

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Fen Ditton Parish Council held on Tuesday, 2nd April, 2019 at 7.30 p.m. in the Recreation Ground Pavilion.

Present: Cllrs. Bush; Collett; Conroy; Easterfield, Farrar(Chairman); Jones; Sues

In attendance: Cty Cllr. Bradnam; Dist. Cllrs. Cone and Daunton and the clerk

2018/206 To receive apologies

Cllrs. Bennée; Devine

2018/207 Open Forum for members of the public

No members of the public in attendance

2018/208 To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 5th March, 2019

The Minutes of the meeting held on 5th March were approved and signed

2018/209 To receive declarations from Councillors as to the disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary in relation to any agenda item

No declarations of interests were made

2018/210 Clerk's report and matters arising from the Minutes

- i. Cemetery extension – no further information to report
- ii. Speed reducing gate on High Ditch Road – the county council office had been reminded of the ongoing matter which needed resolving. Cty Cllr Bradnam agreed to follow this matter up again.
- iii. Annual Parish meeting – the meeting is to be held in the Church Community Hall and will commence at 8.15 p.m.
- iv. Ownership of land at bottom of High Street – a map had been obtained which showed that the wide verge on the left at the end of High Street and the land leading up to the entrance to Ditton Meadows, that approximately two thirds of the left side of the triangular piece of land from High Street all belonged to Gonville and Caius College and that the rest of the triangular piece of land adjacent to land owned by Jesus College was unregistered.
- v. LHI – the application for funding for double yellow lines opposite the entrance to Wrights Close and around the junction had been granted.

2018/211 To approve payments made during the month and accounts for payment:

It was approved that the following payments be made:

	Cheq. No	Amnt
British Telecommunications	DD	34.34
Hayden Woodruff – bus shelter	101596	15.00
South Cambridgeshire District Council – waste removal	101597	133.75
Red Shoes Accounting Services – payroll January to March inc.	101598	43.20
Mark Sturmey - churchyard	101599	210.00
Sarah Smart – March salary and expenses	101600	812.92

2018/212 To note money received

none

2018/213 To receive report from County Councillor

Cllr Bradnam reported

that all subsidised bus services will continue meaning that the Horningsea – Cambridge will continue

that the chief executive officer of Anglian Learning Trust it had always been the intention to retain Fen Ditton Primary School when the new school at WING is opened and County Council officers had reported that the admissions criteria would be set to prevent a negative effect of Fen Ditton Primary School and other neighbouring schools at the opening of the new school. Cllr Bradnam agreed to send Cllr Jones a web link for survey/s done specifically the science park in relation to Cambridge Northern Fringe following his observation that Cambridgeshire County Council needed to use current usage figures

2018/214 To receive report from District Councillors

Cllr. Daunton reported:

on the Council's climate and environment committee, income generation, the homelessness strategy, Cambridge northern fringe and improvements for A10.

that the noise issues previously reported by residents of Fen Ditton have again been reported as well as others from a different source. In addition the burning of tyres at night has been reported. SCDC are monitoring these issues.

that in addition to the report on the new school at WING in Cllr Bradnam's report above a follow-up meeting for chairman of relevant parish councils is to be arranged.

Cllr Cone reported on:

the production of a strategic outline business for the A10, illegally parked caravans in the green belt at Willingham,

the government's announcement that £227million had been set aside to move the water recycling centre to enable development of the brownfield site.

2018/215 To consider following planning applications and tree works applications

S/0895/19/TC	The Plough	30% reduction sycamore to keep balanced shape and ensure branches are 2m away from building; cut limb back to trunk overhanging courtyard, reduce side of sycamore overhanging lane; fell dead sycamore in smoking area; fell lime tree that is showing signs of stress. It was noted that some of the trees had high amenity value and contributed to the character of the area. It was unclear what the specified level of reduction referred to.
S/1094/19/TC	Edge of river behind 54 High Street	Cut willow off at stump, lift pout with excavator and remove arisings. For information only. Noted
S/0363/19/FL	52 High Street	Proposed front and side extension. Amended plan Response as recorded in minute 2018/198

2018/216 Planning application responses from SCDC

None

2018/217 To consider proposals for maintenance of the churchyard and wall

1. To handover the responsibility for the Closed Churchyard to the District Council, following confirmation that there would not be a charge-back to the parish under LGA Finance Act 1992 s.35
It was agreed that the above proposal be rejected. It was proposed and agreed that the maintenance of the Closed Churchyard would be retained by the Parish Council
2. To continue to build reserves until sufficient funds are available to make a full repair, or safety considerations take precedent,
It was proposed that the following amended proposal be agreed:
To continue to build reserves at Band D equivalent until sufficient funds are available to make a repair, or safety considerations take precedent
3. To continue to build reserves at the current rate of £5000p.a.until precept from WING becomes available then increase reserve build up until sufficient funds are available to make a full repair sooner, or safety considerations take precedent,
The above proposal (3) was rejected
4. To make repairs in stages as funds become available and accept the overall increased cost,
The above proposal (4) was rejected.

5. As these proposals supersede resolution 2015/303 propose the Council retain the section(in 2015/303) on seeking funding assistance for wall repairs stands, The above proposal (5) was agreed.
6. Routine maintenance – the 2015 estimate for churchyard maintenance was in the order of £700 p.a., as advised by churchwarden, the 2019 budget is for £2400. Propose the maintenance is reduced to the original estimate and the balance of the budget added to the reserve fund
Deferred until the end of 2019 when the current contract expires. It was considered that the level of maintenance is currently satisfactory.

2018/218 To consider proposal for Green for re-alignment for cycleway:

1. Planting of tree – it was agreed in principle but agreed that due to the historic siting of a building on the area that investigation of the site regarding soil depth should be investigated. Cllr Conroy would liaise with the cycleway project manager.
2. Positioning of any agreed planting – see 2 above

2018/219 To receive correspondence/ correspondence sent:

Response to North East Cambridge Area Action Plan Issues & Options 2019 Consultation – Object due to impact on lack of clarity on how impacts of Fen Ditton and Ditton Meadows will be considered and minimised. The Transport and building heights are key issues that are likely to have adverse impacts on the community.

2018/220 To accept notices and matters for the next agenda

Cllr Conroy announced that she would be resigning from the council at the end of April.

Chairman Date