



FENSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes General Purposes
Zoom Video Conference on Tuesday 2nd February 2021 at
19.30

Present: Cllr G Pryke, Cllr P Kent, Cllr N Ferrier, Cllr R McGee, Cllr S Polhill, Cllr K Mitchell

In attendance: The Clerk – J Perez

Minutes

1. To receive any apologies of absence and any declarations of interest

No apologies – all Cllrs present. No declarations of interest.

Comments and observations from members of the public (NB comments should be relevant to items on this agenda only)

2. Drains – update

The Clerk has put together a table to show the Drains that need attention, this can be updated as work is completed. So far approximately 5 of the 13 drain issues have been completed. The primary school have had a report showing the cause of the issues with their drain, they have shared this with the PC. Church Lane drain has undergone some work but will require further work to clear. Cllr N Ferrier agreed to speak to the property owners on Swan Lane to ask for them to clear inside of their property boundary to allow water to drain.

3. Muga – Multi Use Games Area – update following Zoom meeting with CCC and A14

Cllr K Mitchell and the Clerk attended a video call with CCC and A14 representatives to discuss the final details for the MUGA. A legal lease agreement will be drawn up. Work should start over the Easter holiday. Cllr P Kent discussed the possibility of providing some funding to the School for the School garden, Cllr K Mitchell advised this may be possible and we will discuss at a later date.

There was discussion over the managing of the MUGA outside of School time. It should be simple to operate an online booking system but access will need further consideration, possibly a combination padlock, this will be discussed further.

4. Clock tower/pond – update on work progress

Repairs to the Hammer have been completed and the Hammer has been reinstalled, the wires have also been replaced and the bell is now back to full working order.

Work continues on the Clock Tower, the doors have been repaired and new locks fitted. Painting will start when the Weather is better.

Cllr S Polhill circulated some words that he with the help of John Deeks and Jean Ding have put together for the information boards for the Clock Tower and Pond. A few changes were suggested to condense the wording. Cllr S Polhill will revise and bring to the full PC meeting for approval. Placement of the two lecterns was discussed to ensure easy accessibility but this will be discussed and decided at a later date. The whipping post will also be displayed. The Clerk has made contact with the owners of Grove House for permission to gain access to reach the back of the Pond, and we are awaiting approval. The work has also been delayed due to the flooding and access, Cllr K Mitchell will speak to the contractor to get an idea of when work will commence.

5. Hampton playing fields

Nothing to report

6. Fen bridleway maintenance – update

The bridleway is still flooded. Cllr P Kent has been in contact with CCC regarding the repair work, it is looking likely that the repairs will require a spillway that allows water to flow over it and a sluice allowing water to escape. The current works order expires at the end of March so they are hoping that the work can be completed by then.

7. Village maintenance (Martin contracts) – review and amend current requirements. Some of the work being carried out is not specified on Martin's contract. Cllr R McGee and the Clerk will look at revising the contract to include some of this work. It was agreed that any ad hoc work should be authorised by the Clerk and that the Clerk will ask Martin to advise her when any work for the PC is being carried out, so the PC is better informed of Martin's workload. Clerk to contact Martin.

8. Litter bins, benches, picnic tables

The litter bins are now being emptied by HDC. It was explained that the location of the bin at the Fen Bridleway was to enable HDC to access easily to empty.

The Clerk has authorised Martin to repair the bench around the tree in the Graveyard. Cllr G Pryke will get together some costings for the purchase of new benches that are required around the village and circulate for discussion and approval at the next PC meeting. Picnic tables will be discussed further when required.

9. Traffic surveys

High Street reduction of speed - Cllr R McGee has chased this as there still has not been a meeting to discuss. We have paid for the application and feasibility study so the PC need to ensure we are kept updated.

Cllr R McGee will be attending a LHI panel meeting on the 24th February regarding the parking bays on Chequer Street.

Cllr K Mitchell advised that the PC have not heard anything further regarding the CIL funding application for Cambridge Road and that the speed reduction that was supposed to be imminent has not happened. The Clerk will contact for an update.

10. Parish footpaths – update following working group meeting

The Footpath working group met recently to discuss the responsibility of the Footpaths around the Village. Whilst these should be the responsibility of CCC and landowners, Fenstanton Parish Council have been maintaining many of the footpaths without any funding with only a few maintained by CCC. The Parish Council feel that it makes sense to continue to maintain the footpaths but would require funding to be made available. **Cllr R McGee proposed** that Footpath 15 also be added to our regime, **Cllr P Kent 2nd, All Cllrs in favour.** Cllr P Kent will draft a letter to be sent to County Councillor I Bates asking for his assistance to gain some financial support for the footpaths. Fenstanton PC can find no evidence of Parish Paths Partnership scheme agreement and has not received any funding for Pathway maintenance.

Cllr N Ferrier will chase up District Cllr D Mead regarding the access for Forest Walk to see if there is any further information on this.

11. Bus shelter refurbishments -update on work

Work has not started due to the Weather

12. Tree maintenance – survey results

A working group meeting is planned for Friday 5th February

13. Underpass – clean up – update

The Clerk advised that Highways England will be sending contractors to pressure wash the underpass this coming week between Thursday 4th – Sunday 7th February. The Clerk will put notices up to advise Parishioner and this will be on the website. Once pressure wash complete further maintenance will be discussed with Highways England.

14. Old Orchard transfer - update & discuss the state of the surrounding area

Transfer of the land is almost complete, the Chairman and Clerk will be required to sign documentation. Cllr K Mitchell advised that this area is very untidy, Cllr N Ferrier will speak to Kier to ask for the area to be cleared before transfer of land. The Clerk will chase an earlier request made to clear old tyres from this area.

15. Councillors items – information only. No discussion and no decisions can be made Cllr K

Mitchell would like to discuss at the next PC Meeting a mapping package that would allow the PC to build up a map of all our assets.

Cllr R McGee has been informed that there is a lot of litter coming from a property in Swan Gardens near the Village Sign.

Cllr N Ferrier mentioned the garages owned by Chorus need some maintenance.

Meeting closed 20.45