

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Fen Ditton Parish Council held on Tuesday, 7th November, 2017 at 7.30 p.m. in the Recreation Ground Pavilion.

Present: Cllrs. Bennée; Collett; Conroy; Easterfield; Farrar (Chairman); Jones; Suess;

In attendance: Dist. Cllr Turner; Cty. Cllr Bradnam the clerk seven members of the public

To receive apologies

2017/125 Cllr Bush

2017/126 Open Forum for members of the public:

Parishioners living in High Ditch Road expressed dissatisfaction at the proposals for double yellow lines around the corners at the crossroad and at two points along High Ditch Road to create parking places and the lack of consultation in considering other options. It was explained that there had been a consultation on double yellow lines in High Ditch Road with alternatives being considered and consideration of residents comments, the double yellow lines across and either side of Francis Court should have been laid at time of development and the double yellow lines around the corners were part of the City Cycle Deal scheme

2017/127 To approve the Minutes of the Monthly meeting held on 3rd October, 2017

The Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd October, 2017 were approved.

2017/128 To receive declarations from Councillors as to the disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary in relation to any agenda item

Cllr Collet declared an interest in S/3869/17/FL of item 134 as a neighbour of the property.

2017/129 Clerk's report and matters arising

- i. Cemetery extension – no further information
- ii. Noticeboards – to be installed by end of November
- iii. Church Wall survey – faculty to permit the digging of trial holes is expected in November. The cost of the trial holes is estimated to be £400.
- iv. Telephone box – no further information
- v. City cyleway – CCC City Cylce team report that the solar studs, as suggested by the Parish Council, are not appropriate along the shared footpath/cycleway along the west side of Horningsea Road from the crossroads from where there is already a street light meaning that the solar studs would not show up. White lining is considered to be more visible and is the usual marking in such circumstances. The knee rail fencing should be replaced and the positioning of the proposed bollards on the school side near the new crossing are to be reviewed.
- vi. Wadloes footpath – a resident had complained about the overhanging vegetation. Contact has been made regarding this and will be followed up.

2017/130 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	32.01
e.on-	DD	13.32
Hayden Woodruff – bus shelter cleaning	101484	15.00
Mark Sturmey – churchyard grass	101485	200.00
CGM – grass cutting and recreation ground hedge	101486	714.83
Royal British Legion	101487	50.00
Kevin Bennett – grave digging	101488	260.00
Information Commissioners Office – Data Protection registration renewal	101489	35.00
St Ives Quickprint Ltd. - newsletter	101490	126.00
Sarah Smart – October salary	101491	544.27

2017/131 To note money received:

It was noted that no money had been received.

2017/132 To receive report from County Councillor Bradman:

See appendix 1

2017/133 To receive reports from District Councillor Turner

SCDC have responded to the Department of Central and Local Government consultation regarding the right homes in the right place. A response to the consultation is expected in March 2018. SCDC's main comment is regarding the length of time that the Local Plan consultation has taken and the build out rate. They have requested that building work commences with a two year time frame of the planning approval.

2017/134 To consider following planning applications and tree works:

S/3869/17/FL	2 Close	Bakery	Proposed two storey side extension and alterations to existing proper Object. There are concerns that 24 Church Street has not been informed particularly as it is considered that there is potential for loss of light/overshadowing of this property from the proposed development at 2 Bakery Close. The Council consider that the design/appearance and materials of the rear of the proposed extension are out of keeping to the vernacular style of the other dwellings in Bakery Close.
S/3177/17/FL	Farm High Road	View, Ditch	Single storey rear extension to existing house. Approved
S/3123/17/FL	The Inn, End	Plough Green	Erection of one storey pergola. Fixed structure with glazing to front and open sides, back attached to building. Retractable cram PVC canopy roof with motorized unit. Approved
S/3437/17/FL	43 Green End		Discharge of planning conditions of planning permission S/1157/16/FL. For info only Noted and commented that there appears to be a gap in the screening on the north side of the fencing around the roof terrace which, if the case, is not compliant with the permission.
S/3410/17/PN	Newmarket Road		Prior notification for the demolition of the aircraft design building Noted that prior notification is not required.
S/3596/47/TC	27a Street	High	Prune selective branches of horse chestnut to provide a clearance of 2 metres to roof Approved
S/3697/17/TC	Ditton High Street	Hall,	Lightly prune 4 crab apple trees to begin shaping; shorten low branches of quince tree; fell and grind stump of dead Lombardy; trim to previous pruning point on lime hedge; remove dead wood from small catalpa; minor crown lift to large catalpa; remove dead wood from ash; prune wild plum to reduce overhang over drive; prune lime to liberate holly. Approved
S/3656/17/TC	11 Street	Church	Crown raise walnut by 1 metre to maintain vista over river; fell a twin stemmed poplar; pollard 2 x poplars by 2/3rds of current height; re-pollard poplar to previous pollarding points; cut back overhang of walnut; reduce the pollard stem of willow to hedge

line and thin out the larger regrowth from other pollarded heads; cut back cherry by removing 2 metres from branch length; remove lowest branch from sweet chestnut.

Approved

S/3807/17/TC 31 High Street Lift crown of lime to clear street light as requested by FDPC

S/3861/17/TC 6 High Ditch Remove 8 metre tall cherry tree to ground level

Road Approved and requested that a more appropriate tree is planted

2017/135 Planning responses:

Approved:

S/2746/17/FL 22 Green End Proposed summerhouse. Noted

2017/136 To nominate a councillor for laying the wreath at Remembrance Sunday

It was agreed that Cllr Collett would arrange collection of the wreath and lay it at the War Memorial on behalf of the Council

2017/137 Christmas

- i. To consider and agree the purchase of a Christmas tree and the sum to spend. It was agreed that up to £200 be spent on the purchase of a tree
- ii. To agree arrangements for decorating and lighting the tree
It was agreed that Cllrs. Bennée, Collett and Jones would liaise regarding the necessary arrangements
- iii. To agree date and arrangement for the switching on of the tree lights.
It was agreed that the date for the switching on of the lights would be Saturday, 2nd December at approximately 5 p.m.

2017/138 To consider appointment of trustees to Willys Almshouse Charity following the completion of the terms of office of two trustees.

The appointment of Mrs. Ritchie and Mr Daniels as Trustees was agreed to 1st April, 2021.

2017/139 Report from Joint meeting relating to Supplementary Planning Document for development at Waterbeach

See appendix 2

2017/140 To receive and consider the following finance documents:

- i. Quarterly figures to 30th September, 2017
The figures, circulated, were reviewed and agreed
- ii. Bank reconciliation to 30th September, 2017
The bank reconciliation, circulated, was agreed and signed by Cllr. Bennée

2017/141 To consider response to consultation on double yellow lines

It was agreed to support the scheme as presented to council for double yellow lines both sides of High Ditch Road from its junction with Ditton Lane, south eastwards for a distance of 45 metres; north east side from a point 110 metres south east of its junction with Ditton Lane, south eastwards for a distance of 23 metres; north east side from a point 154 metres south east of its junction with Ditton Lane, south eastwards for a distance of 18 metres. In Horningsea Road both sides of the road junction with High Street, north eastwards for a distance of 18 metres. High Street north eastern side of junction with Horningsea Road, north westwards for a distance of 30 metres; south western side from its junction with Ditton Lane, north westwards for a distance of 25 metres and Ditton Lane both sides of the road from its junction with High Ditch Road, south westwards for a distance of 19 metres.

The Council record awareness of concerns by some of the reduction in parking along High Ditch Road and will endeavour to continue to work with the County Council and residents of Fen Ditton to reduce and mitigate parking by non residents and to find a satisfactory solution to the issues.

2017/142 To consider grant applications from Fen Ditton Recreation Ground Trust

- i. Grant application for revenue

The Council do not approve the grant application for revenue funding. The Council agree to undertake to take on the financial responsibility repairs to the pavilion and the recreation ground until the start of the financial year 2020/21.

ii. Grant application for redevelopment:

The Council approve in principle a grant up to £165,000 to the project for the redevelopment of the pavilion subject to a full business plan and funds up to £100,000 being secured from grant making organisations and the balance for the project from other sources.

2017/143 To co-opt a councillor

No applications

2017/144 To receive correspondence:

CCC – double yellow line consultation

2017/145 To accept notices and matters for the next agenda:

No notices or matters for the next agenda had been received.

Chairman Date

Appendix 1

County Councillors Report for pc meetings in November 2017 - Anna Bradnam

County Council Budget

Over the last six years Cambridgeshire County Council has delivered £215 million of savings while still providing “good quality services” (although many question the lack of regular road sweeping and road maintenance) and over the next five years we face a further £100m of pressure on budgets.

Plans to make £31m of savings for 2017/18 are on track, and the Council is now working to deliver further savings in 2018/19. The Budget process has started with a £37.5 million gap between the money it receives from the government, from council tax, business rates and the income it makes – and the amount it needs to spend on services.

These pressures affect us. The County is facing a sharp increase in the number of older people needing care, increasing numbers of children needing home to school transport and increased numbers of vulnerable children needing protection. We have seen the consultations on how to re-design the delivery of Children’s Services the Library Service. For the last two years the Council has failed to take the Council Tax increase permitted by Government of 2% which would have delivered £10m into front line services this year.

Schools National Funding Formula

Historically Cambridgeshire schools have been badly underfunded and the County has lobbied for years for better funding. The government recently announced amendments to the formula and adds various new elements. For Cambridgeshire it is relatively good news: funding for schools increases in total cash terms as more pupils enter the system (i.e. they have protected the cash value of the per pupil unit) but they have not increased the cash amount per pupil to allow for inflation in school costs. So, schools are slightly worse off in ‘real terms’ but better off than they might have been.

A14 Community Grants

The A14 Community Fund has been launched by Highways England, offering up to £10,000 to not-for-profit organisations for projects relating to the transformation the new road will bring to the area. Projects can range from environmental schemes to arts and heritage events or employment and skills schemes. The fund aims to bring communities closer together, reflecting the lasting impact the scheme will have on those living along the A14 corridor. Full details can be found at www.cambscf.org.uk/A14.html. You can also keep up to date about the progress of the road scheme by signing up for email alerts at www.highways.gov.uk/A14C2H. Deadlines in 2018 are 1 Feb, 1 May, 1 Aug and 1 Nov.

Greater Cambridge Partnership (was City Deal)

The GCP held what it called a Big Conversation over the last month to find out what people understand of the GCP. There is a new website <https://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/> which is great if you can scroll past the annoying flashing images at the top of the page. Having heard from the LLFs, they are working up the plans for improvements to Milton Road and Histon Road.

The proposals to put a busway along the M11 are currently on hold while they await the outcomes of deliberations by Highways England on whether to make the Girton interchange fully multi-directional and also on whether to make the M11 a SMART motorway. This means a combination of using the hard shoulder at peak times, putting in gantries to display variable speed control signs and possibly having bus only slip roads on the P&Rs.

Are you paying Council Tax when you don't have to?

If you or another person in your house is suffering from a mental impairment then you should not be paying any Council Tax. This can include learning difficulties, mental illness or dementia. The affected person must be living alone or with one or 2 other people. There is a straightforward form which you can get from South Cambs, fill it in and ask your doctor to sign it.

Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign for Milton, Landbeach and Waterbeach

Plans are in to buy the sign and we await the haggling, to be conducted by County Highways Officers, who are aiming to purchase signs for a number of villages throughout the County.

Greenways

Local equestrians met to coordinate input to the Greater Cambridge Partnership Greenways project – which is looking at potential routes from Waterbeach to Cambridge. Good sight-lines and the provision of the odd mounting-block or log can improve things immensely for riders. The project has two years' worth of funding for route development and consultation and they aim to build in 2019/20.

Waterbeach New Town

Cllrs Tregoing, Johnson, Smith and myself met with Turnstone, who are the agents for development on RLW's land at Waterbeach New Town. Like everyone else, they await the outcome of the Local Plan Inspector's Report. They will be holding exhibitions in Waterbeach on 24-25 November and hope to bring forward an application for the new railway station site in early 2018.

The next Joint Supplementary Planning meeting will be held on 28th November, 2017

Horningsea – I am advised the contract for the 196 service has been extended to September 2018. In the meantime the County are reviewing all contracts.

Fen Ditton – bus service

The providers, Whippet, only run double decker buses. The contract is to be reviewed in September 2018

Appendix 2

Cllrs.. Jones and Sues attended a Joint Parishes Meeting on 11 Oct covering the proposed New Town at Waterbeach. The main points affecting Fen Ditton are:

- a) the A10 Corridor Study is being developed within the options framework set by the County's Long Term Transport Strategy (consultation took place in 2014). The A10 study is running late but SCDC officers restated that they could not determine Urban and Civic's outline application for Waterbeach new town without confirmation that there could be a feasible transport solution and so their decision will be delayed until next year once SCDC have seen the draft findings. The final A10 Study report will follow a public consultation.
- b) the A10 study conclusions will be strongly influenced by the Government's decision (expected in November) on funding for the North East Cambridge area. This would include relocation of the AWS Milton sewage works towards Waterbeach.
- c) the CCC consultants are expected to complete the transport demand and alternative solution modelling by Christmas prior to developing options and recommendations in early 2018. We requested that they attend the next meeting so we can first understand what data they are using. We suggested the 2017 Travel to Work Survey and other recent census data should be made use of rather than just relying on extrapolation from the 2011 census data.
- d) Waterbeach councillors requested that i) the proposed new railway station be used for construction traffic and ii) the use of a future station as a direct commuter run to London be minimised.

e) we supported the consensus that the Joint Parishes Meetings are very useful since it gives us better information on which to provide a formal consultation response to SCDC.

f) it is envisaged that a Community Forum will be set up at some point to engage with the wider community. SCDC have also received environmental scoping requests from RLW to cover i) a relocated Waterbeach Station and ii) up to 5000 new homes and a relocated station. This will allow RLW to commence work on the EIAs needed to support a future planning application. We noted that i) could be useful if ii) is delayed since i) is required to allow the U&C area to be developed. Option i) does not of itself raise transport issues. Although the few existing car journeys from Fen Ditton would take a bit longer, there would be better parking facilities. Option ii) merely exacerbates the huge transport issue already raised by the U&C outline application.

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