



Fen Ditton

Parish Council Newsletter



April 2017

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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.

Vince Farrar (Chairman)

Crime and welfare
Highways and transport
Website

Charles Jones (Vice Chairman)

Finance
Strategic planning

Felicity Bennée

Finance

Emily Bush

Church Community Hall
liaison
Conservation
Social media and website

Serga Collett

Jennie Conroy

Cemetery
Conservation
Highways and transport

Mark Easterfield

Cemetery
Marshalls Committee
Lead Planning

Wendy Irvin-Braben

Church Community Hall
liaison
Crime and welfare

Laurice Suess

Newsletter and website

All parish councillors are members of the Planning Committee, and the Parish Council is Sole Trustee of the Fen Ditton Recreation Ground Trust (charity no. 288528)

Parish Clerk

Sarah Smart
Tel: 01223 862687
clerk@fenditton-pc.org.uk

Tree Warden

Alan Alderson

District Councillor

Robert Turner
cldr.turner@scambs.gov.uk

County Councillor

John Williams
John.Williams@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

From the Chairman

Acting on complaints about the reduced lighting along High Street, the Parish Council has decided to re-instate one of the lights near the War Memorial. You may also see new noticeboards going up around the village. The first one, for village events, has recently been installed outside the Church Community Hall. The Council is proud to be assisting towards the Fen Ditton 800 celebrations that will be taking place this summer by providing various grants.

The Parish Council will be commenting on the outline planning application (S/0559/17/OL) for the redevelopment of the former Waterbeach barracks and airfield. We are especially concerned about the impact of the development on traffic along Horningsea Road. Fortunately, everyone involved we have spoken to is aware of the problem but there is no obvious solution at this time.

Following changes to the boundaries of the County Council divisions, John Williams will not be county councillor for Fen Ditton village after the elections in May. We extend our sincere thanks to him for all his work on behalf of the village over the years.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Church Community Hall, Church Street
Wednesday 26th April at 7pm

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.

Fen Ditton Recreation Ground Trust

The refurbishments to the play equipment on the Rec were completed at the end of March and are proving very popular. The sun shone brightly on Fen Ditton Toddler Group's party and picnic to celebrate the opening on 8th April, and everyone had a lovely time. The Trust would like to thank everyone involved: our main sponsors Tesco/Groundworks through the Bags of Help scheme, Huttie for their enormous help with removing the existing equipment and installing the new, and the Toddler Group for its help with designing the scheme and implementation support. With support from the Cricket Club, the Trust has made it through Sport England's initial vetting for a significant grant towards the pavilion refurbishment; we are now awaiting an on-site meeting. As part of the Fen Ditton 800 celebrations on 27th August, we will be co-hosting an evening ceilidh with the Cricket Club. There will be a BBQ and hopefully fireworks. Tickets will be on sale shortly.

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Please visit our website regularly to keep up to date with news and events in the village. It also contains many useful links, including to the county Highways Department's web pages for reporting faulty streetlights, potholes, overhanging vegetation, pavement problems etc. It is more effective to use these than to report faults by phone.

Useful Contacts

POLICE

Emergency 999
Non-emergency 101
www.cambs.police.uk
www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk

E-cops

Local crime info email list
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 3163 105

CAMBRIDGE WATER

Burst main 01223 706050

HIGHWAYS FAULTS

Potholes, traffic lights etc.
0345 045 5212

STREET LIGHT FAULTS

0800 7838 247

TRANSPORT

Bus passes
0345 045 1367

Traveline

Public transport information
www.traveline.info

National Rail Enquiries

03457 48 49 50

Highways England

0300 123 5000

Newmarket Rd Park & Ride

01223 845561

Dial-a-Ride

01223 506335

CamShare

Free travel share matching
camshare.liftshare.com

Cambridge Cycling Campaign

www.camcycle.org.uk

South Cambs District Council

03450 450 500
Mon-Fri 8am-5.30pm
www.scambs.gov.uk

Cambs County Council

0345 045 5200
Mon-Fri 8am-6pm
Sat 9am-1pm
www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk

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Village Groups

Ancient Shepherds Book Club

Tel: Carol 292809

Badminton Group

Tel: Ian 292240

Bellringers

Tel: Laurice 292797

Bridge

Tel: Mike 862293

Church Choir

Tel: Mike 294317

Church Community Hall

fd.hall@outlook.com

Coffee A.M.

Tel: Jo 292520

Coffee Pot

Tel: Elizabeth 292697

Cricket Club

Tel: Adam 07708 261555
Juniors Tel: 07792 129077

Gardening Club

Tel: Pamela 292493

FD Baby & Toddler Group

10–11.30am Thursdays
toddlers@fenditton.org

Football

FD FC Tel: Peter 293829

Friends of Ditton Meadows

friendsofdittonmeadows.org.uk

Keep Fit (50+)

Tel: Wendy 293205

Morris

coton.morris@gmx.com

Parish Church

All enquiries Tel: 441900

Recreation Ground

fdrgt@fenditton-pc.org.uk

Scottish Dancing

Tel: Pamela 292493

Sunday Club

10–11.30am, first Sunday of every month except August
fdsundayclub@gmail.com

Local elections on 4th May

Elections will be held for Cambridgeshire County Council and for the first elected Mayor of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority. The Mayor will be a major figure in the political life of the region, and each elector should receive a booklet with information about the Mayor's responsibilities, the candidates and the voting procedure shortly. Polling stations will be open from 7am till 10pm; check your polling card to find out where yours is.

Fen Ditton 800

This year sees the 800th anniversary of the first record of a church in Fen Ditton and hence a settlement here. To celebrate Fen Ditton's history and the vibrant community it is today, a number of events are planned during 2017, including a special church service with the bishop, concerts in aid of the church and the Community Hall, an open gardens day, an autumn fair and a number of open-church events. Further details, including dates and times, will be advertised in New Life, the church porch and on the website.

And there will be one big celebration event: a **Medieval Fair** on the Rec from 12 noon till 5pm on **Sunday 27th August**. This will feature displays and activities to reflect life through the 800 years, including animal and bird displays, a Viking village and battle re-enactment, arts and crafts, music, village exhibitions, a bouncy castle, competitions, a hog roast, tea and cakes, and an ale tent. The Fair will be free to all residents and their friends; it will be followed in the evening by a ceilidh (ticketed) from 7pm in aid of the Rec Trust. The FD 800 group hopes to see you at some or all of these events.

CROSS-CITY CYCLING SCHEME

Following the consultation in February 2016 and with the continuing involvement of the Parish Council, the Cross City Cycling Team have revised the plans for the Fen Ditton scheme. The two copper beeches at the crossroads and the grass bank on Ditton Lane will be maintained. The bank will be much steeper than now and so unable to support trees, but changes to the layout of the village green will allow for some tree planting there to compensate for the loss of the rowans on the bank. Management of parking near to the crossroads, where there will be raised pedestrian/cyclist crossings on High Ditch Road and High Street, is still under discussion.

Work on the scheme is expected to start this summer. It will be limited to off-peak hours, with signs on Newmarket Road and the A14 to encourage drivers to use alternative routes. The final plans and more specific dates will be published on our website soon.

Helplines

www.helplines.org

Age UK Cambridgeshire
0300 666 9860

Benefits fraud hotline
Freefone 0800 854 440

Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE)
01480 396698

Care Network Cambridgeshire
01954 211919

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
www.litteraction.org.uk

Marshalls 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
0808 168 9111

Keeping Fen Ditton Beautiful



Owing to limited availability of councillors this spring, there will be no community tidy-ups until late summer this year, in time for the Fen Ditton 800 celebrations. Dates will be advertised on notices and the website nearer the time.

The Parish Council is always grateful to everyone who clears litter around the village between the tidy-ups – it makes a real difference, so please keep up the good work!

BT decommissioned the red phone box in High Street many years ago and it is in a sad and sorry state. The Council will be voting in May whether to 'adopt' it: other villages have turned theirs into information booths, libraries etc. If you would like to help in revitalising our box, or would like litter sacks or to borrow a picker, please contact the Parish Clerk.

The Bumps!

The May Bumps will be happening from 14th to 17th June this year. Parking will be provided on the Rec as usual, and will be free for residents. In an effort to keep traffic moving through the village, we will be putting out cones on the Saturday, starting around 7.30am. We would be most grateful if you could move your car to the Rec before then.

As in previous years, **we will need volunteers** to help with putting out the cones and parking cars safely. Please contact the Rec Trust or the Parish Clerk if you can help, either for the Mays or for the Town Bumps, which will be from 18th to 21st July.