

# **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)

**Also present:** 6 x members of the public & Cllr Bull & Cllr Tavenor

	<p><b>Open forum</b></p> <p>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<sup>000</sup> gallons of water through and no blockages were found.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>It was suggested to monitor the situation after the next heavy rainfall to identify any new problem areas and then notify the land owners.</p> <p>Meeting opened at 7.55pm.</p>	
147	<p><b>Declarations of interest for items on the agenda</b> – Mr David Hopkins – item 156 18/00024/HHFUL &amp; Mr Tim Ward item 156 – 17/02669/HHFUL.</p>	
148	<p><b>Apologies for absence</b> –Cllr Steve Criswell, Emma Armstrong, Dave Bird</p>	
149	<p><b>Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018 to be approved and signed by the Chairman</b> – Mr David Hopkins signed the minutes. <i>(Proposed Ms Charlie Lowe, seconded Mr Tim Ward. All agreed.)</i></p>	
150	<p><b>Matters arising from previous minutes</b> – Mrs Christine Paynter asked if the documents had now been archived and if disks were available.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.</p>	
151	<p><b>County Council &amp; District Council reports</b> – Cllr Bull reminded everyone about the 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.</p>	
152	<p><b>FY2017/18 Accounts to end January 2018</b> – the clerk shared the accounts electronically for January and no questions were raised.</p> <p>January income - £1000.00</p> <p>January expenditure - £394.92</p> <p><i>(Proposed Mr David Hopkins, seconded Mr Tim Ward. All agreed.)</i></p>	
153	<p><b>Accounts for payment for January payments</b> – Mr David Hopkins and Mr Robert Johnson signed the cheques for January, see accounts for full details.</p> <p><i>(Proposed Mr David Hopkins, seconded Mr Robert Johnson. All agreed.)</i></p>	
154	<p><b>Data Protection Officer</b> – 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</p>	



	<p>feels there are errors then to contact CCC Rights of Way Officer.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Straw bales have been left on the side of the road and need to be removed by the landowner.</p> <p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Play park update – nothing to report.</li> </ul>	Clerk
158	<p><b>Village Maintenance:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>CCTV</b> – phase 2 - the work has been scheduled to start 22/23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018.</li> <li>• <b>SID</b> – 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>• <b>Ditches</b> – 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>• <b>Footpaths</b> – suggestions for a footpath leading to the farm shop were raised. Also concerns with dog poo on footpaths within the village.</li> </ul>	<p>David Hopkins</p> <p>Clerk</p>
159	<p><b>Correspondence received:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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	<p><b>Any other business –</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	Clerk

Meeting closed 9.45pm

Next meeting: 14<sup>th</sup> 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
Wednesday	12 <sup>th</sup> December	2018