

Minutes of the Pidley-cum-Fenton Parish Council Meeting **Wednesday 18th July 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 Christine Paynter

Also present: 9 x members of the public

	<p>Open forum</p> <p>A number of villagers have had their wheelie bins damaged and/or contents tipped out overnight prior to dustbin day. One person had their wheelie bin stolen. The police had been informed of the problems. Although CCTV is in use, it is important to report the date and time of the incident so that the police could examine the CCTV for evidence. Council to be asked if bins could be placed further back on the driveways. Christine Paynter to find out what the cost is to replace a bin thought to be £85. Council will replace original bin once but thereafter payment. Payment for a second bin is always charged.</p> <p>Speeding on Oldhurst Rd/High Street is still a major problem and traffic calming already installed has not reduced speeding. It is suggested Highways be contacted for their suggestions to reduce speeding.</p> <p>Member of the public asked if the parish had changed its views on charity donations-the answer was the policy was not to support charities financially. He also asked what areas the CCTV cameras covered – they cover 180 degree view of the Mad Cat and Fen Road junctions.</p> <p>In answer to a question on footpaths - footpaths 1mtr wide and 2mtrs away from highway do not have to have kerbing.</p> <p>Pond: Member of the Public reported that the large fish in the pond were finding it difficult to survive due to the quality and low level of the water. Asked if this could be dredged. David Hopkins is going to try and remedy this with a slurry tanker on Sunday. It was noted that the Pond is deep in places due to a well within. The clerk is to be asked to get quotes for the Pond to be totally dredged.</p> <p>The meeting opened at 7.55p.m.</p>	CP
65	Declarations of interest for items on the agenda – David Hopkins declared an interest in item 72, 18/01221/FUL.	
66	Apologies for absence – Tracey Davidson, Cllr Bull, Cllr Criswell, Cllr Tavener	
67	Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 20th June 2018 to be approved and signed by the Chairman – the Chair signed the minutes. (<i>Proposed Mr David Hopkins, seconded Ms Charlie Lowe. All agreed.</i>)	
68	Matters arising from previous minutes Item 55 Do we have to have three quotes for the brickwork around the Village sign? Christine Paynter asked how many days work and cost of bricks so that we can obtain a firm costing. The clerk is to obtain quotes.	Clerk
69	County Council & District Council reports – no councillors present.	
70	FY2017/18 Accounts to end June 2018 – the clerk shared the accounts electronically for June. June income - £0.00 June expenditure - £864.90	

	<i>(Proposed Mr David Hopkins, seconded Mrs Christine Paynter. All agreed.)</i>	
71	Accounts for payment for June payments – Ms Charlie Lowe & Mr Tim Ward signed the cheques. Full detail of all cheques signed can be found as appendix 1 . <i>(Proposed Ms Charlie Lowe, seconded Mr Tim Ward. All agreed.)</i>	
72	Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RHD a family run business explained their outline proposal for three dwellings to be built on the land at the back of The Cottage Fen Road and asked the parish council for their first thoughts on their plan. There is already outline planning for this site but when previously discussed it was proposed that this had 2 to 3 bungalows built on the land. RHD proposed that there is 1 x 4 bed detached and 1 pair of semi detached 3 bedroom properties. With the proposed properties it was estimated that a up to 6 cars could be using the entrance on to Fen Road. With little space to turn cars around in the development and it would be dangerous if cars were to reverse onto Fen Road. Most councillors agreed that the proposal looked very cramped for space. Only room for 2 houses or 3 small bungalows (as discussed originally). The sewerage system was also discussed and a new pot would be required, RHD had not got that far with their plan. The chairwomen thanked RHD for their attendance. • 18/01221/FUL – construction of 1 no pair of semi detached dwellings following partial demolition of existing agricultural buildings benefiting from prior approval 15/01987/PMBPA for residential conversion to 1 no pair of semi detached dwellings. Southview, Somersham Road, Pidley. There were no negative comments to this application. The houses would have their own treatment plant and the applicant has said that he will build a footpath from the start of the curtilage to join up with the pavement outside the Parsonage on the High Street. These properties would be geared at people looking for reasonable cost houses in the area. All agreed that this should be given approval. <i>(Proposed Mr Tim Ward, seconded Ms Charlie Lowe. All agreed.)</i> • 18/01286/S73 – variation of condition 1 on application 16/00448/FUL: timeframe of site investigation Richard Lodge, Fen Road, Pidley. The timeframe to put in a membrane has elapsed. The applicant is applying for a time extension. Reason being that this was built on the site of an old garage. This has to be completed before change of use from Commercial to domestic is approved. David Hopkins explained that a layer of soil will be laid and then a membrane to avoid any contamination. All agreed that this should be approved. <i>(Proposed Mrs Louise Clowery, seconded Mr Tim Ward. All agreed.)</i> • 18/01265/S73 – variation of condition 2 of application 1200279FUL - proposed alterations including adding a first floor extension to Plot 1 Sunnycroft Farm, Warboys Road, Pidley. The parish council agreed that there is no reason for this not to be approved and all agreed. <i>(Proposed Tim Ward, Seconded Charlie Lowe. All agreed.)</i> • Affordable Housing: ACRE to be asked to explain in layman terms the options to provide affordable housing in Pidley. 	
73	Parish Project Plan - Long discussion took place and it was suggested that a list be drawn up in priority order. It was agreed that the first £30,000 of CIL monies went towards pavements/footpaths for Pidley cum Fenton and footpath from Pidley to Somersham. Christine Paynter asked if there was a time limit to spend the monies in the pot and Charlie Lowe explained that as long as we give notification of what this is going towards we can save this for large projects. Mr David Hopkins suggested that maybe this could be used for several small areas. The clerk is to contact HDC to obtain a definite map of Pidley showing who owns walkways and road verges and ditches.	Clerk
74	Chairman Training Update Chairman GDPR The Chairman gave a summary of her recent training and CAPALC annual meeting: Code of Conduct at meetings was discussed, and how to deal with members of the public interrupting the Councillors.	All

GDPR and the need for all to have emails only for Council issues because when there is a breach or someone puts a FOI request in there have been times when all emails have to be produced (including personal, non-related council emails)

NALC can act on our behalf for various objections to Government policy affecting Parish Councils.

Use of Crowd Funding, and other sources, to raise funds to support projects.

Can keep a list of volunteers but just their name and contact number or email address, but it must be password protected if stored on a personal computer. (Otherwise if paper based needs to be locked in a filing cabinet)

Risk Assessments for Volunteers needed before they start helping.

Community Organising (www.corganisers.org.uk) and what can be achieved from this. For example Glastonbury community overwhelmingly supported a £1 a month increase on the precept to pay for their own PCSO. They also had a campaign to stop all the banks leaving whilst they couldn't stop the last bank from going, they were successful in attracting the Nationwide building society to the town.

There was also a talk about Men's sheds (also known as Men in Sheds or Community Sheds) non-profit organisation that started in Australia, to advise and improve the overall health of all men. They normally operate on a local level in the community, promoting social interaction and aim to increase quality of life. Some carry out maintenance work, help youngsters repair bikes, etc.

The Chairman requested that all Parish Councillors set up a separate e.mail address for PC communications only, as previously requested by the clerk.

75 **Community Updates:**

Community Plan – Christine Paynter walked the Village with the Handyman last Monday and collated a list of jobs a lot of which will be completed by Robert (handyman) and B & C Paynter. However, the following we would like help with:

Trees:

The tree at the bottom of Pond Close (on the green) is deteriorating and before it creates a major hazard this needs felling. Dead branches on the Oak Tree on the verge of Ashfield House need attention **Dead trees at the left hand corner top Warboys Road need attention & branches clipped from the trees which are obscuring the light.

Discussed ask clerk to write to Council about all three trees

There are signs throughout the village that are being obscured by trees. Need to be clipped back.

Seats:

Seat is still loose outside the Mad Cat. Quote of £60 to reweld has been obtained (seat would have to be removed and taken to Somersham at the PC expense) Agreed that we just get this done. David Hopkins to ask Welder if he can collect and reposition.

Seat underneath the tree bottom of Pond Close has not been renovated and will not be until something is done about the tree. Nobody would want to sit there!

Drains/kerbing

The kerbs need brushing and the drains cleared out. Once it does start to rain then we could have problems as most are blocked. Including those in the road with grating.

David Hopkins to ask resident in Old School House not to deposit their garden refuse on the footpath.

Village Pond (see comment from 'Open Forum')

The area inside the Pond needs the briars removed and some of the shrubs clipped back (outside of the Pond will be attended to by the Village Handyman).

Nice to see that the renovated Duck House now has residents: Mother Duck and 5 ducklings!

Litter Bins: Signs have been put on the bins in Fen Road to advise they are for Dog Waste and roadside litter only. Hopefully this will avert people depositing household waste within

Entrances:

Apologies for the state of the black boxes but we have been away and with the hot weather have died. These have been washed/strimmed and replanted today at no cost to the PC.

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	<p>Can we buy some top soil for the entrance gates to cover the bulbs in readiness for grass seed sowing? David Hopkins has offered to deliver piles of top soil to the entrances one each side of the road. He was thanked for this.</p> <p>Need a fit person to again remove the protruding weeds & grass which is overlapping the pavements in Warboys Road.</p> <p>Question: Where there are overhanging hedges/branches on to the pavement are we allowed to cut these back? Suggested that the house owner be asked if they minded handyman cutting back those trees/hedges making passing difficult.</p> <p>Kevin to cut hedges top of Warboys Road + Church end of July/beginning of August</p> <p>Play park – David Hopkins has kindly agreed to house the village BBQ and strimmer that was stored at Dave Birds.</p>	DH
76	<p>Village Maintenance</p> <p>SID – share results –Tim Ward shared the analysis of the SID this can be viewed on the Website LHI FY19/20 The bid will be for Oldhurst Road/High Street. It was suggested that a wide raised bed was installed right across the road similar to that in Somersham at the crossing. In Oldhurst Road two extended areas into the road alternating right hand side and left as in Colne. As the bid for Fenton 18/19 was unsuccessful there is still £3000 to spend.</p> <p>Ditch clearance: David Hopkins bought the map of the ditches to the meeting and gave ownership details of the farmers where this runs along. It was suggested that the ditch was dredged a.s.a.p. to take advantage of the dry weather. The Clerk to write to the adjacent owners to ask if they could carry this out. Area outside of Capricorn House owner has already intimated that he would be willing to do this whilst he has the digger for the new build on site. Clerk to write to him too.</p> <p>Item for the agenda next meeting.</p>	Clerk
77	<p>Correspondence received</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Magpas Air Ambulance - correspondence shared and it was agreed that we do not directly support charities but in the future we could support them e.g. Car Fest. Clerk to write to them asking for dates of their proposed fund raising events in the future. • Clerk and Council direct' left out for people to read / refiled 	Clerk
78	<p>Any other business –</p> <p>Farm in the village</p> <p>Several calls have been received regarding the state of the field and the care of the animals in the field. It is understood that DEFRA; RSPCA; Environmental Health have been contacted and any future calls or emails received should be referred to the appropriate organisation(s) above who can verify the health and care of the animals. Environmental Health have asked the farmer to feed the animals away from the roadside as far as is reasonably practicable.</p> <p>A request was made that the tractor tyre and rubber strip be removed from the entrance to the field by the side of the church wall David Hopkins to investigate who is responsible. Post meeting note: the land owner has agreed to move the tyre and rubber strip ahead of the flower festival.</p> <p>Flower Festival</p> <p>All Saints Church Pidley cum Fenton will take place on all three days of the August Bank Holiday weekend. Theme 'Classical Childrens' Books'. Pop-Up Cafe and Evensong with a difference. Something for all the family. FREE ENTRY 11a.m. to 5pm Daily Sunday evening Celebratory Service 6pm.</p> <p>Pidley Newsletter</p> <p>Item for the Agenda in September: Christine Paynter to investigate if people in the Village are still keen to reinstate the Pidley Newsletter to contain News: Events: Items for Sale: Local trades advertising. This was one of the items that came out of the Community Plan. At present on the website. Angela Parker confirmed that she is willing to print.</p> <p>Parish Council meeting dates:</p> <p>Robert Johnson requested that PC dates adhered to. There should be no alteration e.g. World Cup. The Chairman said that if Parish Councillors cannot make the date then they can send their</p>	

apologies. Mentioned that dates 1 year in advance was too long. Christine Paynter thought that it was a good idea as many holidays have to be booked in advance and where possible most PC did plan holidays around meeting dates.

Meeting closed 9.36pm

Next meeting: 8th August 2018

Dates of Future Parish Council Meetings -2018

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



Date 8/8/18