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## Minutes of the Pidley-cum-Fenton Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 7.30pm in The Village Hall, Pidley

**Present:** Chairman Mr David Hopkins, Mr Robert Johnson, Ms Charlie Lowe, Mrs Christine Paynter, Mr Tim Ward, Mrs Tracey Davidson (clerk)

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	Open forum
	Mr David Hopkins welcomed and thanked all for coming and then opened the forum. No
	concerns were raised so an informal discussion around the ditches and footpaths took place,
	this was based on the information retrieved from the old minute books and historic village
	maps. Mr Hopkins advised that he had cleared a lot of the ditches and flushed 5-6 gallons of
	water through and no blockages were found.
	It was advised that it is the responsibility of all land owners to clear their own ditches and the
	parish council are not responsible for this. The parish council will take responsibility for the
	ditch that runs alongside Drag Lane.
	It was suggested to monitor the situation after the next heavy rainfall to identify any new
	problem areas and then notify the land owners.
	Meeting opened at 7.55pm.
147	Declarations of interest for items on the agenda – Mr David Hopkins – item 156
	18/00024/HHFUL & Mr Tim Ward item 156 – 17/02669/HHFUL.
148	Apologies for absence -Cllr Steve Criswell, Emma Armstrong, Dave Bird
	Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 10th January 2018 to be approved and signed by
	the Chairman - Mr David Hopkins signed the minutes. (Proposed Ms Charlie Lowe,
	seconded Mr Tim Ward. All agreed.)
150	Matters arising from previous minutes – Mrs Christine Paynter asked if the documents had
	now been archived and if disks were available. The clerk advised that they will be going to the
	archive office next week and they will digitalize asap. Mr David Hopkins advised that
	scanning of the records didn't work as the text was not clear enough to read.
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	elections in May where all parishes and district councillors are due. This is the largest election
	HDC has had to deal with. Cllr Bull advised of a 2% increase from HDC on council tax,
	which is to be approved by full council next week. He was confident that this increase would
	enable HDC to continue to provide a good quality service and he reminded everyone that HDC
	was the only council in Cambridgeshire to offer a free garden waste collection service.
	Mr David Hopkins thanked Cllr Bull for his attendance at these meetings.
152	FY2017/18 Accounts to end January 2018 - the clerk shared the accounts electronically for
	January and no questions were raised.
	January income - £1000.00
	January expenditure - £394.92
	(Proposed Mr David Hopkins, seconded Mr Tim Ward. All agreed.)
153	Accounts for payment for January payments - Mr David Hopkins and Mr Robert Johnson
	signed the cheques for January, see accounts for full details.
	(Proposed Mr David Hopkins, seconded Mr Robert Johnson. All agreed.)
154	Data Protection Officer – the clerk advised of the changes and that all organisations, however
	small, have to appoint a dedicated Data Protection Officer. At the moment the guidelines state
	this can't be the clerk, however, this is yet to be confirmed. The clerk is attending a seminar
	on 9 <sup>th</sup> March and will report at the next meeting. It is to be noted that it is likely this change

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	will incur an additional cost for the parish council.	
155	letter sent after the last meeting. The key question as to the future of the pot system was not answered and the clerk is to address this. Mr David Hopkins is to check the land registry as to	Clerk David Hopkins
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156	<ul> <li>who owns the land with the dangerous tree.</li> <li>Planning</li> <li>18/00077/OUT – new 2 storey dwelling &amp; garage. Capricorn House, Fen Road, Pidley. A discussion around the size of the site and the speed limit were raised as concerns and the parish council suggested the following recommendations: Site made larger to accommodate safe access &amp; egress for vehicles. Increase visibility splay as site is in a 60mph limit and not 30mph as stated on the application form &amp; contribution towards a footpath outside the property to safely link this with other paths in the village. Based on these conditions the parish council voted to APPROVE the application. (Propose Mr Tim Ward, seconded Mrs Christine Paynter. All agreed.)</li> <li>17/02669/HHFUL - 2 storey extension, porch &amp; double garage. The Cottage, Fenton Road, Fenton. Mr Tim Ward left the meeting at this point. A discussion around the size of the extension and the concerns with loss of light from the neighbour identified that the demolition of the existing barn will create more light and the proposed extension is smaller than the existing footprint. The parish council voted to APPROVE the application. (Proposed Mr David Hopkins, seconded Mrs Christine Paynter. All agreed.)</li> <li>18/00024/HHFUL - construction of garage &amp; parking apron. Church Field Barn, Fen Road, Pidley. Mr David Hopkins left the meeting at this point and Mr Tim Ward took the chair. Concerns with the possibility of change of use of the garage to a dwelling was raised. It was agreed that the PC ask for a condition to stipulate any change of use must have planning permission. The PC voted to APPROVE the application. (Proposed Ms Charlie Lowe, seconded Mrs Christine Paynter. All agreed.)</li> <li>18/00195/FUL - proposed vehicular and pedestrian access from Farriers Wayland between 18 &amp; 23 Farriers Way, Warboys. It was suggested that a traffic movement be included as a condition to prevent HGVs from travelling through the village during the building phase. (Proposed Mr David Hopkins, secon</li></ul>	Hopkins
	raised will then determine what type and size of dwellings needed, if any, in the village. It was discussed that without the results the PC couldn't make fair and reasonable recommendations on future planning applications without knowing	
	the need. (Proposed Ms Charlie Lowe, seconded Mr Tim Ward. All agreed with exception of Mrs Christine Paynter who abstained from voting.)	
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	<ul> <li>Community plan – Mrs Christine Paynter advised the 2<sup>nd</sup> village map was now on display and the clerk is to formally thank Mr Gil Boyd. It was suggested fitting a solar powered light to allow people to view in the dark, the clerk is to ask the VH committee for permission and obtain quotes.</li> </ul>	Clerk
	The clerk is to contact Matt Brown regarding the Fenton footpaths and if anyone	Clerk

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	feels there are errors then to contact CCC Rights of Way Officer.  Mud on road is a major problem and the clerk is to contact CCC Highways to ask for advice on how to address the problem.  Straw bales have been left on the side of the road and need to be removed by the landowner.  The clerk advised that CCC Highways had been out to look at the diseased tree and advised that no further action would be taken. While concern was raised about the safety of the tree, CCC are the land owners and responsible party for the tree and would be liable if any further branches fell.	Clerk
150	Play park update – nothing to report.  Village Maintenance:	
158	<ul> <li>CCTV – phase 2 - the work has been scheduled to start 22/23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018.</li> <li>SID – Mr Tim Ward advised he was unable to connect to the unit to export data via Bluetooth. Mr David Hopkins is to contact the manufacturer to check. The data from December has now been uploaded and details are on the website.</li> <li>Ditches – Mr David Hopkins advised that from researching the archive documents the ditch running along Drag Lane is the landowners responsibility, the PC are the land owners and therefore need to obtain quotes to clear the ditch. It was suggested this is scheduled to be cleared every 10 years. The clerk is to obtain quotes to clear in the summer.</li> <li>Footpaths – suggestions for a footpath leading to the farm shop were raised. Also concerns with dog poo on footpaths within the village.</li> </ul>	David Hopkins
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	<ul> <li>Philip Ellington – Anglian Water. The clerk shared the correspondence received. No further action.</li> <li>Clerk &amp; Council's direct</li> <li>St Ives TC – bus route future. It was agreed to support St Ives TC with the correspondence regarding the bus routes to CCC.</li> </ul>	
160	Any other business –	
	Mrs Christine Paynter asked if the PC can take any enforcement action against Vernon Motors to tidy up the site. HDC are the only ones who can take enforcement action and it is unlikely this will be done. The garage is now closed.  Mr David Hopkins advised that 3 Manor Farm Cottages is now vacant and the clerk is to contact Luminus to find out if it will be put up for rent.	Clerk

Meeting closed 9.45pm

Next meeting: 14th March 2018

## Dates of Future Parish Council Meetings -2018

Wednesday	11 <sup>th</sup> April	2018
Wednesday	9 <sup>th</sup> May	2018
Wednesday	13 <sup>th</sup> June	2018
Wednesday	11 <sup>th</sup> July	2018
Wednesday	8 <sup>th</sup> August	2018
Wednesday	12 <sup>th</sup> September	2018
Wednesday	10 <sup>th</sup> October	2018
Wednesday	14 <sup>th</sup> November	2018
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