

Minutes of the virtual monthly meeting of Fen Ditton Parish Council held on Tuesday, 2nd February, 2021.

Present: Cllrs. Bush; Butler; Collett; Dangerfield; Devine; Easterfield. Farrar (Chairman); Jones; Suess

In attendance: Cnty Cllr. Bradnam; Dist. Cllrs. Cone and Daunton; the council's tree representative and one member of the public and the clerk

2020/187 To receive apologies

No apologies were received

2020/188 Open forum for members of the public

Concern was expressed about the selection by Anglian Water of Honey Hill as the site for the relocation of Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Plant as the site is in contradiction to planning policy and the process which follows with regard the scoping process and planning.

Interest in agenda item 202 and the sycamore in the boundary.

2020/189 To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 5th January, 2021

The Minutes of the meeting held on 5th January were approved

2020/190 To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 12th January, 2021

The Minutes of the meeting held on 12th January were approved

2020/191 To receive declarations from Councillors as to the disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in relation to any items on the agenda

No declarations of interest were made by councillors.

2020/192 Clerk's report and matters arising from the Minute

- i. Replacement trees – no response had been received from county council officers regarding the suggested siting or species of tree. The tree on the verge in High Ditch Road for which the replacements are for has been removed.
- ii. Tax base calculations – based on the fact that District Council had been in correspondence with the developers of Marleigh from the beginning of 2020 regarding the occupancy of the development District Council had accepted that the tax base calculation was incorrect and had agreed that it should be increased by 18.7 to 388.6.
- iii. Speed reduction sign on High Ditch Road
No response had been received from the county council officers regarding this. Cllr Bradnam has also contacted them
- iv. MVAS – Cllr Farrar and Butler had installed the equipment in High Ditch Road. Evidence to date shows that 85% of drivers are within the speed limit. The information can be found on the web site
- v. Pavilion survey – the survey had been distributed with a business reply envelope for return by 14th February. 24 have already been returned
- vi. Churchyard wall – no further update.

2020/193 To approve payments made during the month and accounts for payment:

Cheques 101750 and 101751 have been written out to Fen Ditton Recreation Ground Trust; 101750 to replace 101730 which was rejected as Barclays claimed that the cheque had not been signed by not authorised signatories and 101750 which was rejected as it was wrongly claimed by Barclays that the payee was not written on the line. 101751 has been written to replace 101750. 101751 has since been rejected by Barclays. It was agreed that as the claimed issues are unfounded that delegation be given to the Chairman to transfer the on line.

101752 has been written to replace 101744 which was also rejected by Barclays as having had amendments made and inappropriately initialled which was not the case.

It was agreed that the following be signed for payment

Cheq.	Amnt
No	

British Telecommunications	DD	38.16
Haven Power – street lighting	DD	16.97
Hayden Woodruff – bus shelter	101753	15.00
Buchans – leaf clearing and strimming on rec. ground	101754	213.00
Cambridgeshire County Council – bulb planting Ditton Lane	101755	348.00
G Devine – grant – minute 2020/159	101756	200.00
Royal Mail Group Ltd - licence	101757	119.40
HM Customs & Excise	101758	27.40
Sarah Smart – January salary	101759	560.43
St. Ives Quickprint – surveys and envelopes and Marleigh welcome letter	101760	209.80

2020/194 To note money received

No monies had been received

2020/195 To receive report from County Councillor

Cnty Cllr Bradnam reported on;
the redeployment of county council officers during the pandemic
the winter support packages
the role of the county council in children in care
the recent flooding and how to report concerns. Cllr Bradnam upon request was informed that the lack of leaf clearing was a contributory factor in flooding issues due to blocked drains.

2020/196 To receive report from District Councillors

Cllr Cone reported
On the business grants; skills campaign; e-bikes; start up course for those wishing to launch a business
Cllr Daunton reported
On the process following the announcement that Honey Hill had been chosen by Anglian Water for the relocation of the waste water treatment plant; the Eastern Access Transport group; the situation regarding the covid pandemic; the task and finish group on racism; mobile warden schemes and green issues.

2020/197 To consider following planning applications and tree works applications

21/0065/TTCA	5 Church Street	Sycamore – crown raise to 4m Robinia – fell Yew – reduce to a height of 1 to 1.5m Wild Service tree – lightly reduce the length of 4/5 lateral branches Willow – crown reduce by 2m 3 x willow re-pollard Noted
20/2435/TTCA	27 High Ditch Road	Walnut – crown lift to 3m and crown reduce to give 2m over house Apple – remove regrowth only Apple – remove to just above ground level 2 x prunus – crown lift to 1.5m Noted
20/02569/COND 28	Land north off Newmarket Road	Details of visitor car parking for info only Noted
20/022569/COND26	Land north off Newmarket Road	Details of amenity grass seedmix for info only Noted

20/02569/COND19	Land north off Newmarket Road	Details of tree protection plan For info only The Council agreed to respond that there are lots of paths for the residents of Marleigh to access the wood but not many to enable residents of Fen Ditton; There are questions relating to the felling of trees and the environmental impact, the provision of a right of way to the wood during the build period; lack of some documents on line.
20/02569/COND 12	Land north off Newmarket Road	Waste & recycling arrangements For info only Noted
20/05038/CL2PD	Quy Waters House	Lawful Development Certificate for a proposed single storey side, rear and front extension, full width dormer loft conversion and alterations for the fenestration at ground floor and first floor – For info only Noted

2020/198 Planning application responses from SCDC

None

2020/199 To approve precept for 2021/2022

It was agreed that a precept of £32806 be requested based on the Band D rate of £84.42 as agreed at the meeting held on 12th January for the increased tax base of 388.6.

2020/200 To approve bank reconciliation

The bank reconciliation as circulated was noted

2020/201 To consider suggested street names for Marleigh development

The Council approved that names of The Crescent; The Copse; The Quadrant; Tiger Moth Lane; Morrow Lane; Sharland Lane; Sanderson Way; Birch Court; Rowan Court; Maple Court; Oak Court; Poplar Court; Hazel Court; Beech Court; and Lime Court for the Marleigh development as suggested by the developers. The Council question the suggested name of The Plains as it is understood that refers to the playing field area.

2020/202 Boundary of cemetery and Stanbury Close

- i. To consider report – a report had been received from Ben Hudson who had recently carried out work on tree4s for the parish council and had previously pollarded the sycamore. The options suggested for consideration were to re-pollard the sycamore in five years time; reduce the height of the sycamore by 30% or fell and replace with appropriate species.
- ii. To agree action to be taken
The resident of Stanbury Close most affected by the tree was in attendance and had said that ideally the sycamore should be removed and more aesthetically pleasing trees be planted.
It was agreed that the matter would be discussed further when options taking consideration of the safety and impact of Stanbury Close residents and the cost of them had been received from Ben Hudson.

2020/203 Cemetery:

To consider amendments to regulations

It was agreed that further information as regards charges was needed and that the matter be deferred to the March meeting.

2020/204 To appoint Heelis & Lodge as internal auditors for the financial year 2020/2021

It was agreed that Heelis & Lodge be appointed as internal auditors for the financial year 2020/2021.

2020/205 To review:

The following documents were reviewed. It was agreed that the figure at 11h of the Financial Regulations be increased to £500.

- i. Effectiveness of Internal Audit
- ii. Risk Assessment
- iii. Financial Regulations
- iv. Standing Orders

2020/206 To consider investigating sites and funding to enhance the environment by planting trees.

It was agreed that further investigation should be undertaken regarding sites and funding for planting trees.

2020/207 To receive correspondence

None

2020/208 To accept notices and matters for the next agenda

Site of polling station for Marleigh residents.

Chairman Date