



# Fen Ditton

## Parish Council Newsletter



March 2022

[www.fenditton-pc.org.uk](http://www.fenditton-pc.org.uk)

### Parish Council

The Council normally meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm but owing to the elections the May meeting will be held on the 17th. The meetings are currently being held in the church, and members of the public are always welcome.

#### Vince Farrar

(Chairman)

Crime and welfare  
Highways and transport  
Website

#### Charles Jones

(Vice Chairman)

Finance  
Strategic planning  
Closed churchyard

#### Graham Bloomfield

#### Kim Butler

#### Eva Dangerfield

Finance

#### George Devine

Highways and transport

#### Mark Easterfield

Cemetery  
Marshalls Committee  
Lead planning

#### Laurice Sues

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 (Cons)  
Claire Daunton (Lib Dem)  
John Williams (Lib Dem)

### County Councillors

Anna Bradnam (West ward,  
Lib Dem)  
Claire Daunton (East ward,  
Lib Dem)

### Member of Parliament

Lucy Frazer (Cons)

### From the Chairman

Welcome to Kim Butler, who joined the Parish Council in December. Kim has lived in Fen Ditton since 1987, so he has hit the ground running on local matters.

The churchyard wall has been on the agenda over the last six months. Tenders for the most urgent repairs were much higher than anticipated, giving councillors some difficult decisions.

The Council has agreed a way forward subject to clarification on the works and funding.

Finally, many thanks to Lesley, Pamela, Shirley and Kay, the team of volunteers who have run the Village Hall for the past seven years. They are now passing on the baton and taking a very well-earned retirement.

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

St Mary the Virgin Church, Church Street  
Thursday 21st April 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 view from High Ditch Road?



Anglian Water are consulting again on their proposed new sewage works at Honey Hill, just north of the A14 and east of Horningsea Road. This is their projection of how it will look by year 15. Fen Ditton Parish Council is working closely with other councils and the Save Honey Hill campaign. We object to the overall scheme but want more safeguards for the village in case it is nevertheless approved by Government.

Our demands include that the surrounding bund should be raised to a height of at least 7 m and the tree planting made denser to give better visual screening day and night, especially from Horningsea Road, Musgrave Way and High Ditch Road.

Cars and vans must be prevented from using village roads as a shortcut, both during construction and in operation.

The odour must be unnoticeable under all conditions and no vent shafts built near homes.

Please study Anglian Water's proposals in their Phase Three Consultation leaflet or online at [www.cwwtpr.com](http://www.cwwtpr.com) and make sure you send in your own reply by 27th April.

### Useful Contacts

#### POLICE

Emergency 999

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

#### E-cops

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

#### Cambs Crimestoppers

Freephone 0800 555 111

#### NHS

Emergency 999

Non life-threatening 111

#### COVID-19 SUPPORT

[www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)

Community Outreach  
Fen Ditton 07900 325336

#### GAS

Emergency 0800 111 999

#### ELECTRICITY

Emergency 0800 316 3105

#### WATER AND SEWERS

Floodline 0345 988 1188  
Burst main 0800 316 7676  
Sewerage 03457 145 145

#### HIGHWAYS FAULTS

Potholes, traffic lights etc.

0345 045 5212

#### Street lighting

0800 783 8247

#### 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](http://www.traveline.info)

#### Cambridge Park & Rides

0345 045 5213

#### MARLEIGH

Residents' support

debbie.wildridge@locality  
.org.uk

#### Community spaces

marleigh@thelandtrust  
.org.uk

01925 852005 (office hours)

#### 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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## Fen Ditton Groups

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

### Ancient Shepherds

#### Book Club

First Wednesdays  
Tel: Carol 07941 492271

### Badminton Group

Tel: Ian 292240

### Bell Ringers

fendittonbells@gmail.com

### Coffee Pot

11am–1pm, first Thursdays  
Tel: Laurie 295711

### Cricket Club

Tel: Paul 293388

### FD Baby & Toddler Group

10–11.30am, Fridays  
(term-time only)  
toddlers@fenditton.org

### Friends of Ditton Meadows

friendsofdittonmeadows.org.uk

### Gardening Club

Third Tuesdays  
Tel: Pamela 292493

### Marleigh residents

debbie.wildridge@locality.org.uk  
Tel: Debbie 07917 768330

### Parish Church (St Mary's)

parishesthree@gmail.com  
Tel: 07434 640992

### Recreation Ground

clerk@fenditton-pc.org.uk

### Save Honey Hill

info@savehoneyhill.org

### Scottish Dancing

Tel: Pamela 292493

### Village Hall

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

## Local elections on 5th May

Elections are being held for all seats on South Cambridgeshire District Council. Fen Ditton is now part of the large Fen Ditton and Fulbourn ward, which is represented by three district councillors; each elector has three votes. The polling station (at the Recreation Ground Pavilion, Church Street) will be open from 7am till 10pm. There may also be an election for the Parish Council at the same time. If you are at least 18 and interested in standing for election, please call the Parish Clerk for more information. Nomination papers are also available on the District Council's website and must be delivered to their offices in Cambourne by **4pm on 5th April**.

## Recreation Ground Pavilion Update

Taking on board responses to last year's questionnaire about the project, the Recreation Ground Trust and Pavilion Redevelopment Working Group have been considering designs for the new Pavilion. The architects of the project, PiP Architecture, are currently refining the design before submitting a planning application. We will be able to pursue grant funding once planning permission is in place.

## VILLAGE DEFIBRILLATOR

Fen Ditton now has its first public defibrillator, located in the phone box on the High Street. A defibrillator is a portable device which delivers an electric shock to a person suffering cardiac arrest. Should it be needed, ring 999, and the call handler will tell you the code to open the cabinet and then continue to provide advice. The defibrillator is designed to be used without special training, and it will talk you through each step of the way. As well as the defib itself, the cabinet contains a pack of useful things like gloves and scissors, and the device also has a special pad to help administer CPR effectively. When it has been used, please return the defib and pack to the cabinet, firmly shut the door and, when time permits, please inform the Parish Clerk that it has been used so that things like the pads can be replaced. We hope it's never necessary to use the defibrillator, but if it is – it can save someone's life!



## New trees and hedges around Fen Ditton

Inspired by a proposal from a resident, the Council implemented the planting of 30 trees and nearly 90 m of hedge in the village and on the Recreation Ground. This was funded by a SCDC grant, the Quy Fen Trust and Carbon Footprint Ltd – huge thanks to the volunteers who helped plant the hedge. A new plum tree in Musgrave Way is part of the Queen's Green Canopy project for the Platinum Jubilee.

## Helplines

www.helplines.org

### Action Fraud

0300 123 2040

### Age UK Cambridgeshire

0300 666 9860

### Benefit fraud hotline

Freephone 0800 854 4400

### Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE)

01480 396698

### Care Network

Cambridgeshire

01954 211919

### Child abuse – NSPCC

Freephone 0800 800 5000

### ChildLine

Freephone 0800 1111

### Citizens Advice

Freephone 08082 787808

### Civil Legal Advice

0345 345 4345

### Consumer Advice

Freephone 0808 223 1133

### Cruse Bereavement Care

01223 633536

### Disability – PIP benefit

Freephone 0800 917 2222

### Domestic Abuse

Freephone 0808 2000 247

### 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 0800 168 9111

## Fen Ditton Village Hall – change of management from 1st April 2022



The Village Hall in Church Street (formerly the church hall) has been administered for many years by a small team of volunteers. During their management the Hall has thrived as a welcoming, pleasant and safe space for a host of activities and events. The team carried on after it was sold into private ownership in 2019 so that it could continue to be used by the village (for up to 10 years in accordance with the conditions of the sale) until alternative facilities became available. As it became clear that it would take longer than originally estimated to provide these facilities, they decided it was time to hand over to others and appealed for help in April last year. They would like to thank everyone for the support and encouragement that they have received over the years since they started, in April 2015.

They are pleased to announce that a successor has now been found in **Hannah Stockbridge**, who will be taking over the Hall management from **1st April 2022**. Hannah has been an enthusiastic user of the Hall for nearly 5 years, running classes for her dance school, the Formations Dance Company.

Under her management the Hall will continue to function for the benefit of village groups and activities, and local clubs, celebrations and meetings will always be welcomed. The booking procedure and email address – **fd.hall@outlook.com** – will remain as before.