



Fen Ditton

Parish Council Newsletter



October 2019

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. Members of the public are welcome at the meetings.

There is 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)

Crime and welfare
Highways and transport
Website

Charles Jones (Vice Chairman)

Finance
Strategic planning
Closed churchyard

Emily Bush

Social media

Serga Collett

Crime and welfare

Eva Dangerfield

George Devine

Highways and transport

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

Tree Warden

Jennie Conroy

District Councillors

Graham Cone (Con)
Claire Daunton (Lib Dem)
John Williams (Lib Dem)

County Councillor

Anna Bradnam (Lib Dem)

Member of Parliament

Lucy Frazer (Con)

From the Chairman

We are pleased that the Cross-City Cycling work is almost complete now. The remaining stage, widening the Ditton Lane path along the paddock, has been delayed while the engineers investigate another way of supporting the bank, aiming to reduce the work involved and the disruption to traffic. It would keep the green slope without the need for a retaining wall. We await the results of the investigation.

Cambridge Ice Arena (accessed from the Newmarket Road Park & Ride) finally opened to the public on 26th August, after more than 20 years in the planning. All involved have all done a remarkable job – it's an impressive new facility to have within the parish.

We would like to give a big vote of thanks to Fliss Bennée for her considerable service as a councillor. She has moved away from the area for work.

GREENWAYS CONSULTATION

The Greater Cambridge Partnership is consulting on its proposals for three Greenways – off-road routes to improve cycle, walking and equestrian links from villages around Cambridge into the city. One of the proposed routes for the Horningsea Greenway would pass along Filly Lane, Green End, Plough Hill and Church Street, and the Bottisham Greenway involves crossings on High Ditch Road and Ditton Lane. If you did not receive a leaflet about them, there are links to the consultation documents on our website.

Residents are encouraged to respond individually direct to the GCP; the closing date is **28th October**.

The Parish Council's draft response is posted on our website and will be discussed at the November meeting. Do use points from this draft if it helps you.

TOWARDS A NEW LOCAL PLAN

South Cambridgeshire District and Cambridge City Councils are working together to prepare a joint Local Plan for the Greater Cambridge area. This will look at how Greater Cambridge will develop up until 2040 and beyond – including where homes will be built, new jobs located, what education facilities are needed and how people can get around. One of the first stages is an Issues and Options consultation for people to have their say. This is due to begin on 25th November and will run through until the New Year. When it begins, there will be more information on both councils' websites, and we will also publish links to it on our own.

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Please visit our website regularly to stay up to date with news and events in the village. As well as Parish Council documents and consultations, it contains a calendar and useful links to other websites, e.g. for reporting faulty street lights, potholes etc. Using these is more effective than reporting 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 0800 3163 105

WATER AND SEWERS

Burst main 0800 316 7676
Sewerage 03457 145 145

HIGHWAYS FAULTS

Potholes, traffic lights etc.
0345 045 5212

Street lighting

0800 7838 247

Highways England (M11,

A1, A11, A14, A47, A428)
0300 123 5000

TRANSPORT

Concessionary bus passes

0345 045 1367

Traveline

Public transport information
www.traveline.info

Cambridge Park & Rides

0345 045 5213

Dial-a-Ride

01223 506335

CamShare

Free car share matching
camshare.liftshare.com

Marleigh Development

Hill Resident Liaison Team
residents@hill.co.uk
Freephone 0800 032 6760

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
fendittonbells@gmail.com

Cricket Club
Tel: Adam 07708 261555
Juniors Tel: 07792 129077

Gardening Club
Tel: Pamela 292493

FD Baby & Toddler Group
10–11.30am Thursdays
(term-time only)
toddlers@fenditton.org

Friends of Ditton Meadows
friendsofdittonmeadows.org.uk

Keep Fit (50+)
Tel: Wendy 293205

Morris Dancing
coton.morris@gmx.com

Parish Church (St Mary's)
Priest Tel: Alun 295927
Choir Tel: Mike 294317

Recreation Ground
fdrgt@fenditton-pc.org.uk

Scottish Dancing
Tel: Pamela 292493

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

Village Hall
For current regular activities please see the noticeboard outside the Hall
fd.hall@outlook.com

Fen Ditton Recreation Ground Trust

During the summer the fund raising team have been working to increase the reserves that will be used for the redevelopment of the Pavilion. Many thanks to everyone who helped with the car parking for the May and Town Bumps, which raised a total of £2664.74.

We also staged an evening showing of Bohemian Rhapsody on the Rec, which was even more successful than anyone had expected. It raised £2632, with very vocal support from those who attended. The event was a first for us so it did have a few teething problems, but we will be able to sort those out for any repeat next year.

MAJOR PLANNING

The Parish Council has responded to SCDC about the planned number of houses in Greater Cambridge and is pleased that none of Fen Ditton's Green Belt is needed in the next 5 years. We will continue to object to any development on our Green Belt as the new Local Plan is developed. We are discussing transport needs with SCDC and Highways England, especially now that the first 6500 new homes in Waterbeach have outline planning permission.



MARLEIGH UPDATE

The first phase of the Marleigh development off

Newmarket Road (previously called Wing) received planning permission at the end of August. It will provide 239 apartments and houses, of which 77 will be affordable (25 for affordable rent and 52 for shared ownership). In addition to homes, the new community will also provide office space and a market square with public, community and retail space, as well as a new nursery and primary school for local residents. The first part of the re-routed Jubilee Cycleway is due to open shortly.

KEEPING IT GREEN AND PLEASANT

There are things we can all do to help protect the environment.

- Avoid single-use plastic and reduce landfill by using the blue and green bins for as much as possible. Remember that blue-bin items need to be **empty and clean**, ready for recycling.
- Use a refillable bottle for your water when out and about, and put your rubbish in an appropriate bin if you cannot take it home.
- **Pick up** after your dog! Please use the special dog bins rather than the other litter bins, which are often emptied by volunteers.
- Help tackle **fly-tipping** – report it to South Cambs or call 999 if you witness it taking place. (Do not put yourself in danger.) If someone unexpectedly offers to take your waste away, call 03708 506506 to check they are registered.

Helplines

www.helplines.org

Age UK Cambridgeshire
0300 666 9860

Benefits fraud hotline
Freephone 0800 854 4400

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

Disability – PIP benefit
0800 121 4433

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

Victim Support
Freephone 0808 168 9111

FEN DITTON BONFIRE NIGHT

Friday 1st November

Come and join in the fun on the Recreation Ground, Church Street
Gates open 6.30pm
Fireworks start at 7pm

Refreshments on sale

There will be a collection at the entrances to the Rec

LIGHTING UP THE TREE

Saturday 7th December

Join us at the village sign for carols around Fen Ditton's newly lit Christmas tree

Switch on at 6.30pm

Please bring a torch and remember to wrap up warm!

