

# *Pidley-cum-Fenton Parish Council*

## **Annual Parish Meeting Notes**

**7.30pm Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017**  
**Village Hall, Warboy's Road, Pidley**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the APM and gave a brief summary of the past 12 months within the parish council. PPC has had 12 meetings, which is more than in previous years, and now regularly meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month. The Chairman advised he had attended 18 meetings on behalf of the PC either planning or traffic management. There have been 23 planning applications in the last 12 months with 5 applications still outstanding. No new dwellings have been built, however, several barn conversions account for the majority of planning in the village.

The community plan team have been successful this year and thanks to all those involved were shared. More volunteers always needed so please contact Christine Paynter if you are interested in getting involved. Thanks to Brian Paynter for emptying the new dog waste bins regularly. An annual summary of achievements will be available to view on the website.

The traffic calming on Warboys Road has been a success, with some positive comments received. While the PC appreciate that some people are not happy with these traffic calming measures. The new proposal for works to make the High Street safer will start later in the year. This plan includes the introduction of a central refuge to make a safe crossing from bus stop to bus stop. Increased white lines to the entrances along the High Street and Oldhurst Road and speed reduction from 60mph to 40mph before reaching the 30mph at the same entrances to the village.

Finally the Chairman thanked all members of the parish council for their efforts during this year and thanks to the clerk for all the work she has done to date.

The clerk shared gave a finance report for 2016/17

Total Receipts - £10,690.83

Total Expenditure - £6,750.90

The precept was set at £10,000 for this financial year to allow for additional projects to be undertaken. The additional income is made up from compensation from Lloyds following the clerks complaint and VAT rebate.

The expenditure is broken down and reported on a monthly basis, the new accounts format is clear to read and can be accessed via the website by everyone. The clerk's salary has increased due to the new clerk and an increase in hours. The general administration of the PC and the village maintenance are the other main budget headings. The bank balance is shown on the bottom line at the end of each month and all reserves are shown as per the allocation during the precept setting meeting.

The clerk manages the budget as the RFO for the PC and is always happy to answer any questions throughout the year. Cheques are signed by 2 signatories, all councillor's are signatories with the exception of Tim Ward. The clerk has updated these details with Lloyds to ensure the council is complying with financial procedures.

The clerk has recommended a financial risk assessment is to be adopted and hopefully this will be approved at the AGM on 10<sup>th</sup> May.

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An increase to the insurance premium was as a result of an updated asset register being completed by the clerk. The parish assets are now all detailed and will be included for all future insurance premiums.

By insuring all accounts are kept electronically makes it far easier to share on a more regular basis. Back up records are also kept on the new parish council back up drive, along with the new main drive. By adding these reports on the website each month ensures that another level of back up is carried out.

The internal auditor was happy with the new processes and the external audit is ready to be sent off for verification. A detailed copy of this report will be shared on the website, when returned.

Moving forward the PC wish to use some reserves to purchase a parish defib. Contribute towards the speed reducing measures and additional play equipment for the park. Money has also been allocated to the community plan team for them to continue to improve and maintain the village.

Looking at the coming year the Chairman is in the process of purchasing a mobile SID to record data to help with future LHI submissions and hopefully to slow traffic down. Mr Tim Ward is investigating options for reducing speed in Fenton, which will form part of the LHI18/19 submission.

Questions included:

When will any traffic calming along Oldhurst Road be done, why does it take so long when the PC are paying for it? The Chairman advised of the LHI 17/18 submission and works and the clerk is to chase a start date.

Concern with the lack of lamp posts along Oldhurst Road was raised and options for installing the mobile SID are reduced. The Chairman advised that a pole can be erected on private property with the owners consent.

A question if speed humps can be installed in the entrances to the village, where the road narrows, in the High Street and Oldhurst Road. The clerk is to find out if this is feasible and the costs.

A further question around the additional speed humps on either sides of the Fen Road junction. The Chairman confirmed the PC agreed to wait until the speed humps had been fitted before deciding on fitting additional humps at a cost to the parish.

Meeting closed 8.22pm