



# Fen Ditton

## Parish Council Newsletter



October 2015

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### 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.

There is currently a vacancy on the Parish Council. If you are interested in becoming a councillor and would like to find out what might be involved, please contact the Chairman or the Parish Clerk.

#### Vince Farrar (Chairman)

Highways and Transport  
Website and Newsletter

#### Charles Jones (Vice Chairman)

Finance

#### Felicity Bennée

Finance

#### Jennie Conroy

Conservation  
Highways and Transport

#### Mark Easterfield

Cemetery  
Crime and Welfare  
Marshall's Committee  
Lead Planning

#### Wendy Irvin-Braben

#### Laurice Suess

Website and Newsletter

#### Laurie Woolfenden

Cemetery  
Crime and Welfare

All parish councillors are members of the Planning Committee, and the Parish Council is sole trustee of the Fen Ditton Recreation Ground Trust (charity no. 288528)

#### 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@cambridge  
shire.gov.uk

### Message from Lucy Frazer MP

Over the summer it has been great to meet with a large number of residents through open meetings arranged by the parish council. It was a pleasure to meet with some of the parish councillors and residents of Fen Ditton in July. It was lovely to receive such a warm welcome and to talk to people about a number of issues that concerned them.

Local and national issues were raised with me. In particular, we talked about development in and around Fen Ditton.

It is important to me that I continue to speak to as many people as possible and that I am aware of the issues affecting people across the constituency. I am grateful to the parish council for giving me the opportunity to do so in Fen Ditton. I will be in touch with those of you who raised specific concerns with me. As ever, I am happy for you to get in touch at any time on any issue and I hope I get to speak with many of you again soon.

### From the Chairman

First, a big welcome to our two new councillors. Jennie Conroy has already made her mark on the roads and conservation around the village by applying (gentle) pressure to the various authorities responsible for these areas, and Wendy Irvin-Braben is heading up our efforts to improve the Pavilion and is chairing the Recreation Ground Trust. There is still one vacant seat to fill.

You may remember that a need was identified last year for around eight new affordable homes for people with a local connection.

The Parish Council was in discussions with Marshall's to build these homes on Wing, but this proved not to be feasible.

As a result, we have decided to look again at alternative potential sites around the village in partnership with a Housing Association.

### Fen Ditton Recreation Ground Trust

The Trust owns and administers the Rec and Pavilion for the benefit of the inhabitants of Fen Ditton. Following the survey last year and feedback from regular users, we are aiming to improve the Pavilion heating and insulation this autumn to create a warmer building. We have recently been reviewing the booking procedure and are looking to appoint a bookings secretary and a cleaner; to enquire about either position, please phone 07500 117224.

The survey and feedback also indicated that the Pavilion may be ready for a facelift and some light development – to provide, for example, better changing facilities for our thriving clubs and upgrades to the toilets. We will work with an architect to develop options, seeking to complement the facilities provided by any Church Community Hall upgrade, and then invite further feedback.

The Trust's main source of income is the car parking on the Rec for rowing events, which between them raised £1890 this year.

The Trustees are extremely grateful to everyone who helped to keep the traffic flowing smoothly and make the parking a success.

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Please visit our website regularly. As well as news and village events, it contains links to many useful websites. It is often quicker and more effective to use these than to report faults by phone.

### Useful Contacts

#### POLICE

##### Emergency 999

Non-emergency 101  
[www.cambs.police.uk](http://www.cambs.police.uk)  
[www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk](http://www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk)

#### Local PCSO

##### Julie Hajredini

Tel: 101 ext. 7615

#### E-cops

Local crime info email list  
[www.ecops.org.uk](http://www.ecops.org.uk)

#### Cambs Crimestoppers

Freefone 0800 555 111

#### NHS

##### Emergency 999

Non life-threatening 111

#### GAS

Emergency 0800 111 999

#### ELECTRICITY

Emergency 0800 316 3105

#### CAMBRIDGE WATER

Burst main 01223 706050

#### HIGHWAYS FAULTS

Potholes, traffic lights etc.  
0345 045 5212

#### STREET LIGHT FAULTS

0800 7838 247

#### TRANSPORT

##### Bus passes

0345 045 1367

##### Traveline

Public transport information  
0871 200 2233

##### National Rail Enquiries

03457 48 49 50

##### Highways Agency

0300 123 5000

##### Newmarket Rd Park & Ride

01223 845561

##### Dial-a-Ride

01223 506335

##### CamShare

Free travel share matching  
[camshare.liftshare.com](http://camshare.liftshare.com)

##### Cambridge Cycling Campaign

[www.camcycle.org.uk](http://www.camcycle.org.uk)

##### South Cambs District Council

03450 450 500  
Mon–Fri 8am–5.30pm  
[www.scambs.gov.uk](http://www.scambs.gov.uk)

##### Cambs County Council

0345 045 5200  
Mon–Fri 8am–6pm  
Sat 9am–1pm  
[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

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## Village Groups

**Ancient Shepherds**

**Book Club**

Tel: Carol 292809

**Badminton Club**

Tel: Ian 292240

**Bellringers**

Tel: Laurice 292797

**Bridge**

Tel: Mike 862293

**Church Choir**

Tel: Mike 294317

**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**

FDFC Tel: Peter 293829

Kitsonians FC

bakerowen3.ob@gmail.com

**Friends of Ditton Meadows**

friendsofdittonmeadows

.org.uk

**Keep Fit (50+)**

Tel: Wendy 293205

**Morris**

cotonmorrismen.co.uk

**FD Baby & Toddler Group**

10–11.30am Thursdays

(term-time only)

toddlers@fenditton.org

**Recreation Ground**

fdrgt@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

## FEN DITTON'S ROADS AND VERGES

The Parish Council has revised its proposals for double yellow lines on parts of High Ditch Road, and is applying for Highways funding from the County Council. If the application is successful, there will be further consultation before any work is carried out.

The Highways Department has just resurfaced the footpath on Horningsea Road and will be filling in potholes in High Street and parts of Church Street soon. They will also be consulting on upgrades to the cycleway along Ditton Lane / Horningsea Road.

Maintaining and protecting grass verges is central to the Parish Council's conservation policy. It carefully monitors the work of the contractors who maintain some of them and is grateful to all the residents who look after others. Please support their efforts by not driving or parking on the verges, as this impacts on the character of the village and can cause damage. Land owners are also reminded of their responsibility to maintain hedges and trees originating within their boundaries so they do not obstruct public paths or highways.

## Have your say on the Chisholm Trail

Proposals for the Chisholm Trail, a foot and cycleway linking the north and south of the city, will go to public consultation soon.

This mainly off-road route would link residential areas and big employment sites by a path which closely follows the railway line.

The Trail would provide an off-road link from Ditton Meadows to other green spaces including Coldham's Common via a new underpass below Newmarket Road. Proposals include a path along the edge of Ditton Meadows, close to the railway line and widening the jetty under the railway bridge. The route includes the proposed Abbey–Chesterton bridge; however, the bridge and the Trail are separate projects, subject to decisions by different authorities.

Visit [www.gccitydeal.co.uk/chisholmtrail](http://www.gccitydeal.co.uk/chisholmtrail) during the consultation period (19th October to 30th November) to find out more about this £8.4m City Deal project and fill in the survey.

## AUTUMN TIDY-UPS

Please put the dates of these two tidy-ups on to your calendar now:

- **Village tidy-up** 24th October from 10am. Meet at the village sign. Hi-vis vests etc. provided!
- **Cemetery tidy-up** 14th November from 10am. Please bring your own gardening tools.

If you would like to help with either of these (or both – even better!), please contact the Parish Clerk by email or on 01223 862687. Regular and new volunteers are equally welcome, and refreshments will be provided.



## FEN DITTON TOWNLANDS CHARITY

The Townlands Parochial Charity was set up in 1908. It can make small payments to individuals in the village who need financial help and are not supported by the statutory authorities, for instance towards the cost of a Lifeline telephone or transport to the hospital for appointments or to visit a close relative there. It can also make a grant towards something that will benefit the whole village.

For more information, please contact Jenny Parr, Secretary to the charity, on 01223 295641 or by post to 34 Green End, Fen Ditton.

All enquires will be handled confidentially.

## Helplines

www.helplines.org.uk

**Age UK 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**

0344 848 7979

**Civil Legal Advice**

0345 345 4 345

**Consumer Advice**

03454 04 05 06

**Cruse Bereavement Care**

01223 633536

**Disability – benefits**

0345 712 3456

**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**

01223 364455

**Victim Support Line**

0808 16 89 111

## BONFIRE NIGHT

Friday 6th November



Come and join in the fun on the Recreation Ground

Gates open at 6.30pm

Fireworks start at 7pm

Catering by

The Ancient Shepherds

## LIGHTING UP THE TREE

Wednesday  
9th December



Come and join us at the village sign for carols round the newly lit Christmas tree

Switch on at 7pm