

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Fen Ditton Parish Council held on Tuesday, 6th June, 2017 at 7.30.p.m. in the Pavilion, the Recreation Ground

Present: Cllrs. F. Bennée; E. Bush; S. Collett; M. Easterfield; W. Irvin-Braben; L Sues.

In attendance: Cty Cllr Bradnam (from 8.02p.m.); Dist. Cllr Turner and the clerk.

2017/22 To appoint a Chairman for the meeting

It was agreed in the absence of the chairman and vice-chairman that Cllr Bennée chair the meeting.

2017/23 To receive apologies Cllrs. Conroy(out of the country); Farrar(out of the country) and Jones (away)

2017/24 Open Forum for members of the public

No members of the public present

2017/25 To approve the Minutes of the Annual meeting held on 2nd May, 2017

The Minutes of the Annual meeting held on 2nd May were approved and signed.

2017/26 To receive declarations from Councillors as to the disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary in relation to any agenda item

Cllr Irvin-Braben declared an interest in S/1858/17/TC, agenda item 33, as a neighbour.

2017/27 Clerk's report and matters arising

- i. Cemetery extension – as yet no response from SCDC. Dist. Cllr Turner is investigating the issue to achieve a response
- ii. Noticeboards – the boards at the recreation ground and in High Street extension are still to be installed.
- iii. Speed reducing gates in High Ditch Road – no response from CCC as yet
- iv. City Cycle deal – no further information
- v. Street Lights – the street lights have been ordered.
- vi. Church Wall survey – survey not yet received.

2017/28 To approve payments made during the month and accounts for payment:

	Cheq. No	Amnt
British Telecommunications	DD	31.64
e.on- for information		(657.71)
Hayden Woodruff – bus shelter cleaning	101443	15.00
Heelis & Lodge – internal audit	101444	150.00
CGM – cricket outfield cut & collect	101445	210.00
Kevin Bennett - grave digging	101446	915.00
Came & Co. - insurance	101447	597.07
Mark Sturmey – closed churchyard	101448	300.00
Sarah Smart – May salary	101449	544.27
Fen Ditton 800 – insurance – see minute 2016/210	101451	182.43

It was agreed that e.on should be asked to refund the credit.

2017/29 To note money received:

cemetery fees: £2647.00 of were noted

2017/30 To receive report from County Councillor Bradman

See appendix 1

2017/31 To receive reports from District Councillor Turner

Further joint meetings with parish councils affected by the Waterbeach development will be held. The main issue from all of the parishes affected is the traffic. Cllr Turner advised that the parish council should be considering mitigation measures and forming a proposal for submitting to Paul Mundford at SCDC. It was agreed that a proposal be discussed at a future meeting.

Local Plan – M11.5, omission sites, i.e sites not included in the plan, not supported by SCDC but submitted by developers, - Quy Estates. The comments, objecting to inclusion, submitted by the Council are supported by Cllr Turner.

Cllr Turner reported that applications on Green Belt land and refused by SCDC are also being refused on appeal.

2017/32 To receive Marshalls Consultative Report

- The Consultative Committee meetings are open to be observed by members of the public but in general matters to be brought to the attention of the committee via the local representative (for Fen Ditton this is Councillor Easterfield).
- All commercial flights have ceased and the airport terminal has been decommissioned.
- The level of movements has stabilised at the historically low level of 20000 per year, and is likely to remain at this level for the foreseeable future.
- The improved Engine Running Facility (where an engine is run on the ground for a protracted period) is hoped to be in place around the end of 2018.

2017/33 To consider following planning applications and tree works:

S/1433/17/NM 5 Green End Non material amendment to planning consent S/0813/16/FL for proposed two storey rear extension and extension to single storey garden shed/store: Reduction in the number of proposed rooflights and reduction of remaining 3 rooflights. Change of timber cladding on north elevation from weatherboarding to shiplap boarding (horizontal), stained with Supadec Opaque wood stain. Provision of new single external door, clad with shiplap boarding to the left side of north elevation.

For information only
Noted

S/1744/17/TC Field between river and 54 High St Pollard willow to approx. 8 metres – it was agreed that the application be approved but that the tree officer at Sth Cambridgeshire District Council should determine when the works can proceed taking into consideration the bird nesting season.

S/1817/17/LD 42 Church Street Certificate of Lawful Development for proposed rear extension.
Noted

S/1858/17/TC Land r/o, Ditton Corner, 5 Church Street Work to willow tree - it was agreed that the application be approved but that the tree officer at Sth Cambridgeshire District Council should determine when the works can proceed taking into consideration the bird nesting season.

2017/34 Planning responses:

SCDC Approved:

S/2847/16/FL 1 Horningsea Rd Change of use of dwelling with bed and breakfast with 2 storey rear extension(part retrospective)

S/0708/17/FL Electricity sub-station Newmarket Rd. Relocation of new sub station to rear of petrol filling station (retrospective application)

S/0534/17/FL 31 High Street Alteration of top floor to provide principal bedroom-suite and balcony and enlarged dormer windows. Conversion of former garage to multipurpose annex linked to house. Demolition of earlier extension and new extension to provide breakfast and dining areas, and kitchen and utility areas together with

repositioning of cloakroom and larder. Changes to internal doorways.

2017/35 To receive and note recommendations of Internal Auditor's Report

The Internal Auditor's report had been circulated. The following and recommendations were made by the Internal Auditor and were noted:

- Standing Order 18 should be updated to incorporate reference to the Public Contracts Regulations 2015
- To ensure there is sufficient justification to electors of increases to the precept when high level of reserves are held should the Council be questioned
- To minute the Council's action plan in response to comments made by the External Auditor.

2017/36 To approve amendments to Standing Orders in line with Internal Auditor's Report

The amendment of Standing Order 18 as required in 2017/35 was noted.

2017/37 To receive and consider survey on closed churchyard wall

Report not received. Agenda item deferred to July meeting

2017/38 To consider further adoption of telephone box in High Street

British Telecom had been approached regarding the adoption of the telephone box and had responded that the structure has listed status. In view of this information it was agreed that BT be asked to make safe the structure as it is unlevel. Cllr Turner advised that the Council should contact Gemma Barron at SCDC regarding the listing.

2017/39 To consider policy to provide additional car parking spaces at land by the barn, Green End

It was agreed that before this matter could be discussed further proper investigation needs to be done by the Council and a proposal put forward to discuss. When the documents are available to the clerk the matter would be progressed.

2017/40 To receive update on grave space provision in cemetery and to agree actions, if any required.

The grave digger had notified the Council of the number of remaining plots and advised that there may be more available with further investigation. It was agreed that the required investigation be carried out and the heap of surplus soil be removed by the gravedigger. Investigations are being made into whether the plots allocated to HM Forces could be made available. It was agreed that a proposal document with the information gained would be put forward for consideration.

2017/41 To consider Cricket Club's request for the recreation ground to be sprayed for broad leaf weeds and if approved to accept quotation from CGM to carry out the work.

An estimate of £436 + VAT to treat the broadleaf weeds on the recreation ground had been received from CGM. Concern was expressed regarding the need for the treatment since it is believed that this has not been carried out before and of the safety of any treatment. It was agreed that further information was needed and that a proposal taking consideration of all the information should be prepared for consideration.

2017/42 To receive correspondence:

CCC – Ely to Cambridge (A10N) Corridor Study

LCPAS – Brownfield Registers and Permissions in Principle

Greater Cambridge City Deal – notification of Chisholm Trail LLF meeting date – 12 July, 7.p.m. in Barnwell Baptist Church

2017/43 To accept notices and matters for the next agenda

It should be noted that no decisions can lawfully be made under this item. LGA 1972 s12 10(2)(b) states that business must be specified, therefore the Council cannot lawfully agree any matter that is not on the agenda.

Appendix 1

Report from County Councillor Bradnam

County Elections 4 May 2017

Firstly, thank you to everyone who supported and voted for me in the County Council elections. I will do my very best to represent all of the residents in Waterbeach Division, which includes Milton, Landbeach, Chittering, Waterbeach, Horningsea and Fen Ditton.

Cambridgeshire County Council

At my first full County Council Meeting the Conservative majority voted to appoint Conservative Chairs and Vice-Chairs to all Council Committees. This was expected but in addition, the Council also voted to approve a number of changes to the Constitution, including:

- removing the process of Decision Review. Under this provision in the past, particularly controversial decisions could be reviewed by the General Purposes Committee.
- removing joint spokes-persons briefings. Previously each political group designated a lead member[spokesperson] for each service committee. These 'spokes' were included in the monthly briefing by Officers for Chair and Vice-Chair of each committee, at which they jointly planned the agenda for future meetings. *Under this amendment, the Lead Members for each group will be briefed separately. This duplicates work for the officers and puts them at risk of not briefing all parties equally.*
- removing oral questions in Full Council. *Now oral questions will only be accepted under exceptional circumstances.* However, the number of written questions will be increased from thirteen to twenty.
- removing Amendments to Motions without notice. Previously Amendments to Motions could be tabled at a meeting. Now amendments must be submitted by noon one working day before the date of the meeting. *This has the effect of reducing the Council's ability to amend motions in the light of events overnight or on the morning of a council meeting.*
- reducing the membership of committees from 13 to 10 and from 11 to 8. Whilst the reduction reflects the smaller number of councillors, by not retaining odd numbers on committees, the influence of the majority is increased because in a split decision, the Chair has two votes.

Whilst retaining formal questions, cumulatively these changes have the effect of reducing opportunities for proposals to be healthily challenged and debated.

A10 Corridor Study

I had a meeting with Jeremy Smith, CCC Head of Transport Infrastructure Policy and Funding and Sarah Hatcher, Project Manager for the A10 Corridor Study. They advised me that the study will only look at the A10 corridor itself and not at any impact on the B1047 or other side roads. I was disappointed to learn that they feel it is unlikely that the Report will be produced before October 2017.

Cambridge North Station

The new station opened on Sunday 21 May.

There are three platforms serving trains operated by Greater Anglia and Great Northern. Initially there will be two GA trains per hour in each direction; one to and from London Liverpool Street and one to and from Norwich.

It is hoped that in 2019 a new direct service from Norwich to Stansted will be introduced, which will stop at Cambridge North Station.

Great Northern trains will stop at the station, with two trains per hour to London King's Cross, one a stopping train and one a fast train, off peak. The Great Northern services will be on new modern air-conditioned trains, as it introduces an entire replacement fleet on the Cambridge-King's Lynn Fen Line. The London fast service will be increased at the end of 2018 when longer trains with more capacity are introduced.

The station will have parking for 450 cars and 1,000 bicycles. Buses will link to the Science Park, Milton Road and the City Centre. Details are on these links:

- **Time table and fares**
<https://www.greateranglia.co.uk/travel-information/station-information/cmb>
<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/buses/bus-timetables/>
<http://www.thebusway.info/pdfs/tt/AB-may2017.pdf>
- **Bus routes**
<http://www.thebusway.info/news.shtml>

- **Cycle Route Routes:**

<https://www.greateranglia.co.uk/travel-information/your-journey/cycling>

- **Map:**

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/transport-projects/cambridge-city-projects/transport-links-to-cambridge-north-station/>

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I had a very interesting walk around the site on 30 May with the County Recorders and members of the Cambridge Natural History Society. We noted an interesting collection of plants which thrive in industrial sites, where competition is limited. I was surprised to see a healthy clump of Watercress in a ditch. Round-leaved Crane's-bill *Geranium rotundifolium* Narrow-leaved Ragwort *Senecio iniquidens*, Twiggy Mullein *Verbascum virgatum*, a hybrid Alder were new to me.

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