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Minutes of the Pidley-cum-Fenton Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 10th January 2018 at 7.30pm in The Village Hall, Pidley

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

	Open forum Mr David Hopkins welcomed and thanked all for coming. Problems with the sewage system pots on Oldhurst & Warboys Road were reported in between the Christmas and New Year period. All are reminded to report problems to Anglian Water even if others have already reported the fault. The clerk is to write to Anglian Water to advise of the problems during this period and to see if any investment to improve the system has been identified for Pidley. Concerns with flooding on Warboys Road were raised. Mr David Hopkins is to bring along old maps to the next meeting to discuss the possible blocked ditches and for the parish council to agree next steps. The clerk is to add to the agenda. Reports of motorbikes using the footpaths were reported to the police and are to be noted. The PC advised they will monitor and if further problems occur then suggest installing kissing gates onto footpaths. Meeting opened at 7.55pm.	Clerk Clerk
134	**Declarations of interest for items on the agenda** – None	
135	**Apologies for absence** –Cllr Steve Criswell	
136	**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 13th December 2017 to be approved and signed by the Chairman –** Mr David Hopkins signed the minutes. (*Proposed Mr David Bird, seconded Mrs Emma Armstrong. All agreed.)*	
137	**Matters arising from previous minutes –** Mrs Christine Paynter raised the following: • Woodford lorries seem to have stopped coming through the village. The clerk confirmed correspondence had been sent. • Did the clerk contact Oldhurst regarding the resurfacing of their footpaths. Cllr Bull advised that the work had been completed by CCC but paid for by the PC. The clerk emailed the clerk of Oldhurst PC on 19.12.17 but to date hasn't received a response. Mr David Hopkins suggested reviewing the footpaths at the next meeting with a view to investigating costs for maintenance works.	
138	**County Council & District Council reports –** Cllr Bull advised that HDC are working on their budget for 2018/19 and it has been proposed that a 2% increase on the precept be made. This equates to approximately £3 per household pa. CCC has proposed to increase their social care precept by 2% but no other increases have been proposed. Cllr Bull discussed the Local plan and advised that any comments on the final document should be in relation to the soundness & legality of the document.	
139	**FY2017/18 Accounts to end December 2017** – the clerk shared the accounts electronically for December and no questions were raised. December income - £250.00 December expenditure - £453.50 *(Proposed Mr David Hopkins, seconded Mr David Bird. All agreed.)*	
140	**Accounts for payment for December payments** – Mr David Hopkins and Mr Robert Johnson signed the cheques for December, see accounts for full details. *(Proposed Mr David Hopkins, seconded Mr Robert Johnson. All agreed.)*	

141	**Authorise archive of historic records** - the clerk shared original minute & Finance documents for the parish council dating back to the early 1900's. Mr David Hopkins is currently copying the documents to scan onto discs. The clerk will then take the originals into the archive office in Huntingdon. This service is free of charge. *(Proposed Ms Charlie Lowe, seconded Mrs Emma Armstrong. All agreed.)*	David Hopkins/ clerk
142	**Planning** • **Local Plan 2036 final draft** - a discussion around the changes to the local plan, but no comments to make as no changes to Pidley.	
143	**Committee updates:** • Community plan – Mrs Christine Paynter advised the seat in the bus shelter has now been fitted. The clerk is to write a letter of thanks to Lawrence & Sam Smith. The handyman is going to wax the bench in the coming weeks. • The second map will be going to M Murray for printing within the next 7 days. • The bulbs are starting to come through. • The clerk is to contact CCC about the diseased tree at the top of Pond Close as although the dead branch was cleared away, there was still concern with future damage. • Play park update – nothing to report.	Clerk Clerk
144	**Village Maintenance:** • **CCTV** – phase 2 - the work has been scheduled to start 16/17 February 2018. • **SID** – no data reported as problems with the battery life. Mr David Hopkins is to contact the supplier as the clerk shared correspondence advising of potential faulty units. • **LHI 18/19 –** the clerk shared the feasibility study for the Fenton bid. All agreed this was fine and the clerk is to book a presentation slot for Mr David Hopkins to present the bid. The PC maintained the commitment to contribute £3000 towards the scheme. *(Proposed Ms Charlie Lowe, seconded Mr Tim Ward. All agreed.)* • **Community First Responder - training contribution** - it was agreed to pay £50 for the defib training carried out in December. The clerk is to raise a cheque for Darren Wailes. *(Proposed Mr Tim Ward, seconded Ms Charlie Lowe. All agreed.)*	David Hopkins Clerk Clerk
145	**Correspondence received:** • Westcotec Vehicle Activated Sign - Mr David Hopkins is to contact the company as the unit may be one of the faulty ones identified.	
146	**Any other business** – Mrs Christine Paynter asked if any changes to the PC meeting date would be made in 2018 to accommodate Cllr Bull's other commitments. It was agreed to keep the meetings the same day each month. Mrs Emma Armstrong asked about the election process and possibility of standing down from the parish council. The clerk advised that an election will take place in May 2018 for all councillors. If anyone wishes to stand down during the year they just need to confirm their resignation in writing. Mr David Bird advised he is moving house so will be standing down in due course.	

Meeting closed 8.45pm Next meeting: 14th February 2018

Dates of Future Parish Council Meetings –2018

Wednesday	14th March	2018
Wednesday	11th April	2018
Wednesday	9th May	2018
Wednesday	13th June	2018
Wednesday	11th July	2018
Wednesday	8th August	2018
Wednesday	12th September	2018

Wednesday	10th October	2018
Wednesday	14th November	2018
Wednesday	12th December	2018

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