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Minutes of the Pidley-cum-Fenton Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 13th September 2017 at 7.30pm in The Village Hall, Pidley

Present: Chairman Mr David Hopkins, Mr Dave Bird, Mr Robert Johnson, Ms Charlie Lowe, Mrs Christine Paynter, Mrs Emma Armstrong, Mrs Tracey Davidson (clerk)
Also present: 5 x members of the public, Cllr Graham Bull

	Open forum Mr David Hopkins welcomed and thanked all for coming. Mr Gil Boyd thanked all who supported the Teddy Drop on Saturday 9th September which raised just under £5,000 for the charity. Meeting opened at 19.37pm	
78	**Declarations of interest for items on the agenda** – None	
79	**Apologies for absence** – Ms Charlie Lowe advised of being late, Mr Tim Ward, Cllr Steve Criswell	
80	**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 9th & 23rd August 2017 to be approved and signed by the Chairman –** Mr David Hopkins signed the minutes. (*Proposed Mr Dave Bird, seconded Mrs Christine Paynter. All agreed.)*	
81	**Matters arising from previous minutes –** None.	
82	**County Council & District Council reports** Cllr Graham Bull advised that the Local Plan consultation had now closed and over 200 proposed new sites had been submitted to HDC, which are being reviewed. Mrs Emma Armstrong asked if Wyton was included in the plan. Cllr Bull advised at the moment Wyton has been removed from the plan, however, HDC still haven't heard from the MOD regarding plans for their housing. Mr David Hopkins informed Cllr Bull about the parish concerns with the entrance to the proposed dwelling along Warboy's Road.	
83	**FY2017/18 Accounts to end August 2017** – the clerk shared the accounts electronically for August and no questions were raised. August income - £0.00 August expenditure - £1036.20 *(Proposed Mr David Hopkins, seconded Mr Dave Bird. All agreed.)*	
84	**Accounts for payment for August payments** – Mr David Hopkins and Mr Robert Johnson signed the cheques for August, see accounts for full details. *(Proposed Mr David Hopkins, seconded Mr Robert Johnson. All agreed.)*	
85	**External Audit –** the clerk shared the comments and the full returned audit electronically and published on the website. No further comments were raised and the clerk confirmed that recommendations made have been implemented so the same concerns should not be raised this year. *(Proposed Mr Dave Bird, seconded Mr David Hopkins. All agreed.)*	
86	**Planning** • 17/01748/CLED – Use of premises for sale, rental, maintenance & repair of horseboxes – Pond Farm, Oldhurst Road, Pidley PE28 3BY. Mr David Hopkins explained the reasons for a CLED application and asked the question has the premises been used as a business for the last 10 years. All councillors advised yes along with a neighbour. No concerns with the business operation and therefore no concerns with supporting this proposal. *(Proposed Mr David*	

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	Hopkins, seconded Mr Dave Bird. All agreed.)	
87	**Committee updates:** • Community plan – Mrs Christine Paynter updated on the actions within the community plan: 2nd stage map will be completed asap by HDC. Bulb planting £60 for 2 sacks from Cranbrook plants. All volunteers ready to plant once received. All agreed to purchase the bulbs. • Play park update – Mr David Hopkins suggested the PC look into levelling the area to the rear of the village hall to provide a safe level, grassed area to play. Mr David Hopkins agreed to investigate further for discussion next month.	Christine Paynter David Hopkins
88	**Village Maintenance:** • **Handyman** – Mrs Christine Paynter asked for agreement with jobs currently being completed by the handyman. It was agreed to continue with these smaller jobs and any large projects are to be completed on an ad-hoc basis by a working party. Mrs Christine Paynter is to highlight the large projects at the next meeting. • **Entrance Gates to village** – Quotes to fit the posts have been obtained by Earith Timber, who are happy to do at cost. £44.50 + VAT per post, a total of 8 posts will need to be fitted. The wood for the gates will be £125 + VAT per gate. The total cost for installing gates to all entrances to the village is £606 + VAT. *(Proposed Ms Charlie Lowe, seconded Mr Dave Bird. All agreed.)* • **CCTV** – Phase 1 has been installed but a problem with the wifi has meant that accessing the system remotely isn't possible. A cost of £90 to hardwire into the wifi was approved to enable the data manager easier access. The work should be completed by 18th September. *(Proposed Ms Charlie Lowe, seconded Mr David Hopkins. All agreed.)* Phase 2 is now being investigated and Mr David Hopkins offered to donate £1000 towards this, it is to be noted this isn't parish funds but from Lakeside Lodge. • **Defib** – the clerk advised that despite the training being made available at the Teddy Drop, no-one took advantage of this. The clerk is to arrange training after a PC meeting asap and produce a flyer to go to each household to promote it. It was agreed to allocate a budget for 18/19 to cover any supplies for the defib as and when needed. ***Post meeting note: Defib training Wednesday 8th November 7pm in the village hall.*** • **SID** – the clerk shared the initial results and will publish the graph on the website for all to review. The results show that an average of 3000 cars from Pidley travel through Fenton on a weekday and 2000 at the weekends. Approximately 40% of motorists speed during the week and 47% at the weekend. 10 cars were recorded travelling between 50-85mph with the highest speed recorded at 85mph. Mr David Hopkins offered to move the SID to the next location in the next week. • **LHI Submission 17/18 –** the clerk updated the PC on the proposal for the existing bid, which includes: installation of a 40mph buffer on Oldhurst Road & Pidley Hill approximately 400m before the 30mph. Lines and signs to inform of the speed. Install a pavement in front of the red bus stop with a raised kerb edge, bollards in front of the bus stop & safe lowered kerb at the safest point to cross the road. A detailed scheme is to be drawn up which will itemise each item and cost but approximate cost is £15 - £20k. • **LHI Submission 18/19** – Mr Tim Ward and the clerk met with Scott Parsons to discuss options for Fenton. Based on this discussion Mr Tim Ward shared a proposal, the clerk read this out and shared electronically. Mr Tim Ward is to complete the submission before the deadline of 16th October. It was proposed the parish contribution should be a maximum of £3,000 if the scheme totals £10k. *(Proposed Ms Charlie Lowe, seconded Mr David Hopkins. All agreed.)* • **Community Gritting Scheme –** anyone interested in helping is to click on the link and complete the online training. The clerk is happy to collate any volunteers and submit	Christine Paynter Clerk David Hopkins Tim Ward All

	directly to CCC Highways. All equipment is provided FOC and the parish are to agree what footpaths they wish to grit if and when required. Click here to access or visit CCC website for further details. • **Tree Cutting –** Mr David Hopkins is to speak to the land owners to get the trees cut at the bottom of the hill between Pidley & Fenton.	David Hopkins
89	**Roadworks –** Mrs Christine Paynter asked when the road surface would be replaced at the Mad Cat junction. Mr David Hopkins advised that only urgent work can be completed and this section of road isn't deemed as urgent at present.	
90	**Church –** Mrs Christine Paynter advised the church flower festival raised £2036 towards the repair of the churchyard wall. All saints has been awarded one of the 10 awards & receives £100 from the Bishop of Huntingdon. This is due to the new lighting installed last year.	
91	**Dog Controls –** Mrs Christine Paynter asked about the dog control orders within Pidley. The clerk confirmed that Pidley doesn't have any designated areas but HDC now have more people who can enforce penalties for all dog control offences. It is to be noted that a fine can now be issued for failing to carry a bag to clean up after your dog.	
92	**Magnolia Land –** Mrs Christine Paynter raised concern with the land for sale. A discussion was had but to date no sale has been agreed.	
93	**ACRE –** Mrs Christine Paynter asked what projects the clerk has asked ACRE to get involved in to date. The clerk advised that Pidley PC are not members of ACRE. The recent membership to LCPAS is for the year and is for all councillors to use as and when they have queries or want to obtain advice.	
94	**Correspondence received:** • Lloyds Bank – change to account and possible branch closures in the area, no further details to date. • Cambridgeshire's Innovate & Cultivate fund – email shared from CCC. • Roadwatch – unique traffic data log – email shared from D McCandless • Clerks & Councils Direct – the clerk shared the September issue • Mirrors on the highway – the clerk advised of the properties who had received a letter from CCC Highways in regard to unauthorised installation of a mirror on their property.	
95	**Any other business –** Ms Charlie Lowe reminded all to use the local farm shop or risk losing it. She confirmed they are happy to buy in other supplies if requested. Mr Robert Johnson followed a waste lorry from Envar through the village. Mr David Hopkins asked for details and he will share at the next Envar meeting. Mr Gil Boyd advised that Ailwyn (Blondie) should receive his award in October and it is hoped that this celebration will take place in Pidley. Mr Gil Boyd is to keep the PC updated and hopes that as many people will turn out to witness this celebration. Ailwyn was one of the first people to set foot under fire on JUNO beach, Normandy on 6th June 1944. Phil Ellington advised the sign on the public footpath along Oldhurst Road explains the crop, which is specialist industrial hemp, and not a similar plant which can be used for smoking!	

Meeting closed 9.25pm Next meeting: 18th October 2017

Dates of Future Parish Council Meetings –2017

November	Wednesday 8th November
December	Wednesday 13th December

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