

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Fen Ditton Parish Council held on Tuesday, 8th January, 2019 at 7.30 p.m. in the Pavilion, the Recreation Ground.

Prior to the meeting Dist. Cllr Cone demonstrated a motor vehicle activated system, explained the information which could be recorded, explained how it could be used, the requirement of volunteers to erect the equipment and the cost of between £3000 and £4000.

Present: Cllrs. Collett; Conroy; Devine; Farrar (Chairman); Jones;

Cty Cllr Bradnam; Dist. Cllrs Cone and Daunton; the clerk; one member of the public

2018/152 To receive apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Bennée; Bush; Easterfield and Sues.

2018/153 Open Forum for members of the public

A resident enquired about the whereabouts of the church gates – it was explained that the parish council had not been involved in the removal of the gates; the level of lighting at night when walking along Church Street meaning that the house steps protruding into the pathway were a hazard.

2018/154 To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 4th December, 2018

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th December were approved and signed.

2018/155 To receive declarations from Councillors as to the disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary in relation to any agenda item

Cllr Conroy declared an interest in planning application S/4616/18/FL and Cllr Farrar declared an interest in the payment to him listed in 2018/157.

2018/156 Clerk's report and matters arising from the Minutes

- i. Cemetery extension
- ii. Speed reducing gate on High Ditch Road
- iii. Emergency Plan
- iv. Road Closure – High Ditch Road from 14th January to 2nd February

2018/157 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	35.30
Vince Farrar – CCTV repairs	101581	8.90
Hayden Woodruff – December	101582	15.00
Mark Sturmey – churchyard	101583	210.00
CGM – October/November hedge cutting and leaf clearance	101584	732.00
Cambridgeshire ACRE – October and November payroll	101585	72.00
Redshoes Accounting – December payroll	101586	14.40
Andrew Firebrace Partnership – churchyard wall survey report and trial holes	101587	2364.00
Sarah Smart – December salary	101588	544.27
Mark Easterfield – lights for Christmas tree	101589	19.99

2018/158 To note money received

None

2018/159 To receive report from County Councillor

Cllr Bradnam reported

on the financial situation at the county council and that for every 1% increase in the council tax the cost to a Band D taxpayer would be 25p per week.

That a Waterbeach new town community forum would be held on 9th January with an update from Royal London Waterbeach, Urban and Civic, South Cambridgeshire District Council and the supplementary planning document, the county council on transport and education.

2018/160 To receive report from District Councillors

Cllr Cone reported

that SCDC had approved additional loan funding of up to £550,000 to enable the completion of a permanent ice rink off Newmarket Road in addition to the loan of £1.85 million already agreed.

that SCDC has a target to cut local carbon emissions to zero by 2050

that there is a scrutiny of the Greater Cambridgeshire Housing Strategy with the housing strategy out for consultation until the end of January.

that road sweeping in Fen Ditton took place before Christmas.

Cllr Daunton reported on the housing strategy, the business plan for 2019-2024 and Cambridge Northern Fringe East

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that the oil drum in a ditch along High Ditch Road has not been removed but the contractors have it in hand

that the fly tipping along High Ditch Road is to be moved at a cost of £440 to SCDC

that the car park on Ditton Lane has been cleaned a number of times, the overgrown vegetation removed and that a replacement chain link fence and improved lighting have been ordered.

that Hill Development had confirmed that the fencing along High Ditch Road was for security. It was considered that this should be green in colour rather than galvanised. Cllr Daunton agreed to check the consent.

that further complaints had been received of the noise in the early hours from across the river.

Cllr Daunton explained that enforcement officers had been made aware and the matter was sensitive as a permit had been issued by the relevant authority for the work being carried out for the hours in order that the work on the A14 was completed as quickly and efficiently as possible.

2018/161 To consider following planning applications and tree works applications

S/4616/18/FL	22 Green End	Demolition of rear extension and construction of new rear extension. Approved.
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S/4723/18/TC	2 Bakery Close	Fell conifer due to excess size, poor condition, low amenity value. Aim to replant with fruit trees in same position
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Noted

S/3280/18/FL	The Black House, Chesterton Fen Road	Bat Report Update to ecological report, revised flood risk assessment and contaminated land report Both reports were noted.
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2018/162 Planning application responses from SCDC

None

2018/163 To consider St. Mary the Virgin Church boundary wall survey report

- i. To agree plan of action and timescale for completing works
A report of the trial hole investigations on the church wall had been received from Andrew Firebrace Partnership which detailed that significant sections of the wall are in poor condition and have very shallow foundation. The report recommended that these sections of the wall are rebuilt in brickwork with a reclaimed flint outer face and reclaimed brick capping, all atop a new concrete foundation. It was further recommended that it would be prudent to initially allow for the rebuilding of the entire length of wall to from the end of the previously rebuilt brick section all round to the brickwork front pier to the gates. Estimated cost of repairs £59000.

Councillors were reminded that at the time of the Council taking on responsibility for the closed churchyard minute 2015/303 and the appendix attached that *The issue of the condition of the churchyard wall will be ring-fenced until the costs to bring it up to a good condition are quantified. The Parish Council(PC) will undertake repairs it sees fit after taking professional advice and the Parochial Church Council(PCC) will make a significant contribution to the costs incurred within a 5 year period. Significant not being less than 40% of the costs or commitments incurred within the 5 year period. Costs incurred include all related costs for example surveyors, and assessors. The PC may at any time suspend any non-safety related work in the event of non-payment by the PCC or any other commitments from grant providers at its discretion. The PC may apply for grant funding to assist with repairs to the closed churchyard wall, which will reduce the required contributions from the PC and PCC pro-rata.*

It was agreed that advice be sought from SCDC Conservation officers and planning on the recommendations from Andrew Firebrace for the repairs.

ii. To agree funding of works

It was agreed that consideration of this would be made when agreeing the budget.

2018/164 To consider budget for 2019/2020 as circulated

The budget as circulated was considered. It was agreed that £5100 (£15.20 per Band D equivalent) be budgeted for repairs to the church wall as a result of the survey to add to sums already allocated in previous years.

2018/165 To agree precept for 2019/20 for submitting to South Cambridgeshire District Council

It was agreed that a precept of £26,000 be submitted to SCDC for 2019/2020 giving a Band D equivalent of £77.47 being a 3.6% increase.

2018/166 To receive correspondence:

Resident – complaint about bus delays due to road works, state of Green as a result of works to provide cycleway and complaint about lack of information on date of carol singing.

Resident – complaint about dirt on High Ditch Road and length of time to remove fly tipped rubbish along High Ditch Road.

2018/167 To accept notices and matters for the next agenda

None