

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Fen Ditton Parish Council held on Tuesday, 10th January, 2017 at 7.30 p.m. in the Recreation Ground Pavilion.

Present: Cllrs. E. Bush; J. Conroy; S.Collett; V. Farrar(Chairman); W. Irvin-Braben; C. Jones; L. Suess.

In attendance: Cty Cllr J Williams; Dist. Cllr R Turner and the clerk.

2016/161 To receive apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr. F. Bennée(ill); M. Easterfield(abroad)

2016/162 Open Forum for members of the public

No members of the public present

2016/163 To approve the Minutes of the monthly meeting held on 6th December, 2016

Item 2016/155: it was agreed that the response should be added to the minutes; item 2016/158ii: the award to Fen Ditton Recreation Ground Trust to be drawn from the Council's s.106 fund.

2016/164 To receive declarations from Councillors as to the disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary in relation to any agenda item

No interests were declared

2016/165 Clerk's report and matters arising

- i. Street lighting – no information had been received from Balfour Beatty who are no longer involved. Cllr Williams recommended contacting the relevant officer at County Council to progress the matter
- ii. Cemetery extension – investigations are ongoing
- iii. Churchyard contract – a meeting with the contractor has been made
- iv. The corrected income from the Fireworks event is £665.80
- v. Playground refurbishment – a meeting with parents and leaders of the local playgroups has been arranged to discuss designs for the new equipment

To approve payments made during the month and accounts for payment:

2016/166 It was agreed that the following accounts be paid.

	Cheq. No	Amnt
British Telecommunications	DD	28.82
e.on-	DD	16.47
Hayden Woodruff – bus shelter cleaning	407	15.00
Cambridgeshire ACRE - payroll	408	36.00
Sarah Smart – November salary: 533.37	409	533.37
HMRC- tax	410	0.20
Kevin Bennett – grave digging	411	250.00
Ben Hudson – tree works on Horningsea Road and recreation ground boundary	412	2000.00

2016/167 To note money received:

cemetery fees: £780

2016/168 To receive report from County Councillor Williams

See appendix 1

Concern was expressed that the Wadloes footpath had not been included in the gritting route and that the voluntary scheme for gritting is not feasible in Fen Ditton

The ownership of the light at the end of Wadloes was questioned as it is not currently operational.

2016/169 To receive reports from District Councillor Turner

The inspection of the Local Development Framework will resume at the end of January – the timetables for discussion of site will be published.

Sandwich board on Green – this is not a SCDC issue but a CCC one. It was agreed that the Chairman would discuss the placing of the board with the owners.

Devolution – mayoral elections will take place in May.

Concern was raised by the lack of response from SCDC Environmental Service to e-mails sent on the reporting site. It was reported that the service is otherwise good.

2016/170 Planning responses:

SCDC Approved:

S/2682/13/OL Marshall Group Ltd. Up to 1300homes, primary school, food store, community facilities, open spaces, landscaping and associated infrastructure and other development.

2016/172 Notice boards

- i. To agree the number of noticeboards to be provided and their siting in view of the responses to the consultation.

It was agreed that the following be provided:

- a. a three bay noticeboard (two enclosed bays - one for council use and one for recreation ground and pavilion use – and one open bay for general notices replacing the existing noticeboard in Wright’s Close.) Noticeboard to be of oak construction with carved header board by local artist Wendy Martin of Cottenham. Previous quote from NE Joinery and Wendy Martin of £3710 to be confirmed
- b. a two bay noticeboard of oak construction to be sited at the Community Church Hall with header board lettered ‘Village Events’. Previous quote from Greenbarnes of £1388 to be confirmed.
- c. a single open bay noticeboard of oak construction to be sited near the existing village information/history board in High Street and opposite Wadloes footpath for the purpose of displaying general public notices. Previous quote from NE Joinery of £695 to be confirmed

- ii. To agree the funding of the decision taken in 12/172i

It was noted that a grant of £1500 had been received from SCDC Community Chest for the purpose of noticeboards. It was agreed that the balance be taken from the s.106 Public Art fund.

2016/173 To consider response to application to divert Footpath 9

It was agreed that the comments previously made as recorded at 10f minutes for November 2013 should be re-submitted.

2016/174 To consider representation to the County Council’s planning committee on 16th February with regard to the application for the Abbey-Chesterton Bridge and Chisholm Trail Phase 1

To be discussed at the February meeting when Cllr Jones has prepared a document for submitting. It would be established if Friends of Ditton Meadows will be represented on 1th February.

2016/175 To receive the quarterly accounts for the period ending 31st December, 2016

One of the bank statements to complete the income and bank reconciliation had not been received. To be represented at the February meeting.

- i. Expenditure and income to 31st December, 2016
- ii. Bank reconciliation as at 31st December, 2016

2016/176 To consider 2017/18 budget and agree the precept.

The budget presented was considered and note taken of the allocated balances for street lighting, street furniture and play equipment. The consultation on the maintenance for the closed churchyard following the taking on of the work and the need to establish the work needed on the church wall by engaging professional advice was considered in agreeing a 9% increase in the precept.

2016/177 To receive correspondence;

SCDC – Local Green Space

CCC – Diversion of Footpath 9

CCC – Abbey-Chesterton Bridge and Chisholm Trail Phase 1

2016/178 To accept notices and matters for the next agenda

Noted that Cllr Jones would not be at the February meeting due to being out of the country.

The meeting ended at 10.20p.m.

Chairman Date

Appendix 1

Agenda item 2016/168 – Cnty Cllr's report

1. County council street lights have now been reprogrammed to remain on all night. The county took on all energy costs for its lights on 13 December 2016 and those parishes which have paid to keep the county councils street lights on will be contacted and their energy bill amended accordingly.
2. The county council has also agreed to reinstate last year's winter gritting scheme. As there were no reductions in my division this has made no difference to us. However, it is taking time to train up drivers particularly in South Cambridgeshire where it is difficult to recruit manual highway staff.
3. The planning application for the Abbey – Chesterton Bridge is likely to go before the 16th February meeting of the county planning committee and that for phase 1 of the Chisholm Trail at the March meeting of the Joint Development Control Committee.
4. The bus route introduced in the summer to link Newmarket Park and Ride with Addenbrooke's is to be withdrawn due to lack of patronage. Despite widespread publicity including door to door drops and posters at community centres and libraries and timetables at every stop each journey is averaging just one and a half passengers. The service has been funded by housing developers and Marshall's.
5. At a meeting with Kate Evans the CEO of the Anglian Learning Trust she confirmed that the Trust which includes Bottisham Village College and Netherall Secondary School has bid to run the planned primary school in the Wing development.