



Fen Ditton

Parish Council Newsletter



April 2018

www.fenditton-pc.org.uk

Parish Council

The Council normally meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm in the Pavilion, Church Street. This year's May meeting will be an exception: it will be on the 8th, as the Annual Parish Meeting is on the 1st. Members of the public are welcome at the meetings.

Vince Farrar (Chairman)

Crime and welfare
Highways and transport
Website

Charles Jones (Vice Chairman)

Finance
Strategic planning

Emily Bush

Church Community Hall liaison
Conservation
Social media and website

Felicity Bennée

Finance

Serga Collett

Crime and welfare
Highways and transport

Jennie Conroy

Cemetery
Conservation
Tree Warden
Highways and transport

George Devine

Mark Easterfield

Cemetery
Marshalls Committee
Lead planning

Laurice Suess

Newsletter and website

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

District Councillor

Robert Turner
cldr.turner@scambs.gov.uk

County Councillor

Anna Bradnam
anna.bradnam@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

From the Chairman

First, a warm welcome to George Devine, who joined us on the Parish Council in February; his appointment brings the council up to full strength once more after some time with a vacant seat.

We are aware of people's continued concern about speeding through the village. Reports from Horningsea suggest that the Speedwatch scheme there has been very successful. We have tried to form a group for Fen Ditton in the past but could not get sufficient volunteers together at any time for it to be viable. If there is enough interest in forming a Speedwatch group now, we can try again: if you would be interested, please email the Parish Clerk.

The latest update on the Cross-City cycleway along Ditton Lane and Horningsea Road is that we expect the main work to start this July. The approved double yellow lines around the crossroads and on sections of High Ditch Road will be painted when the work is complete. After six months to see the impact of the changes we plan to review the situation and look again at residents' suggestions of further measures that may help to address the traffic problems.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

**Church Community Hall, Church Street
Tuesday 1st May at 7.30pm**

This is not a council meeting but an open meeting for the whole parish. Councillors and representatives of other organisations present reports and take questions. Come along and find out what has been happening in Fen Ditton over the past year and plans for the future.

THE CHURCH COMMUNITY HALL

St Mary's church and hall have been here over the years to serve both Fen Ditton village and a large part of East Barnwell. The church and the hall trustees have recently decided that we can serve our communities better by selling the hall and using the funds to renew the church building as a place for both worship and community use. This is a really big decision but one which will eventually open more community space to Fen Ditton and East Barnwell than we have at the moment. It will also make us ready to welcome the new community that will grow on the Wing site.

There will be many conversations to have in the coming months as we consult on how we take things forward. Nothing will happen overnight! The hall will continue in use while we develop plans, and we will work as closely as we can with the pavilion project to make sure we have a smooth transition. Please do talk to me if you have a question or would like something clarified: you can always telephone (295927), or knock on the Rectory door (29 High Street).

The Reverend Alun Ford

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Please visit our website regularly to keep up to date with news and events in the village. It also contains many useful links for reporting faulty street lights, potholes, overhanging vegetation etc. It is more effective to use these if possible than to report faults by phone.

Useful Contacts

POLICE

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

E-cops

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

Cambs Crimestoppers

Freephone 0800 555 111

NHS

Emergency 999
Non life-threatening 111

GAS

Emergency 0800 111 999

ELECTRICITY

Emergency 105

CAMBRIDGE WATER

Burst main 0800 316 7676

HIGHWAYS FAULTS

Potholes, traffic lights etc.
0345 045 5212
Street lights
0800 7838 247
Highways England (M11, A1, A11, A14, A428, A47)
0300 123 5000

TRANSPORT

Bus passes
0345 045 1367

Traveline

Public transport information
www.traveline.info

National Rail Enquiries

03457 48 49 50

Cambridge Park & Rides

01223 845561

Dial-a-Ride

01223 506335

CamShare

Free travel share matching
camshare.liftshare.com

Cambridge Cycling Campaign

www.camcycle.org.uk

South Cambs District Council

03450 450 500
Mon-Fri 8am-5.30pm
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

Ancient Shepherds Book Club

Tel: Carol 292809

Badminton Group

Tel: Ian 292240

Bellringers

Tel: Laurice 292797

Church Community Hall

fd.hall@outlook.com

Coffee A.M.

Tel: Jo 292520

Coton Morris

Tel: Ken 01353 861964

Cricket Club

Tel: Adam 07708 261555

Juniors Tel: 07792 129077

Gardening Club

Tel: Trevor 292080

FD Baby & Toddler Group

10–11.30am Thursdays

toddlers@fenditton.org

Football

Romsey Rangers FC

Tel: 07810 861986

Cambridge FC Veterans

info@cambridgefc.com

Friends of Ditton Meadows

friendsofdittonmeadows

.org.uk

Keep Fit (50+)

Tel: Wendy 293205

Parish Church

Tel: Alun (priest) 295927

Choir Tel: Mike 294317

Recreation Ground

fdrgt@fenditton-pc.org.uk

Scottish Dancing

Tel: Pamela 292493

Stitch & Knit

Tel: Jackie 513206

Sunday Club

10–11.30am, first Sunday of

every month except August

fdsundayclub@gmail.com

Local elections on 3rd May

Following a boundary review and consultation in 2016, the elections for South Cambridgeshire District Council will differ from previously, with all 45 seats being contested at the same time. Fen Ditton is now part of the large Fen Ditton and Fulbourn ward, which will be represented by three district councillors; each elector has 3 votes. The polling station (at the Pavilion) will be open from 7am till 10pm.

Fen Ditton Recreation Ground Trust

Thank you to everyone who supported the recent Wine Tasting and Spring Raffle, which together raised over £900 for the Pavilion Development Fund. The next event is the **Fen Ditton 5-Mile on Sunday 20th May**, starting and finishing on the Rec. We invite entries from runners of all abilities. You can run or walk as an individual or part of a group or family. There is no fee for children under 12, but they must be accompanied by an adult and registered. A discount code is available for Fen Ditton residents. There will be a range of food and drink stalls so, even if you are not entering, do join us, cheer us on and make it a community day. Funds will be raised from a proportion of the registration fee, and all money raised or donated by individuals will come directly to the Pavilion Fund. For more details, including registration and links to donate or start fundraising, please visit www.fenditton5.co.uk.

MAJOR PLANNING PROPOSALS

A number of major applications are currently being considered by the local planning departments: at county level, several relate to details of the proposed Abbey–Chesterton bridge, including the separation of the cycle path from the meadow by a hedge and fence in C/5005/16/CC/C4; SCDC application S/1000/18/DC covers the overall design code for the Wing development; Cambridge City 8/0481/OUT covers proposals for up to 1200 homes on land north of Cherry Hinton (not part of Wing); and there are proposals to improve the A10 and develop a new town at Waterbeach.

The Parish Council is inspecting these and will continue to seek to avoid or minimise adverse impacts on our community.

Keeping Fen Ditton beautiful

The wet winter has taken a heavy toll on Fen Ditton's verges. Volunteers have started some repairs. As a reminder, it is the Conservation Policy of the village to protect and preserve the grass verges; to help in this, we request there is no parking on the verges by residents, visitors or tradespeople. Where verge damage is likely during building works, the planning permission granted includes a requirement to make good any damage at the end of the works.

Helplines

www.helplines.org

Age UK Cambridgeshire

0300 666 9860

Benefits helpline

Freephone 0800 169 0310

Benefits fraud hotline

Freephone 0800 854 440

Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE)

01480 396698

Care Network Cambridgeshire

01954 211919

Child abuse – NSPCC

Freephone 0808 800 5000

ChildLine

Freephone 0800 1111

Citizens Advice

0344 848 7979

Civil Legal Advice

0345 345 4345

Consumer Advice

03454 04 05 06

Cruse Bereavement Care

01223 633536

Domestic Violence

Freephone 0808 2000 247

LitterAction

www.litteraction.org.uk

Marshall's Noise Helpline

01223 373950

Missing People

Freephone 116 000

National Debtline

Freephone 0808 808 4000

RSPCA Cruelty & Advice

0300 1234 999

Samaritans

Freephone 116 123

Universal Credit

Freephone 0800 328 5644

Victim Support

Freephone 0808 168 9111

FEN DITTON CEMETERY

The cemetery on Church Street has little space left, so the Parish Council is taking steps to ensure that what's left is used effectively for the village.

This means changing who can apply for a plot, and improving access to the remaining spaces for the digger. Up to now, there has been no restriction on who could apply for a plot, but new applications will only be open to those who can show a close connection to the village. Improving digger access means a number of changes: people can still reserve a plot but the location can no longer be specified; kerbstones and railings are no longer allowed; and work is being undertaken along the northern edge to remove the two hawthorns and an elder – this will give access through the railings, so that all the spaces along the boundary can be used.

The Bumps!

The May Bumps will be taking place from 13th to 16th June this year. Parking will be provided on the Rec as usual, and will be free for residents. In an effort to keep traffic moving through the village, we will be putting out cones on the Saturday, starting around 7.30am. We would be most grateful if you could move your car to the Rec before then. As in previous years, **we will need volunteers** to help with putting out the cones and parking cars safely. Please contact the Parish Clerk if you can help, either for the Mays or for the Town Bumps, which will be from 17th to 20th July.