



Fen Ditton

Parish Council Newsletter



September 2014

www.fenditton-pc.org.uk

Parish Council

The Council meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm in the Pavilion, Church Street. Members of the public are welcome at meetings.

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(Chairman)

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(Vice Chairman)
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Cemetery
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Website and Newsletter

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Crime and Welfare

All parish councillors are members of the Planning Committee and Trustees of the Recreation Ground Trust. Ian Winchester is co-opted to the Recreation Ground Trust.

Parish Clerk
Sarah Smart
Tel: 01223 862687
clerk@fenditton-pc.org.uk

Tree Warden
Alan Alderson

District Councillor
Robert Turner
cllr.turner@scambs.gov.uk

County Councillor
John Williams
John.Williams@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

From the Chairman

Since the last newsletter, the Parish Council has received an analysis of potential sites for building affordable housing on an exception site within the village. We discussed this at the last meeting but still need more information before we can decide whether or not to support any scheme. However, we understand that the District Council nearly always approves exception site applications, so we may get a development whatever we decide.

You may have seen the notices along High Ditch Road regarding our application to reduce the speed limit over the old railway bridge. No objections have been received so far, but for some technical reasons the limit will be 40mph, not the intended 30mph.

The verges group announced in July has now met. The first planned change is towards managed natural growth in some places, to encourage wildlife without affecting road visibility. Please support the much appreciated work of those who look after our grass verges by not parking or turning your car on them.

Upgrades to the Pavilion and Rec?

In 1979, the land at the end of Church Street was secured by the Parish Council for use as a public recreation ground, and the pavilion was opened nine

This pavilion was funded and built through the voluntary efforts of villagers 1988

years later. We are extremely grateful to everyone – particularly the Recreation Ground Trustees – who has helped over the years towards achieving this and all the improvements at the Rec since then.

However, almost all of the existing facilities are now showing their age. The Parish Council is considering ways of upgrading them, especially with a view to complementing the new recreation resources that will be part of the Wing development in the parish.

A consultation on a possible redevelopment of the pavilion has been on the website since March, but so far there have not been very many responses.

We want to hear the views and ideas of as many people as possible, so we are holding a drop-in session at the pavilion from 11am till 3pm on 27th September. Do come along and let us know what you would like to see provided (or you can still comment via the website consultation).

Wing Update

In January Marshalls submitted an outline planning application for around 1300 homes on the land between Newmarket Road and High Ditch Road (Wing). They have now submitted amendments. These address some of the concerns which caused the Parish Council to withhold its approval earlier, and so were approved at the September meeting. Other areas remain outstanding.

The next Cambridge East Community Forum meeting (open to everyone), at which Wing matters are raised and discussed, is planned for 7pm on 28th October at Fen Ditton CP School.

Useful Contacts

POLICE

Emergency 999
Non-emergency 101
www.cambs.police.uk
www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk

Local PCSO

John Coppard
Tel: 101 ext. 7615

E-cops

Local crime info email list
www.ecops.org.uk

Cambs Crimestoppers

Freefone 0800 555 111

GAS

Emergency 0800 111 999

ELECTRICITY

Emergency 0800 783 8838

CAMBRIDGE WATER

Burst main 01223 706050

HIGHWAYS FAULTS

Potholes, street lights etc.
0345 045 5212

TRANSPORT

Bus passes
0345 045 1367

Traveline

Public transport information
0871 200 2233

National Rail Enquiries

08457 48 49 50

Highways Agency

0300 123 5000

Park & Ride

01223 845561

CamShare and BikeBUDI

Free travel share matching and cycle route advice
camshare.liftshare.com
camshare.liftshare.com/bikebudi.asp

Dial-a-Ride

01223 506335

South Cambs District Council

03450 450 500
Mon–Fri 8am–5.30pm
South Cambs Hall
Cambourne Business Park
Cambourne
Cambridge CB23 6EA
www.scambs.gov.uk

Cambs County Council

0345 045 5200
Mon–Fri 8am–6pm
Sat 9am–1pm
www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk

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Village Groups

Badminton Club
Tel: Ian 292240

Bellringers
Tel: Frank 292797

Bridge
Tel: Mike 862293

Church Choir
Tel: Mike 293417

Coffee A.M. (Nov–Apr only)
Tel: Linda 292795

Coffee Pot
Tel: Elizabeth 292697

Cricket Club
Tel: Adam 07708 261555

Gardening Club
Tel: Brenda 293705

Football
FD FC Tel: Peter 293223
Kitsonians FC
bakerowen3.ob@gmail.com

Keep Fit (50+)
Tel: Wendy 293205

Morris
coton.morris@gmx.com

FD Baby & Toddler Group
Thursday mornings at the
Church Community Hall

Recreation Ground
For pavilion and ground
bookings contact
clerk@fenditton-pc.org.uk

Church (Community) Hall
fd.cch.hall@live.co.uk

Sunday Club
10–11.30am, first Sunday of
every month except August
fdsundayclub@gmail.com

Have your say on the County's plans

Cambridgeshire County Council is reviewing its annual business plan, which includes looking at the authority's priorities and setting its budget for 2015–16, with the goal of making savings with minimal impact on front-line services. They are also looking at the future of the household recycling service, with similar aims.

Before any final decisions are taken in either of these areas, they want to gauge local opinion and are conducting consultations.

To see the proposals and complete the questionnaires, please visit

- www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/budgetconsultation (this consultation ends 30th September 2014) and
- www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/recyclingcentreservice (this consultation ends 26th September 2014).

GREEN END BUS SERVICE 196 – CAR PARKING

The village is fortunate in still having a daily bus service into and out of Cambridge. Sadly, there have been occasions recently when the driver has been unable to get through to Wright's Close at all, or found it difficult to turn there. Please consider the bus when parking in our narrow village streets – people depend on it.



**Saturday
18th October**

Meet at the
village sign at 10am

If you would like to take part, please
contact Sarah Smart on 01223 862687
or email clerk@fenditton-pc.org.uk



Helplines

www.helplines.org.uk

AgeUK Cambridgeshire
0300 666 9860

Benefits fraud hotline
Freefone 0800 854 440

**Campaign to Protect
Rural England (CPRE)**
020 7981 2800

**Care Network
Cambridgeshire**
01954 212100

Child abuse – NSPCC
Freefone 0808 800 5000

Childline
Freefone 0800 1111

Citizens Advice
0844 848 7979

Civil Legal Advice
0345 345 4 345

Consumer Advice
03454 04 05 06

Cruse Bereavement Care
01223 633536

Disability – benefits
03457 123 456

Domestic Violence
Freefone 0808 2000 247

Litteraction
info@litteraction.org.uk

Marshall's Noise Helpline
01223 373950

Missing People
Freefone 116 000

National Debtline
Freefone 0808 808 4000

RSPCA Cruelty & Advice
0300 1234 999

Samaritans
0845 790 9090

Victim Support Line
0845 30 30 900

CARE NETWORK CAMBRIDGESHIRE

The Parish Council has been asked to let you know about this local charity which supports older and vulnerable people, helping them to feel supported in their community and to stay healthy, happy and independent.

- **Help at Home** is a FREE service offering short-term practical help by collecting prescriptions, shopping, helping with one-off tasks or just calling in. Call 01223 714433.
- **Community Navigators** is a network of local volunteers and professionals providing FREE information to help in accessing services and activities. Call 01954 212100.
- **Community Development** work with people who want to set up their own groups. Call 01954 211919.

Call 01954 212100 if you need support, or to volunteer.

FEN DITTON BONFIRE NIGHT

Friday 7th November

Come and join in the fun on the
Recreation Ground, Church Street

Gates open 6.30pm
Fireworks start at 7pm

Buy hot dogs and chilli!

There will be a collection towards
the cost of the fireworks

AUTUMN CEMETERY TIDY-UP

Saturday 15th November from 10am

Followed by hot bacon butties, cakes and drinks

CAN YOU HELP?

Please bring your own gardening tools.
For more information please contact
Sarah Smart on 01223 862687
or email clerk@fenditton-pc.org.uk

