



Fen Ditton

Parish Council Newsletter



August 2020

www.fenditton-pc.org.uk

Parish Council

The Council meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm. The meetings are held online at the moment. Please contact the Clerk for details if you wish to attend.

There is still 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

Finance

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

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

Hopefully you have seen the information about Anglian Water's proposal to relocate the sewage works, with one of the three proposed sites at Honey Hill, between Fen Ditton and Horningsea (site 3); this is similar to a proposal in 2008 which was dropped. The Parish Council held an Extraordinary Meeting on 22nd July and agreed unanimously to oppose the relocation to site 3.

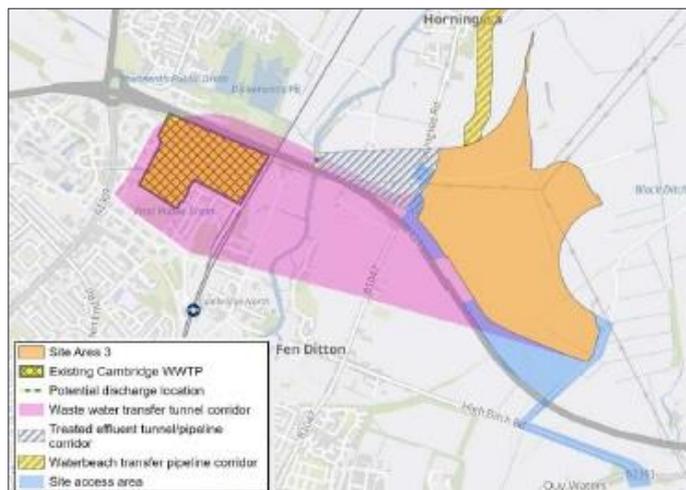
Although all three proposed sites are in the Green Belt, Honey Hill is the most rural (see the photo above), with a good network of paths that are used for recreation. It is close to three Conservation Areas and the SSSI at Quy Fen. Another huge concern is the impact of the increased traffic, especially added to the projected increases from the Waterbeach development. **They are projecting a whopping 146 HGVs passing through per day when operational.** Obviously High Ditch Road and the 'farm track' over the A14 are inadequate, and the junction with Newmarket Road is tricky enough as it is, even without tankers and lorries turning in or pulling out all day. An alternative using the A14 / Horningsea Road junction would also create problems.

The Council will be including these points in its formal objection. **A representative from Anglian Water has been invited to the Council meeting on 4th August.** To avoid duplication, please email any questions for them to the Clerk by 5pm on 3rd August.

Anglian Water consultation

Anglian Water has started a public consultation on the relocation of the Cambridge water treatment works so the Cowley Road site can be redeveloped. One of the proposed sites is at Honey Hill.

The project website, www.cwwtpr.com, includes a virtual exhibition and documents describing the site-selection process in detail. It indicates that the later public consultation phases, next year, will be focused on the fine-tuning of the selected site before applying to the Secretary of State for a Development Consent Order. The key decision – on which site this will be – will be based heavily on the results of the current consultation, which closes on **19th August**. To have your say on the choice of site it is important to respond **now**, by returning the feedback form or online (follow the Have Your Say links). If you did not get the form or have mislaid it, you can print out a copy from the project website or call **0808 196 1661** for a replacement.



Useful Contacts

POLICE

Emergency 999

Non-emergency 101
www.cambs.police.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

COVID-19 SUPPORT

www.nhs.uk

Only call 111 if you cannot get help online

Community Outreach
Fen Ditton 07900 325336

[facebook.com/fendittonpc](https://www.facebook.com/fendittonpc)

Fen Ditton Friends

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

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

Many groups are still in abeyance but hopefully will be up and running again soon.

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)

parishesthree@gmail.com

Choir Tel: Mike 294317

Recreation Ground

fdrgt@fenditton-pc.org.uk

Save Honey Hill!

info@savehoneyhill.org

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

Community Outreach Fen Ditton

As we slowly lift out of lockdown I take some time to look back at the last 17 or so weeks. When the eminent threat of COVID-19 became apparent we put out a request for volunteers who would help to support those who would be restricted in the ability to shop or collect prescriptions, and just be good neighbours.

The people of Fen Ditton did not hesitate and we soon had a list of 56 volunteers ready to do whatever was required to make sure everyone was secure and had the support they needed to get through the restrictions of lockdown.

During lockdown we completed 115 shopping visits and have collected 16 prescriptions. We also had the baking initiative led by Laurie Wolfenden; the team delivered cake to all of our vulnerable residents and also those who work in the NHS. There were many other acts of kindness and consideration throughout the period.

On Friday 24th July we had a visit from our local MP, Lucy Frazer. During her short visit to Fen Ditton she took time to meet and chat to some of our vulnerable residents. She also expressed her thanks to all who volunteered to support the community during lockdown.

This appreciation came from the centre of Government.

George Devine, Lead Coordinator, COFD

george.devine@fenditton-pc.org.uk

Recreation Ground Pavilion

After a tendering process and with help from South Cambs District Council, the Parish Council recently appointed Saunders Boston as provider of architectural services for the Pavilion. They are a local firm and have extensive experience in designing sports facilities.

MAJOR PLANNING

The Greater Cambridge Partnership is running a 12-week public consultation on the North East Cambridge Area Action Plan, covering the area between the A14, the guided busway and the Ely railway. With 4- to 8-storey buildings and one or two up to 13 storeys, this area will be changed dramatically to provide a huge growth in homes and jobs. If the sewage works relocation does not go ahead, the potential growth would be reduced. Please visit our website for a link to the consultation, which closes on **5th October**.

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Keep up to date with village matters by visiting our website. It also contains links for reporting faulty street lights, potholes, fly tipping etc. Using these is more effective than reporting faults by phone.

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
0808 223 1133

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

SPEEDING VEHICLES

The Parish Council is aware of people's concern over vehicles speeding within Fen Ditton and is very pleased that its application to have a mobile speed-activated sign was approved. We have been identifying places where the sign can be sited to best effect when it arrives and look forward to having it soon. If you are interested in helping, for instance with moving the equipment from site to site, changing batteries etc. or in being part of a trained Speedwatch group within the village, please email the Parish Clerk.

FEN DITTON NATURE NOTES

It has been a good year for observing nature in action: this swollen-thighed beetle and footballer hoverfly (not a wasp!) were spotted in a garden, and buzzards are often soaring overhead.

We can all help citizen science projects by describing what we have seen. The Big Butterfly Count closes on 9th August and needs just 15 minutes of looking, the Open University's pollinator watch (featured on the BBC's Springwatch) is still running, and several organisations want to know about our bird life.

