



FENSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes General Purposes

**Zoom Video Conference on Thursday 25th March 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 and 1 Parishioner

Minutes

- 1. To receive any apologies of absence and any declarations of interest** No apologies and no declarations of interest.

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

- 2. To approve the minutes of the General Purposes Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd February 2021.**

Cllr G Pryke proposed that the minutes of the General Purposes meeting held on 2nd February 2021 were a true record of the meeting, **Cllr N Ferrier 2nd, All other Cllrs were in favour.**

- 3. Drains – update**

6 of the drains on the list have now been cleared. The drain at Chequer Street and Hall Green Junction has been cleared. The School are dealing with the blocked drain there. There is still work to be completed on the drain outside 28 Bell Lane.

The gully along Swan Lane still needs clearing, Cllr N Ferrier will then speak to the residents at the Tudor to ask to clear their side. The Clerk has passed the details of no 6 Bell Lane to CCC in order for them to make contact regarding the clearing of the gully on their property. Cllr K Mitchell is working with Martyn Crawshaw to map all gullies in the Village onto our online mapping system.

- 4. Muga – Multi Use Games Area – update**

Due to a slight issue with the A14 being unable to pay the contractors directly there has been a delay. The problem has now been sorted and the money will be given to CCC who will

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transfer to the PC once work is completed. The Parish Council will pay the deposit, but this money will be recouped at the end of the work. The Project is now due to start in the Summer as the delay meant that the Easter slot had been taken. Cllr K Mitchell is due to meet with the contractors shortly.

5. Clock tower/pond – parking and draft of words and layout for the Lecterns Cllr S Polhill

An order has been placed for the replacement lights and if not already in place an isolator will be installed. The doors on the Clocktower are now finished.

Great crested newts have been found in the Pond, so further work has been postponed until later in the year. Cllr S Polhill has circulated the first draft and the two-colour options for the displays in the lecterns. **Cllr P Kent proposed** that the PC go for option 2 the lighter colour option, **Cllr N Ferrier 2nd, 1 Cllr abstained, all other Cllrs were in favour.** Cllr S Polhill will speak with the lectern supply company to get a quote for signage for Parking and for Pond safety also. Cllr N Ferrier suggested that ‘your Parish Council making Fenstanton an even better place to live’ be added to the wording at the end.

6. Fen bridleway maintenance – update following repair works.

Cllr P Kent has written to Patrick Joyce at CCC to find out when the final sign off will happen. He also clarified that CCC will be responsible for the repairs and maintenance and that the PC will be responsible for the Hedge trimming.

7. Village maintenance (Martin contracts) – update following meeting Clerk, Cllr R McGee & Cllr K Mitchell

The areas requiring grass cutting were discussed and agreed upon, the area at Four Acre/Littlemore will revert back to CCC to cut, apart from a small section. The Hedge at Swan Gardens/High street will need to be cut but cannot be done currently as there are Bird’s nesting. The Clerk will ask Martin for a quotation to clear the High Street side of the Under Pass 3 times a year. She will also ask for a quotation to include the grassed area beyond number 1 on Pitfield Close. Maintenance of Hedges and Trees will be discussed later in the year.

8. Bus shelters – update

The bus shelters have now had a deep clean and spot primer, a crack was discovered in the roof of one shelter, the cost to replace would be £209.00. There are two redundant posts that cause an obstruction, the cost to remove is £110.00 each, **Cllr P Kent proposed that all work be carried out, Cllr G Pryke 2nd, All Cllrs were in favour.**

9. Litter picking - update, equipment purchase

Approval to purchase equipment approved at the last full PC meeting.

10. Litter bins – update

A litter bin near to the Clock Tower has been removed. Cllrs discussed whether it needed replacing as there are other Litter Bins in the vicinity. Instead, it was decided that a Planter could go in its place and would make the area safe. **Cllr P Kent proposed** that a Planter be purchased, **Cllr R McGee 2nd, All Cllrs were in favour.**

11. New benches

Benches have been ordered but no delivery date scheduled currently. Cllrs discussed areas around the Village that would potentially benefit from a bench or picnic table. Cllrs R McGee and Cllr G Pryke will discuss further and bring to the next GP meeting.

12. Speed watch – update

The Speed indication device has shown that there has not been much speeding on Cambridge Road.

13. Footpaths – update

Nick Toms has alerted the working party to a broken bridge and a badger set. The working party has spoken to Rights of Way Officer at CCC to ask if these matters can be dealt with. Cllr P Kent wrote to CC Cllr Ian Bates to request that the Budget for Footpaths be increased. Cllr Bates advised that the ROW officer put in a request for 6 times the current budget.

The Clerk will organise another working party meeting.

Cllr N Ferrier advised Cllrs that he has now had sight of the S106 for Headlands/Cranesbrook and that it seems to show that there is only a permissive path through the middle of the copse. It looks as if the rest of the land is private land. Cllrs discussed whether a strip of land along the side of the copse is Parish or Private land. Cllr N Ferrier will investigate further to establish ownership and advise Cllrs accordingly.

14. LHI Chequer street – update

No update

15. High street speed limit – update

Signs will go to costing, once in place most of the Village will be 20mph.

16. Underpass

Recent graffiti has been easily removed. The entrance to the underpass will require clearing and painting. This will be the responsibility of CCC once the A1307 has been handed over to them.

17. Tree maintenance – survey results

This has not progressed very far, but Cllr R McGee suggested asking Volunteers to help. Cllr K Mitchell suggested that a handheld GPS would be very helpful with this and many other mapping surveys within the village. **Cllr P Kent proposed** that a handheld GPS be purchased, **Cllr N. Ferrier 2nd, All Cllr were in favour**

18. Old Orchard transfer - update following documents signed and ID confirmation.

The land is now being transferred. Cllr N Ferrier is in discussions with the Scouts who will lease the land and a lease is currently being drawn up. The Scouts will be responsible for all maintenance.

19. Drainage ditch clearance alongside the car park and playground on Chequer Street and alongside Huntingdon Road from Chequer Street to Hall Green Brook

Steve Booth as approached Cllr N Ferrier to ask that he is able to re-instate the ditch between the Football field and Hall Green Lane. In order to do this, he will require access via the car park and play park. Cllrs agreed as long as any damage caused must be repaired. Cllr P Kent will also contact CCC Highways to ask for them to engage with Steve Booth to clear the ditch on Huntingdon Road.

20. Damaged/Obsolete road signage

There are a number of signs around the Village that are obsolete and need removing. Cllr R McGee will speak to our maintenance contractor and get a quote for removal. The Clerk will make enquiries with the relevant authorities to make them aware before any work is carried out. It was also noted that many of the Village signs are grubby and dirty and need cleaning. **Cllr R Mc Gee proposed** that the Clerk get quotations to carry out the work Cllr P Kent 2nd, All Cllrs were in favour.

21. Councillor's items – information only. No discussion and no decisions can be made. The Clerk has received some emails from Parishioners requesting a Pedestrian crossing be installed on the High Street – this will be discussed at the next PC meeting.

Meeting Closed 21.03

Chairman Signature (Geoff Pryke).....