

Minutes of the Pidley-cum-Fenton Parish Council Meeting **Wednesday 20th June 2018 at 7.30pm in The Village Hall, Pidley**

Present: Chair Ms Charlie Lowe, Mr David Hopkins, Mr Robert Johnson, Mr Tim Ward, Mrs Louise Clowery, Mrs Tracey Davidson (clerk)

Also present: 4 x members of the public & Cllr Tavener

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| | <p>Open forum</p> <p>Ms Charlie Lowe opened the meeting and welcomed Cambridgeshire ACRE who discussed the recent housing needs survey. The full survey is available on the website. Rural exception housing delivers affordable housing for local people to meet the local need, unlike other affordable housing it remains for the local people in perpetuity. Out of the 175 surveys sent 30% were returned. These identified a local housing need of 2, which is the same figure as identified in 2012 when the last survey was carried out. If the PC wanted to pursue a rural exception site then it would be no larger than 3 dwellings, 2 of which would be affordable (shared ownership and rent) and 1 market dwelling. The PC will discuss this at their next PC meeting on 11th July.</p> <p>Questions raised</p> <p>How many rural exception sites remain within the local community?</p> <p>The majority on the second lets remain for the local community as more people are aware of the housing options.</p> <p>A question around speeding in Oldhurst was raised and the clerk had shared correspondence received. The clerk is to speak with CCC Highways to get a definition on road humps on the entrances to the village.</p> <p>Meeting opened at 8.20pm.</p> | Clerk |
| 52 | Declarations of interest for items on the agenda – None | |
| 53 | Apologies for absence – Cllr Criswell, Cllr Bull, Mrs Christine Paynter | |
| 54 | Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 16th & 23rd May 2018 to be approved and signed by the Chairman – the Chair signed the minutes. (<i>Proposed Mr David Hopkins, seconded Mr Tim Ward. All agreed.</i>) | |
| 55 | Matters arising from previous minutes – Mr David Hopkins confirmed the cost of bollards for the side of the road are £22 per bollard. The cost to brick the village sign at the pond would be £140 per day plus the bricks. The clerk confirmed that CCC Highways have moved the signs on the High Street, the hedge has been cut and bollards have been ordered for the verge. Thanks to all those involved. The clerk advised the parts have been ordered for the CCTV at Pond Close and a date will be arranged to install once in stock. | |
| 56 | County Council & District Council reports – Cllr Jill Tavener advised there is very little to report from HDC. Focus on healthy eating, exercising and getting people out and about is a priority. She is meeting with Warboys PC and HDC on 21 st June to look at aspirations for the village. Ms Charlie Lowe asked if footpaths out of the village towards Warboys could be raised. Mr David Hopkins asked if there were any updates to the Warboys Land fill proposal. The deadline for comments was 4 th June and to date there is no hearing date arranged. HDC are arranging a meeting with CCC and WARLAG ahead of the hearing. | |
| 57 | FY2017/18 Accounts to end May 2018 – the clerk shared the accounts electronically for May. May income - £148.85 | |

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| | May expenditure - £3719.55 (Proposed Mr David Hopkins, seconded Ms Charlie Lowe. All agreed.) | |
| 58 | Accounts for payment for May payments – Ms Charlie Lowe & Mr Tim Ward signed the cheques. Full detail of all cheques signed can be found as appendix 1 . (Proposed Ms Charlie Lowe, seconded Mr Tim Ward. All agreed.) | |
| 59 | Annual membership LCPAS – the clerk confirmed the membership remains at £80 pa which is reduced due to the clerk being responsible for two parishes. It was agreed to continue with being a member of LCPAS. (Proposed Mr Tim Ward, seconded Mr David Hopkins. All agreed.) | |
| 60 | Parish Project Plan – the clerk has put together a plan of all projects raised at the annual parish meeting and asked for people to take ownership for each project. Costs, timescales and feasibility studies need to be carried out and the PC needs to vote on which ones to focus their attention on. The clerk suggested having a timeframe for the plan so residents can see how progress is taking place. It was agreed to focus on footpaths from Pidley to Somersham and the clerk is to speak with Gil Boyd who costed this a few years ago. The clerk will update the plan following other suggestions made and circulate ahead of the next meeting. | Clerk Clerk |
| 61 | Community Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Plan – nothing to report • Play park – the clerk shared the response from playdale regarding ROPSAs suggestion for a secondary safety chain and it was agreed to listen to the manufacturer and not to spend any money on unnecessary repairs. Louise Clowery has met with Martin Steward and is happy carrying out the quarterly inspections. The clerk is to ensure the bushes are checked at the next annual inspection. • Pidley Mountain Rescue – Ms Charlie Lowe expressed concern with this charity as there are so few committee members. She has volunteered to chair the charity until January 2019 and is strongly urging for anyone who is willing to help to contact her. Only a few hours twice a year would be really appreciated. | Clerk All |
| 62 | Village Maintenance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SID – share results – Mr Tim Ward shared the latest speeding results from the SID which was located on Oldhurst Road and High Street. Both show excessive speeding. Oldhurst Road – 60-70% of all traffic was speeding. High Street – 40-45% of all traffic was speeding. • LHI FY19/20 – the clerk has spoken with Warboys PC who have agreed they are happy to submit a joint bid with Pidley for their scheme submitted in 2018. This scheme is to install a give way feature on the entrance to the village from Fenton. The PC discussed how using this scheme would benefit Fenton as the narrowing is on the entrance to Warboys. The clerk is to speak with CCC Highways to see if a joint scheme could be viable. The clerk asked for commitment at the next meeting as to which area the PC are going to focus on with their 2019/20 submission, the options are: Oldhurst Road, joint submission with Warboys PC for Fenton, speed humps on Warboys Road at the pond side. • Ditch clearance – at the last meeting Mr David Hopkins shared quotes to clear the ditch at Drag Lane. It was agreed the clerk is to write to the land owners to remind them of their riparian responsibilities. Mr David Hopkins is to confirm the details for all the land owners. | Clerk Clerk/All Clerk/David Hopkins |
| 63 | Correspondence received <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • George Whyment – the clerk received an email which was shared about speeding on Oldhurst Road. This item was discussed in the open forum and as part of the LHI. | |

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| 64 | Any other business – Mr David Hopkins advised that CCC Highways have marked up pot holes for filling. A question around the ownership of the verge at the Mad Cat junction was raised as the hedge is blocking the sight lines. The clerk is to investigate. | Clerk |
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Meeting closed 9.35pm

Next meeting: 11th July 2018

Dates of Future Parish Council Meetings –2018

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| Wednesday | 8 th August | 2018 |
| Wednesday | 12 th September | 2018 |
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