

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Fen Ditton Parish Council held on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2017 at 7.15 p.m. in the Recreation Ground pavilion.

**Present:** Cllrs. Conroy; Easterfield; Farrar (Chairman); Suess; Collett(from 8.35p.m.)

**In attendance:** Dist. Cllr Turner; Cty. Cllr Bradnam(from 8.40 p.m.); the clerk

Jamie Wilding, Hill Holdings (developers of WING) in the presence of Ed Durrant, SCDC

Jamie Wilding explained that Hill Holdings have formed a joint venture with Marshalls to deliver the first 450 homes and the infrastructure and that the first planning application will be for the infrastructure submitted in parallel with the Design Code. There will be public consultation, commencing in November, for the Design Code. Planning applications dealing with reserved matters will be submitted in February and August 2018 enabling works and infrastructure to commence late 2018 and housing construction in April 2019. The overall build programme for the WING development is anticipated to be five to six years.

**1/105 To receive apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Bennée; Jones.

**2/106 Open Forum for members of the public**

No members of the public in attendance

**3/107 To approve the Minutes of the Monthly meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2017**

It was agreed that the Minutes be signed following correction in 2017/85 to Osier instead of Town and the deletion of 'and not helpful' in 2017/88vii.

**4/108 To receive declarations from Councillors as to the disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary in relation to any agenda item**

No declarations were made by Councillors.

**5/109 Clerk's report and matters arising**

- i. Cemetery extension – ongoing and no further development
- ii. Noticeboards – completion of the installation is expected by the end of November
- iii. Church Wall survey – a faculty has been applied for to enable the trial holes. An estimate for the trial holes is awaited.
- iv. Spraying of recreation ground – to be undertaken in the spring. The contractors and or the Council will put information signs out when the work is done
- v. Telephone box – no further information
- vi. Waterbeach Supplementary Planning Document – see agenda item 117
- vii. Wadloes footpath/permitted cycleway – a request to the land agent of the adjacent land has been made for the vegetation to be cut back
- viii. Street lights – installed and light baffles incorporated. It is expected that the lights will be in service by the end of December.
- ix. Grave surround – permission has been given for grave surrounds are to be installed as the application was made before the amendments to regulations.
- x. Replacement speed reducing gate, High Ditch Road – the order has been placed and followed up for an installation date.

**6/110 To approve payments made during the month and accounts for payment:**

Payment of the following accounts were approved

	Cheq. No	Amnt
British Telecommunications	DD	37.60
e.on-	DD	19.27
Hayden Woodruff – bus shelter cleaning	101477	15.00
Mark Sturmey – churchyard grass	101478	200.00
CGM – grass cutting	101479	994.20
Neil Pawson - fireworks	101480	651.82

Cambs. ACRE - payroll	101481	41.40
Sarah Smart – September salary	101482	544.27
NE Joinery – noticeboards. To be taken from s.106 funds	101483	3276.00

**7/111 To note money received:**

Noted that £12190 had been received from South Cambs. District Council being the second and final instalment of the precept.

**8/112 To receive report from County Councillor Bradman**

See appendix 1.

**9/113 To receive reports from District Councillor Turner**

Cllr Turner reported that the sewage works are to be relocated supported by £173k funding from central government releasing the existing area of the sewage works for 7500 mixed use development including 7500 dwellings. It has been recognised that the Milton interchange is at capacity and that any development of the site will need to be less car dependant. The new sewage works will not be in the vicinity of Honey Hill. It is anticipated that the new sewage works will be sited to the north east of the development at Waterbeach

**10/114 To consider following planning applications and tree works:**

S/3316/17/LB	The Miking Parlour, High Street	Proposed front extension, new dormer window, internal and external alterations. Supported
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**11/115 Planning responses:**

Approved:

S/2660/17/AD	Teversham Corner Garage, Newmarket Road	7 MID sign
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S/2591/17/AD	The Plough, Green End	Display of proposed installation of 20 advertisement signs
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Refused:

S/2614/17/FL	52 High Street	Demolition of existing. Rebuild new dwelling. Partial rebuild of existing garden wall at the front of the property.
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**12/116 Firework Display**

To agree final arrangements and logistics of firework event.

It was agreed that an application for a Temporary Events Licence would be submitted, that the fish and chip van would be in attendance and that there is sufficient material for the bonfire.

**13/117 To consider and agree proposal to support Council's input into the supplementary planning documents for the development by Urban & Civic on the barracks at Waterbeach**

The policy on proposed Waterbeach Developments circulated was agreed. The Policy is generally limited to traffic implications for the village

The Council object in principle to all major developments at Waterbeach until it is satisfied that there are sufficiently robust proposals in place to limit the traffic, generated by the development, through Fen Ditton.

The Council recognise that residents consider that the B1047 and High Ditch Road are used as a "rat run" and periods when there is heavy traffic and or incidents on the A14 and A10 Milton Road. The Council consider that by attempting to divert journeys from road to rail or cycle alternatives is not a realistic solution since the distance and inclement weather will limit the numbers of users of these alternatives.

**14/118 To agree to apply for Quy Fen Trust for monies in Fen Ditton Village account (£1450) to fund renovation of the recreation ground perimeter hedge and if approved to agree scoping of works upon proposal.**

It was agreed an application be submitted to Quy Fen Trust for the funds held on account for the purpose of renovation of the recreation ground hedge along Plough Hill. It was agreed that the scoping of the work be discussed at the November meeting.

**15/119 To agree views of Council on proposal to install gates both ends of Byway 14 (Honey Hill to Horningsea Road and application for a Traffic Regulation Order.**

It was agreed that the proposal be supported at the meeting with County Council officers, South Cambridgeshire District Council officers and representatives of Quy estate

**16/120 To agree comments in response for bollards/knee rails/ high kerb line in Horningsea Road in the vicinity of the school in conjunction with the Cross City Cycle scheme**

The Council approved that double height kerb along the west side Horningsea Road from the crossroads but considered it necessary to have some white lining in place to mark both edges and a double row of solar lights as along the cycle path from Field Lane towards Horningsea. It was suggested that the length of the knee high barriers just before the new crossing were insufficient to prevent cars from parking on the verge. It was requested that this should be reviewed along with other areas where cars may still be parked on the verge.

**17/122 To co-opt a councillor**

No applications had been received for consideration

**20/123 To receive correspondence:**

No correspondence to report

**21/124 To accept notices and matters for the next agenda**

No requests made

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Appendix 1

**Planning**

Hazel, Ingrid and I have been intrigued by the new northern boundary of the Waterbeach strategic site being promoted by RLW and published in the Cambridge News (13/09/2017). If RLW's proposal for 5,000 houses is accepted, the total for the site will amount to 11,500, so 1,500 more than SCDC approved in Autumn 2016.

**Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (and the Mayor)**

A key function of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority is to attract investment into the area and the Mayor is preparing to bid for money from the government's Housing Infrastructure Fund whose purpose is to 'unlock' otherwise difficult sites, where housing is in greatest demand. This £193m funding would enable the relocation of the Anglian Water Cambridge Water Recycling Centre which in turn would free up 40 hectares of land for development for an estimated 7,600 new homes on the land around Cambridge North Station. The Mayor is also proposing to dissolve the County Council.

**How much does a Mayor cost?**

When the Combined Authority was originally proposed, the costs of the Mayor's office were estimated to be around £800,000 pa, at least initially using officers seconded from the County Council. We now find that the actual costs (so far) are £1.8 million and climbing, with more new staff appointments. My group on the Combined Authority Scrutiny and Overview Committee has asked the Mayor to explain the increased expenditure.

**Local Governance**

The County Council has not only created two new service Committees (Commercial & Investment and Communities & Partnerships) with their attendant scale of remuneration for the Chair and Vice-Chair but in addition, the C&P Committee has created five new roles (attracting additional allowances) with responsibilities to "liaise with the Parish, Town, District/City and County Councillors to understand the needs

of local communities at District level.” My group feels that these roles, which cover geographic areas larger than County Divisions will be practically impossible to deliver and will unnecessarily duplicate the roles of existing County and District Councillors. This does not seem a cost-effective use of taxpayers’ money.

### **Children’s Centres**

The County’s consultation on Children’s Centres has now closed and I am sure officers are now mulling over the responses received. I was surprised by how few parents attended the session I went to - but also, not being a mum, by the apparent lack of connectivity between the different services that parents’ access. We are fortunate that the Centre in Waterbeach is expected to be retained as a Children and Family Zone, partly because of the recognised need in our villages but also because of the foresight of the current Manager. She has ensured that the Centre is well-used by a number of different family-related organisations, several days a week.

### **Libraries**

The Council is seeking ways of ensuring the Library service can meet the challenges of a growing population, new developments and tight public finances. They aim to use technology to help meet library user’s needs. Workshops have been held in August, September and October. Views collected will inform a set of options for the service which will then be subject to public consultation in the future. If you read this online, you may still have time to contribute. The last workshops nearby are on:

Tue 26 Sep 6.30-9pm, St Andrew’s Centre, School Hill, Histon, CB24 9JE and

Mon 2 Oct 6.30-9pm, Cambridge Central Library, 7 Lion Yard, Cambridge, CB2 3QD

### **Highways**

There is still time (but not much) to apply for Local Highways Improvement grants at

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/improving-your-local-highway/>

The deadline for LHI applications is **15th October 2017**, following which you will be contacted to look at the feasibility of your application in more detail. Final applications will then be presented to the LHI Member Advisory Panel in February 2018. If you have any questions contact County Highways at

[local.projects@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:local.projects@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

**Green End** - bus access Bus access and turning point. It was explained that the main issue is that the bus route is serviced by a double decker bus. Due to the size of the vehicle this causes issues on occasions when there are other vehicles parked along Green End and specifically in the area of Wright’s Close, the turning point for the bus. It was suggested that as the contract is due for review it may be possible for the route to be serviced by a smaller bus depending on the known passenger usage.