

Minutes of the Pidley-cum-Fenton Parish Council Meeting **Wednesday 14th March 2018 at 7.30pm in The Village Hall, Pidley**

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

Also present: 11 x members of the public & Cllr Criswell & Cllr Bull (arrived late)

	<p>Open forum</p> <p>Mr David Hopkins welcomed and thanked all for coming and then opened the forum. Reports were raised with potholes on Warboys Road, which still haven't been filled. These can be reported online to CCC Highways using this link: https://highwaysreporting.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/</p> <p>Mr David Hopkins advised that Anglian Water have been in the village on a daily basis as there was a fire in the pump house which means that only one pump is working. To ensure this remains functional the engineers are manually operating the override on the 2nd pump. All the work should be completed within the week.</p> <p>Mr Gil Boyd asked if the PC could apply for a pedestrian crossing along the High Street to allow safe access to the bus stop. Cllr Criswell advised this wouldn't be supported by CCC as the numbers using the crossing are too low. The clerk is to ask for "children crossing" signs to be displayed.</p> <p>Mr Brian Paynter asked how potential planning sites become brownfield sites. Mr Hopkins advised it is land which has previously been used as industrial, there is no time limit to this past use.</p> <p>Mrs Angela Parker asked about the questionnaire, which was sent out, which didn't mention anything about self builds.</p> <p>Mrs Christine Paynter questioned cambs ACRE and the questions used in the survey.</p> <p>Mrs Christine Paynter reiterated that when the community plan team carried out a survey in 2012 no housing needs were raised. She feels the village should carry out a survey showing numbers and not %'s to include empty properties, recently sold by HA, holiday/lodges, rented, owned.</p> <p>Mr David Hopkins advised the questions used were generic with input from HDC. The survey can be completed online if no hard copy was received and the report will be shared once received. If no housing requirements are identified then no further action will be taken. However, HDC & Cambs ACRE recommend the survey is carried out every 5 years to assess any potential need.</p> <p>Meeting opened at 7.55pm.</p>	Clerk
161	Declarations of interest for items on the agenda – Mr David Hopkins – item 168 18/00269/FUL.	
162	Apologies for absence –Mr Tim Ward	
163	Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 14th February 2018 to be approved and signed by the Chairman – Mr David Hopkins signed the minutes. (<i>Proposed Ms Charlie Lowe, seconded Mr Robert Johnson. All agreed.</i>)	
164	Matters arising from previous minutes – Mrs Christine Paynter asked to borrow the map showing the ditches/footpaths discussed at the previous meeting. She has spoken to the land registry and has concerns with the parish council paying to clear ditches they don't own. Quotes to clear the ditch is to be obtained and at that time the PC can decide if they wish to pay to keep the drainage flowing.	Clerk
165	County Council & District Council reports – Cllr Criswell reminded all on the boundary	

	<p>changes for the forthcoming elections which means he will no longer be the District Councillor for Pidley cum Fenton. Pidley falls within the parish of Warboys. Cllr Criswell advised that the CCC Highways are behind schedule with road repairs due to the bad weather. He did advise that gritting of the roads went well.</p> <p>Cllr Bull congratulated the staff within the operations team who managed to get out every day to collect the bins to ensure there was very little interruption to the service. He discussed the unauthorised caravans in Pidley and advised that HDC are still looking at potential enforcement action. From Monday 19th March the Councillors enter into purdah which is the pre-election period between the time an election is announced and the date the election is held.</p>	
166	<p>FY2017/18 Accounts to end February 2018 – the clerk shared the accounts electronically for February and no questions were raised.</p> <p>February income - £0.00</p> <p>February expenditure - £1486.70</p> <p><i>(Proposed Mr David Bird, seconded Ms Charlie Lowe. All agreed.)</i></p>	
167	<p>Accounts for payment for February payments – Mr David Hopkins and Mr Robert Johnson signed the cheques for February, see accounts for full details.</p> <p><i>(Proposed Mr David Hopkins, seconded Mr Robert Johnson. All agreed.)</i></p>	
168	<p>Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18/00269/FUL – Mr David Hopkins left the room and Mr David Bird took the chair. A discussion around the need for the stables, the size of the stables, the location of the stables and the entrance to the site all raised concerns with the application. It was voted to REJECT the application on the following grounds: Too large, too close to boundary, concerns with access to site. Mr David Bird abstained from voting. <i>(Propose Mrs Emma Armstrong, seconded Mrs Christine Paynter. All agreed with the exception of Mr David Bird who abstained.)</i> • Review of Development Management Committee – Mr David Hopkins returned to the meeting and took the chair. The clerk shared the correspondence received from HDC in relation to how the DMC could be better managed. The PC discussed it works well allowing parishes the opportunity to have their say on applications which are submitted to DMC for a decision. It was agreed nothing further to comment on. 	
169	<p>Committee updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community plan – Mrs Christine Paynter advised there was no need for a solar light as the existing lighting is adequate. A litter pick has been carried out and Mrs Paynter has asked if the ditch behind the red bus shelter could be cleared out. It was advised this had been carried out on the day of the meeting. Mrs Paynter raised concern with the animals in the field next to the church. Mr Hopkins suggested contacting HDC animal welfare as it is not a parish council responsibility. • Play park update – Mr David Bird asked if anyone was willing to take over the responsibility for grass cutting of this area. The annual ROSPA inspection has been booked for April/May. No concerns from the monthly inspection. Pidley Car Fest is to take place on Sunday 3rd June. All volunteers welcome. 	
170	<p>Village Maintenance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCTV – phase 2 - the work is to be completed on 20th April, although the camera and recording equipment is currently working the clerk is unable to obtain remote access. The clerk advised that Needingworth PC had asked for some information about the CCTV system, both the clerk and Gil Boyd have spent time responding to their queries. It was suggested that if the councils CCTV Policy document is to be shared this should be charged at £50 to help cover the ongoing running costs. • SID – Mr Tim Ward advised he didn't have time to capture the data ahead of the meeting. It was agreed to move the camera to Oldhurst Road. 	Tim Ward

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anglian Water – the clerk advised that further correspondence had been received from AW and until the new Strategy Manager is appointed no answers to the outstanding questions could be given. The clerk is to chase this ahead of the next meeting. • Legion D'Honneur Award – Mr Gil Boyd advised this has now been arranged for Sunday 18th March. It was suggested the Parish Council contribute £150 towards this civic ceremony. The clerk advised this was within the council's constitution. All voted to approve this expenditure. <i>(Proposed Ms Charlie Lowe, seconded Mr David Hopkins. All agreed.)</i> 	Clerk
171	Correspondence received: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk and Council Direct – the clerk shared the quarterly magazine. 	
172	Any other business – Ms Charlie Lowe advised she had attended Needingworth & Bluntisham PC meetings recently and a presentation from the developer looking to develop the land at Giffords Farm for 1700 homes, primary school, hotel is still an option despite it being excluded from the Local Plan 2036. Mrs Christine Paynter asked about the numbers of councillors needed in order to hold a meeting if people don't put themselves forward for election. The clerk advised that a minimum of 4 councillors was required and all would have to be available to attend meetings in order to be quorate.	

Meeting closed 9.05pm

Next meeting: 11th April 2018

Dates of Future Parish Council Meetings –2018

Wednesday	9 th May	2018
Wednesday	13 th June	2018
Wednesday	11 th July	2018
Wednesday	8 th August	2018
Wednesday	12 th September	2018
Wednesday	10 th October	2018
Wednesday	14 th November	2018
Wednesday	12 th December	2018

