

Minutes of the meeting of Fen Ditton Parish Council held on Tuesday, 1st August, 2017 at 7.30 p.m. in the Recreation Ground Pavilion

Present: Cllrs. E. Bush (from 8.05p.m.); J. Conroy; M. Easterfield; (Chairman); L Suess.

In attendance: one member of the public; the clerk.

2017/65 To receive apologies:

Cllrs: F. Bennée; S. Collett; V. Farrar; C. Jones; Dist. Cllr. R Turner

2017/66 Open Forum for members of the public

A member of the public enquired why the cricket club were asking the Council for money to spray the outfield. It was explained that this was not the situation and that the cricket club had requested that it be considered that the area be sprayed.

A member of the public sought information regarding the planning application at The Plough for 20 signs. It was explained that the signs are not additional but already existing – the application being for new signs.

A member of the public made enquiries regarding previous reference to parking at the land by the barn. It was explained that there is a procedural exercise and that there is to be no change in the current situation.

2017/67 To approve the Minutes of the Monthly meeting held on 4th July, 2017

It was agreed that the Minutes be agreed and signed.

2017/68 To receive declarations from Councillors as to the disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary in relation to any agenda item

Cllr Easterfield declared an interest in agenda item 74, S/2253/17/LB, as having a shared boundary with the property.

2017/69 Clerk's report and matters arising

- i. Cemetery extension – work on clarification of the number of available plots continues
- ii. Noticeboards – work on the boards is progressing with the header board for the noticeboard near the recreation ground gate being with the carver and expected to be in place by mid September. Placement of noticeboard opposite the entrance to Wadloes footpath and for use by members of the public should be in place mid August.
- iii. City Deal – construction is anticipated to begin in January 2018. A decision on the most appropriate way to provide a safe area in the vicinity of the school is yet to be made to ensure that cyclists and pedestrians are accommodated. Advice from the Road Safety team is to be sought.
- iv. Church Wall survey – an application for a faculty to dig trial holes has been submitted by Rev. Alun Ford. Advice from CGM on the treatment of the ivy on the wall and the adjacent ground will be discussed at a future meeting.
- v. Spraying of recreation ground – advice from CGM to be discussed as a future meeting
- vi. Telephone box – information awaited from South Cambridgeshire District Council regarding future use
- vii. Resignation notice – following the resignation of Wendy Irvin-Braben SCDC have given permission for the Council to co-opt. Appreciation was expressed to Wendy Irvin-Braben for her commitment as a councillor and in particular for her role on Fen Ditton Recreation Ground Trust as fund raiser and in liaising with the architects to produce the drawings for development of the pavilion.

2017/70 To approve payments made during the month and accounts for payment:

It was agreed that the following payments be made:

	Cheq. No	Amnt
British Telecommunications	DD	30.59

e.on-	DD	12.78
Fen Ditton PCC – replacement cheque	101462	350.00
Hayden Woodruff – bus shelter cleaning	101463	15.00
CGM – leaf clearance Plough Hill	101460	78.00
CGM -	101464	1012.66
Mark Sturmey	101465	200.00
Whitelightning Pyrotechnics – FD800 – s.111;144;145	101466	720.00
Sarah Smart – July salary	101467	544.27

2017/71 To note money received:

None

2017/72 To receive report from County Councillor Bradman

See appendix 1

2017/73 To receive reports from District Councillor Turner

See appendix 2

2017/74 To consider following planning applications and tree works:

S/2253/17/LB	5 High Street	Re-painting of external walls and woodwork of public house. Approve. Noted that there is new signage for which there has been no planning application
S/2062/17/FL	699 Newmarket Road	Extension and reconfiguration of car park. Alterations to building and ancillary development Approve. Request that there is a planting scheme to compensate for the lose of trees.
S/2324/17/LB	16 High Ditch Road	Render repairs to north gable and timber treatment within roof space Approve
S/2165/17/FL	The Milking Parlour, High Street	Proposed front extension, new dormer window, internal and external alterations Approve
S/2591/17/AD	The Plough, Green End	Proposed installation of 20 advertisement signs Approve.

2017/75 Planning responses:

Approved:

S/1817/17/LD 42 Church Street Certificate of Lawful development for rear extension

2017/76 To consider and approve if appropriate the re-instatement of the gate in High Ditch Road

It was agreed that cost estimated to be approximately £1000 and that the funding is taken from the allocated reserve for Local Highway Improvements. The replacement of the Fen Ditton name sign should be queried when ordering the gate.

2017/77 To consider and accept amendments to cemetery regulations:

It was noted that the heap of soil in the cemetery and the recreation ground is being removed and that trial plots to confirm unused plots in the cemetery have been done. It is anticipated that the cemetery may not be full for up to ten years.

A final version of the amendments to the cemetery regulations will be proposed for approval at a future meeting.

2017/78 To receive and consider the following finance documents:

- i. Quarterly figures to 30th June, 2017
- ii. Bank Reconciliation to 30th June, 2017

It was agreed that in the absence of the councillors responsible for finance that the item be deferred to the September meeting.

2017/79 To co-opt a councillor
Deferred to future meeting

2017/80 To respond to City Deal cycle route suggestions for the paths in the vicinity of the school.
It was agreed that the Council were unable to provide a response as requested with regard to the information provided regarding the area in the vicinity of the school as it was in conflict with the plans originally provided. Cllr Conroy agreed to contact the project officer for clarification which should enable the Council to make a response

2017/81 To consider and approve if appropriate the proposal for expenditure on matting for the FD800 event.
It was agreed that in the event of bad weather and the need for protective matting for the entrance to the recreation ground, areas of predicted heavy car use and to support installation and removal of equipment across the recreation ground the Council would re-imburse FD800 any cost. The cost is estimated at £90 for six mats.

2017/82 To receive correspondence:
FD800 – appreciation for sponsorship of event
C. Gough-Goodman – land by the barn parking
Vanessa Kelly – City Deal cycle route

2017/83 To accept notices and matters for the next agenda
No notices were given and no matters for the next meeting were raised.

The meeting ended at 9.10 p.m. Cllr Bradnam arrived at 9.12 p.m.

Chairman Date.....

Appendix 1

County Councillors Report for the villages of Waterbeach, Landbeach, Milton, Horningsea and Fen Ditton. Jul-August 2017 - Anna Bradnam

Temporary closure of Clayhithe Road level crossing

The road will be closed overnight on 20 August between 05:00 and 08:20 to enable “**Error! Reference source not found.** works which are being carried out on or near this highway and it will come into operation on **Error! Reference source not found.** and continue until these works have finished or on the **Error! Reference source not found.** whichever is the earlier”.

New County Highways contract

A new £34 million a year highway services contract has been awarded by Cambridgeshire County Council to Skanska (for 10 years) to help the County Council keep Cambridgeshire moving. The new contract runs from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2027 with the option to extend for a further five years, and includes the management and maintenance of 2,800 miles of carriageway, 1,400 miles of footways and cycleways and 1,276 structures.

Local Highways matters

Waterbeach – I have asked for the vegetation on either side of Car Dyke Road to be cut back. I am advised it will be done end August/early September to avoid disturbing nesting birds.

I think all of your councillors have contact Highways to ask them to re-instate the 30 mph sign on the south side of Denny End Road and to trim the vegetation around the sign on the north side of the road.

The County Council (A10 Corridor team) has not commissioned traffic count data at present, so I assume the wires across the road were commissioned by U&C..

Milton – I have requested repairs to the pot holes at the wide junction of Landbeach Road and High Street (at the SW corner of the College grounds). They seem to have responded very quickly but I’m disappointed that the patching has been very poorly done.

Local Highways Improvement Scheme

Horningsea and Waterbeach have been successful with recent bids to the Local Highway Improvement grant scheme. Changes to the LHI were approved by the County Council's Highways & Community Infrastructure Committee. These changes ensure that the authority is able to recover the cost of delivering the initiative and the projects that are funded through it, whilst providing greater support for applicants in developing and delivering improvements to their local highway.

Key areas of change:

- Applicants will now be contacted by highways officers following the initial application deadline, to carry out further work in developing the feasibility and cost of solutions that meet their objectives. An updated application incorporating the outcome of this work will then be included in the information presented to the LHI assessment panels.
- **This initial deadline is scheduled for 30th September 2017**, followed by further development with officers and local communities throughout October, November and December.
- The budget for projects will now be required to include the cost of the officer resources necessary to deliver them. This will be estimated by officers during the feasibility assessment stage outlined above.
- Multiple applications will now be accepted from Town Councils, limited to the number of County Council divisions in their authority area.
- New webpages will go live in early August, providing information on both the LHI and new Privately Funded Highway Improvement (PFHI) processes. Detailed guidance on the solutions to common highway issues will also be incorporated, providing a resource for applicants to inform their decision to fund minor improvements to their local highway.

This all sounds like more work, rather than less, for the already over-stretched Highways Officers.

Buses

In July I reassured the parishes of Horningsea and Fen Ditton that despite the reductions planned for many of the Whippet buses from the end of July, the 196 service through Waterbeach, Horningsea and Fen Ditton is to be retained. However, the Whippet 117, is to be cut and this serves the Fen Estate in Chesterton and our residents in Fen Road Chesterton. Stagecoach have announced changes to the Citi 2 and the 9 service (Ely-Cambridge) from 23 July 2017. Service updates and timetables can be found here <https://www.stagecoachbus.com/service-updates>

Stagecoach say,

"Service 9/X9 - Most services will be re-timed by up to 25 minutes. Most services between Ely and Cambridge will also serve Waterbeach. We've made changes to times between Ely and Littleport to improve reliability too. The "short" Service 9 that currently operates between Cambridge and Waterbeach will operate between Cambridge and Milton only. We've also made minor changes to off peak times."

It looks as if some buses returning to Waterbeach mid-afternoon will be cut.

Citi 2

From Cambridge to Milton and Waterbeach – buses will leave St Andrews Street every 20 minutes from 17:33 until 19:13. Then buses drop to half-hourly and only go as far as Cambridge North Station. So not much use for those wishing to return to Waterbeach, and those wishing to go to Milton will have to walk from the station. From 22:03 there will be a half-hourly service from Cambridge as far as Milton until 23:03. Again there is no service to Waterbeach in the late evening.

Services are not planned to change short term but are under review, so contact cambridge.enquiries@stagecoachbus.com so they can take your views into account when planning longer term services.

Consultation Starts on Children's Centre Proposals

A consultation to redesign Children's Centre Services has gone live. Families can read more about the consultation [here](#) and share their views. The proposals aim to deliver the same level of services in a more local way, so those families can access them easily.

The new children centre services will be more flexible and tailored for each community delivered in places they know or already use, and in doing so, the Council will make savings of £1 million. (I think the services in Waterbeach and at the Shirley School in Chesterton will remain unchanged. AB)

The intention is for Children's Centres to work more closely with parents and health professionals to provide seamless support including health visitors, midwifery and speech therapists. The County-wide proposal is for:

- **10 Child and Family Centres**, delivered across 15 buildings, that will continue to offer services in places of high need with extended opening hours, with skilled staff able to meet families' needs
- **12 Child and Family Zones** - these will use community spaces, such as libraries and community centres, to deliver a range of services, including baby and toddler groups, activities for families with disabilities and places for community groups to meet.
- **Outreach Programme** – The Child and Family Centres workforce will deliver support across a range of community venues so families, particularly in rural locations, can access a regular programme of services and responsive support.
- **Online Offer** – there will be a comprehensive online offer to provide information and advice to help and support families

Have your say here [consultation](#) before 22 September 2017. Hard copy versions of the consultation can be found at Children Centres and Libraries. Decisions relating to the final proposals for Children's Centre Services will be taken by the Children and Young People Committee meets in the autumn.

A10 Corridor Study - I asked Sarah Hatcher, Project Manager some questions. Here are her answers:

Q1) What are the terms of reference for the A10 Corridor Study?

A1) The Ely-Cambridge (A10N) Study is a wide-ranging multi modal study which will make recommendations on the transport schemes able to accommodate the major development planned at Waterbeach New Town, Cambridge Northern Fringe East (CNFE) and Cambridge Science Park (CSP). The study has three strands:

- Strand 1 looks at the overall transport requirements on the corridor
- Strand 2 looks at the specific requirements for growth at Waterbeach
- Strand 3 looks at the specific requirements for growth at CNFE/CSP

The commission will deliver:

- An options study for the overall package of interventions on the Ely to Cambridge corridor, including principles/mechanisms for securing appropriate developer contributions. The work will ultimately lead to the development of Business Case/s for various options
- A transport study supported by modelling that identifies the infrastructure package and phasing of that package to provide for the transport demand of the development of a new town north of Waterbeach
- A transport study supported by modelling which provides evidence for the level of development which could be supported in the CNFE/CSP area and its phasing, in transport terms

Q2) What aspects of the A10 are you considering and what outputs are you expecting? (The scope – from Ely to the A14 seems large and vague?)

A2) The consideration of the need for additional highway capacity is included in the scope of the study. For the following three sections of the corridor the study will consider:

- Whether there is a need for additional highway capacity on the corridor between Ely/A142 and Waterbeach.
- Whether there is a need for additional highway capacity on the corridor between Waterbeach and Cambridge.
- The need for improvements to the A14 / A10 Milton junction over and above those included in the A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon scheme.

You'll note that the term 'corridor' rather than A10 is used to give the consultants enough scope to consider a broad range of options, i.e. improvements that follow the line of the existing A10 or improvements that might be offline. We already know where we have problems on the highway network and the modelling that is currently underway will show how – without mitigation measures – these problems get worse. The consultants will use the findings from this initial modelling to start building up a list of potential mitigation measures that can then be tested in different combinations to help understand to what extent they mitigate the problems. They will initially be examining to what extent various sustainable transport options such as park and ride, cycle routes, a relocated railway station and a busway would accommodate the growth on the

corridor. Once we have established an optimum mix that we consider accommodates as much of this growth as possible using sustainable modes of transport, then the residual impacts on the highway will be assessed and options put forward to mitigate them.

Q3) What schedule are you working to? You said you were hoping to produce a report by Sept/Oct 2017.

A3) The study is unlikely to conclude in full before the end of the year, however information will be emerging throughout the autumn. I can assure you that we won't be waiting until the study concludes in full to share that information with you and the parish councils. We are seeking to arrange a briefing for local Members in September 2017 that will share the findings to date and to start discussing potential mitigation measures. We will be in touch in due course with more detail on this.

Q4) When we met you said you were doing a traffic count in Fen Ditton on Horningsea Road near the High Ditch Road junction.

In the last few days traffic count wires have been installed all over Waterbeach. Have you commissioned a traffic survey there?

A4) I recall discussing whether Fen Ditton was covered by the study (which it is), however we haven't commissioned any traffic surveys as part of the study as the data within the transport model which we are using has recently been updated. I have made some enquiries here and the surveys haven't been commissioned by the County Council. It is possible that the developers are collecting some more data.

I conclude the recent traffic count (wires) in Waterbeach must have been commissioned by U&C. AB

Q5) Will the recent proposal to extend the A10 Corridor Study to include feasibility for extending the A47 into the M11 be likely to delay the completion of the A10 Corridor Study beyond the end of 2017?

A5) You raise a very valid question. We're still awaiting instructions from the Combined Authority on how to proceed with this and in the meantime we are continuing with work on the Ely-Cambridge (A10N) Study as planned. Whilst it makes sense to align the two pieces of work to avoid duplication, likewise we don't want either to be holding the other up. Whilst I can't say definitively that the Combined Authority work won't extend the timescale for the study, we shall certainly be aiming to conclude the study by the end of the year. I will make sure that I let you know when we have anything more definitive on this.

Footpaths

1 January 2026 is the cut-off date for adding historic paths to the definitive map: the official record of the public's rights of way in an area. When a path is on this map, it not only means we have a right to walk on it, but it is much easier to protect and maintain. However, any path which came into existence before 1949 and that has not been requested to be on the map by 2026 will be lost – forever. So if there is a path that is not recorded on the definitive map, we need to ask the County Council to add it to the definitive map. There are precious few west of the Cam but more to the east. Please would anyone interested in local footpaths contact me or set up groups in parishes to check the status of local footpaths on the definitive map and to apply for any at risk to be added.

For Milton, I note that the footpath starting along Akeman Street and ending in Clayhithe does not appear to be on the definitive map. Can you spot any others?

Who to contact: Laurence Smith (Asset Information Definitive Map Manager) (01223) 507239, Box SH1313, Assets & Commissioning, Cambridgeshire County Council, Shire Hall, Castle Street, Cambridge, CB3 0AP; laurence.smith@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Appendix 2

District Councillor Robert Turner's Report for the Wilbraham Ward - 1st August 2017

Local Plan

The Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire local plan examination Hearings Programme is near to its completion.

The last items being considered include;

- Transport

- Joint omission sites
- Site visits
- Gypsy and travellers

Omission sites are the six sites on the edge of Cambridge that have been identified as suitable for housing or employment without significant harm to the Cambridge Green Belt.

- Next steps

In August, the inspector provides a draft schedule of modifications to the council including any changes or additions to the council's schedule.

In September, officers consider the inspector's draft modifications, engage with lead members and raise any concerns with the inspector informally. The inspector publishes the modification and will ask council to conduct public consultation.

If the modifications are considered sound, then our joint trajectory with the city carriers **more weight** in planning considerations relating to the 5 year land supply.

Judgement made concerning the 5 year housing supply.

At the recent parish council liaison meeting, Stephen Kelly responded to a question from Swavesey parish council, who wondered what effect this judgement had with applications in rural areas outside of the development framework.

In his response, Stephen reminded us that SCDC has a 3.7 yr land supply and that the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) has the presumption for development.

Planning permission is a judgement made that considers many things including harm caused to countryside and landscape. In our case, if there is no land supply and no land supply with latitude, the protective countryside and landscape polices have less weight with regard to the NPPF, resulting in less suitable and less sustainable developments being approved. Examples include Linton Road, Balsham and Orwell, Hurdleditch Road.

The scale of our shortfall in housing, no Local Plan and insufficient land supply encourages speculative development as SCDC is almost required to approve development unless harm is determined to be greater.

Fact> 8 houses being build weekly, but the build rate needs to be 18 houses per week, such that SCDC has to build 26 houses per week to catch up!

Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder

At the annual Council meeting on 25th May, Cllr Sue Ellington was appointed to the newly created cabinet position for Health and Wellbeing. Research has shown that more than half of all people over 75 live alone and two fifths of all older people say their television is their main company. Social isolation has serious health consequences with 70% of people who are socially isolated suffering depression

With the number of people aged 65+ projected to rise by over 40 per cent (40.77%) in the next 17 years to over 16 million, considerable planning is required to ensure that councils are able to provide the services required including homes and housing, building Community and citizenship, home and residential care and digital inclusion.

(Details from AgeUK and The Office of National Statistics)

City Deal update

A new name has been agreed that is hoped to better reflect the objectives of the "City Deal". We should remember that £500 M was bid for and provided from Central Government to improve Cambridge and surrounding area as part of Cambridge's expansion and development aspirations for the future.

Greater Cambridge Partnership.

The proposed vision is "Working together, to grow and share prosperity, and quality of life for now and in the future"

It has four objectives;

- Transport – create better and greener transport delivered using big and small schemes
- Housing – accelerate housing delivery with houses for all
- Innovation – making it easier for passengers and commuters to make “Smarter” travel decisions using “real-time” information on road traffic congestion, expected bus and train arrival times etc. A “Travel App” has been developed that has successfully been “Alpha” tested. The app is anticipated to be launched in the autumn after further testing and trialling.
- Skills – Cambridge is a graduate-lead economy. In Cambs, it is more difficult on average to gain well paid work if you do not have a degree. There is therefore an even greater requirement to boost apprentices. This does have the knock-on effect of;
 - Having employers that provide opportunities for apprentices and value them
 - Requiring there to be local training facilities
 - Students that are keen to take on apprenticeships

Greenways.

Greenways 1. Cambridge has planned a network of 12 cycleways radiating out; 6 in place this year and 6 more to be in place next year which extend out 5 miles.

Greenways 2 vision is to extend out the cycleways further to communities beyond 5 miles so as to include Fulbourn and Waterbeach (possibly the Wilbrahams??).

Greenways 3. This vision is to link those cycleways beyond 5 miles, to other villages possibly Wilbrahams and Six Mile Bottom?

Rural Transport Hubs

This concept is to have car parks at existing bus stops or to increase car park sizes at eg Shrepreth railway station. Of the 105 parish councils in the district, 20 responded with what they wanted with 6, including Shrepreth and Swavesey, having specific ideas of what they wanted. This concept is to encourage commuters to use existing bus and rail services in places where bus operators do not plan to provide a regular “Park and Ride” service.

Expressways

To preserve rural Cambridgeshire, South Cambs District, and the Green Belt, the majority of development is planned in new or existing satellites (e.g. Northstowe, Cambourne). But, to link these new developments, five (5) Expressways are proposed;

1. St Ives – already in place
2. St Neots to Cambridge route – formally the Cambourne-to-Cambridge better busways
- 3 & 4. North/South link – Ely - Waterbeach – Cambs North – Cambs (Central!) Station – Addenbrooke’s – Foxton
5. South –East link – PROPOSED and being discussed Sawston – Linton – Haverhill

The proposed garden village of 5000 dwellings at Gt Chesterford, as described in the Uttlesford draft local plan submission, would raise the priority of transport links, such as Expressway 5.

Vehicles to use these are the Bullet Bus or Advanced Very Rapid Transport (AVRT). These vehicles replace the now obsolete “Guided bus” technology!

AVRT carry 42 passengers, in a 16 m long driverless carriage, using a dedicated network (think of a vehicle like the shuttle train at Stansted or Canary Warf but which does not run on a track).

Being driverless, the costs are lowered enabling the possibility underground (tunnel) travel under Cambridge. Greater Cambridge Partnership and Combined Authority Major to jointly commission an independent “Compare and Contrast” study to judge between the AVRT and light railway options.