AgeUK Cambridgeshire**  
0300 666 9860

**Benefits fraud hotline**  
Freefone 0800 854 440

**Campaign to Protect  
Rural England (CPRE)**  
020 7981 2800

**Care Network  
Cambridgeshire**  
01954 212100

**Child abuse – NSPCC**  
Freefone 0808 800 5000

**Childline**  
Freefone 0800 1111

**Citizens Advice**  
0344 848 7979

**Civil Legal Advice**  
0345 345 4 345

**Consumer Advice**  
03454 04 05 06

**Cruse Bereavement Care**  
01223 633536

**Disability – benefits**  
0345 712 3456

**Domestic Violence**  
Freefone 0808 2000 247

**Litteraction**  
[info@litteraction.org.uk](mailto:info@litteraction.org.uk)

**Marshall's Noise Helpline**  
01223 373950

**Missing People**  
Freefone 116 000

**National Debtline**  
Freefone 0808 808 4000

**RSPCA Cruelty & Advice**  
0300 1234 999

**Samaritans**  
01223 364455

**Victim Support Line**  
0808 16 89 111

## SPRING CEMETERY TIDY-UP

**Saturday 11th April from 10am**

Followed by hot bacon butties, cakes and drinks

### CAN YOU HELP?

Please bring your own gardening tools.  
For more information please contact  
Sarah Smart on 01223 862687  
or email [clerk@fenditton-pc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@fenditton-pc.org.uk)



## The Bumps!

Looking ahead a little bit, the May Bumps will be happening from 10th to 13th June this year. Parking will be provided on the Rec as usual, and will be free for residents.

In an effort to keep the traffic flowing through the village, we will be putting out traffic cones on the Saturday, starting around 7.30am. We would be most grateful if you could move your car to the Rec before then. We will also put up a sign at the entry to Stanbury Close to discourage visitors to the village from parking there.

As in previous years, we will need volunteers to help with putting out the cones and parking cars safely. Please contact the Parish Clerk if you can help.