

Minutes of the Pidley-cum-Fenton Parish Council Meeting **Wednesday 8th August 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, Mrs Tracey Davidson (Clerk)

Also present: 7 x members of the public

	<p>Open forum</p> <p>The Chair opened the meeting and reminded all that the open forum is the opportunity to raise any concerns with items on the agenda and once the meeting starts it is for Councillors only to discuss the items. If the Cllrs feel they will benefit from participation from the public they will ask for it.</p> <p>A member of the public asked about item 86 H/5002/18/CW. The clerk advised the application was available on CCC website for comments and is as per the original application. Another question as to the current location of the SID was confirmed it is located in the High Street capturing vehicles leaving the village towards Somersham.</p> <p>Further concern from a member of the public around recent government changes to planning regulations will mean more development in the countryside.</p> <p>The meeting opened at 7.35p.m.</p>	
79	Declarations of interest for items on the agenda – None	
80	Apologies for absence – Cllr Tavener & Cllr Criswell	
81	Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 18th July 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>)	
82	Matters arising from previous minutes – the clerk is to take ownership for item 75 – seat outside Mad Cat.	
83	County Council & District Council reports – no councillors present.	
84	FY2017/18 Accounts to end July 2018 – the clerk shared the accounts electronically for July. July income - £25.61 July expenditure - £571.04 (<i>Proposed Mrs Louise Clowery, seconded Mr Tim Ward. All agreed</i>)	
85	Accounts for payment for July payments – Ms Charlie Lowe & Mr David Hopkins signed the cheques. Full detail of all cheques signed can be found as appendix 1 . (<i>Proposed Ms Charlie Lowe, seconded Mr David Hopkins. All agreed.</i>)	
86	Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 18/01418/FUL – change of use from agricultural building to wedding venue. Wilobe Farm Barn, Fen Road, Pidley. The application and plans do not show the exact location of the venue nor do they advise of operating hours. The clerk is to speak to HDC to ask for further detail before a decision can be reached. If the proposal is based on the existing barn continuing to be used as a wedding venue for the current operating hours (close of business 11.30pm) then the PC voted to APPROVE the application. (<i>Proposed Mr David Hopkins, seconded Mrs Christine Paynter. All agreed.</i>)• H/5002/18/CW – Construction of a heat and power plant comprising biomass energy from waste facility. Warboys Landfill Site, Puddock Hill, Warboys. The PC discussed this application and voted to REFUSE the proposal based on the following planning grounds: Unknown fumes from vapour into atmosphere Additional traffic	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

	<p>Too close to residential dwellings</p> <p>If the proposal is to go ahead then the PC strongly advise that a traffic order is implemented to ensure all vehicles access the site from the A141 and not through the village of Pidley.</p> <p>(Proposed Mr David Hopkins, seconded Mrs Christine Paynter. All agreed.)</p>	
87	<p>Parish Project Plan – the clerk advised that she hasn't updated the new plan however, the footpaths will be top priority. Mr David Hopkins advised the recent planning approval for 18/01221/FUL didn't include any information about the footpath. The clerk made it clear that as she wasn't present at the meeting she couldn't comment on the detail which was discussed and therefore the document submitted to HDC for approval was purely that. She will contact HDC and advise that Mr Hopkins was happy to pay for the footpath outside this property.</p>	Clerk
88	<p>Community Updates:</p> <p>Community Plan – Mrs Christine Paynter thanked Mr Hopkins for dredging the pond and asked if it was possible to trim the overhanging branches and brambles while the pond is empty. Attempts to maintenance of the kerb stones was halted due to the speed of the traffic.</p> <p>Play park – Mrs Louise Clowery advised the monthly inspection took place today and no concerns with the equipment were raised, however, there are a few wobbly fence posts. Mr Hopkins advised he would put some cement into these posts when he was next passing and this is due to the extended dry weather. Mr Martin Steward wanted to ask if the PC were happy with the response from playdale following the annual inspection. The PC confirmed this was voted on at the June meeting and no action was needed. Mr Gil Boyd has confirmed he has the strimmer and BBQ and will arrange to store it with Mr David Hopkins. Mr David Hopkins asked if the play park could identify where they would like the outdoor gym equipment to be located as he is willing to donate this FOC to the village.</p>	Louise Clowery
89	<p>Village Maintenance</p> <p>SID – share results – Mr Tim Ward shared the results from the previous month which continue to show speeding along the High Street. The average daily vehicles travelling one way are 4000-4500 and 42% of these vehicles are speeding. Weekends show an average of 3000 – 3500 vehicles of which 46% are speeding. The graphs are available on the website. The next location for the SID will be Warboys Road.</p> <p>Ditch clearance: the clerk now has the details of the land owners and will write to these asking for them to take responsibility for their ditch and pay for clearing of this.</p> <p>Tree update: the clerk shared the responses from CCC Highways to the reports at the last meeting. CCC Highways have accepted responsibility for both trees and are in the process of getting quotes for the work to be done. Mrs Christine Paynter advised the light is now covered by the tree on Warboy's Road and Mr Hopkins advised he will trim this within the next 2 weeks.</p> <p>Pond dredging: the clerk has obtained 2/3 quotes for the work. Mr Hopkins quoted £1000 + VAT to clear and dispose of waste and fill. Lake & pond aquatics quoted £5000 + VAT plus clearance of waste & a quote is still outstanding for AES Europe. It was agreed to use Mr Hopkins at a quote of £1000 and for the work to be completed asap before the pond fills up again. (Proposed Mrs Christine Paynter, seconded Mrs Louise Clowery. All agreed.) Mr Hopkins agreed to cut back the brambles as much as possible while clearing the pond.</p> <p>Wheelie Bins – Mrs Christine Paynter advised that having spoken with HDC they will replace damaged and stolen bins up to 3 times, with a crime reference number. This advise differs from what was explained to another resident. It was noted that a green bin is located in the ditch along Warboys Road. Useful information about the HDC waste collection policy can be found on their website: click here to access.</p> <p>Damaged Road – it looks as though damage to Oldhurst Road has been caused by a large farm vehicle on a hot day causing the tarmac to be churned up by the weight of the vehicle. Initial report has resulted in a surface dressing being laid. The clerk is to chase what action will be taken to repair the road.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>David Hopkins</p> <p>Clerk</p>
90	Correspondence received	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remembrance funding – Mr Gil Boyd contacted the PC to ask for a contribution towards the remembrance poppies to be placed on posts in the village during the celebrations from 3.11.18. The cost to the PC would be £180, which was unanimously approved. Full details of the celebrations will be posted through letter boxes in the coming weeks. A suggestion for all households to make poppies out of water bottle bottoms painted red, to be placed in the church yard was also requested. The clerk advised that permission to erect anything onto a lamp column must be sought in advance from Balfour Beatty. <i>(Proposed Mrs Louise Clowery, seconded Mrs Christine Paynter. All agreed.)</i> 	
91	<p>Any other business –</p> <p>Mrs Christine Paynter thanked the farm owner for clearing the tyres and rubber from the Church Field entrance; cutting the hedge in Warboys Rd: feeding the animals away from properties; clearing the pile of manure in the Lane End farm field near to properties. The farmer said that there would be more manure placed and that if residents did not like farmyard smells then they should live in towns. The Chairman acknowledged that the farmer does have a point, we do live in the countryside and things are different to the city and towns and we have chosen to live in the countryside.</p> <p>Mr David Hopkins reported the fire hydrant outside Capricorn House, Fen Road, Pidley is missing and the clerk is to report this.</p> <p>Mr David Hopkins also advised that despite CCC confirming they would repaint the white lines on the entrances to the village from Oldhurst and Somersham as part of the 17/18LHI this hasn't been done. The clerk will chase, however, the invoice hasn't been submitted or paid for this work yet.</p> <p>Mr Robert Johnson raised concern with excess gravel on the road along Fen Road from some properties. Caution to be taken when using this route.</p> <p>Further concern about inconsiderate parking when events are taking place at the Mad Cat was raised. The clerk is to have a quiet word with the landlord and to speak to CCC Highways to see if yellow lines can be painted to try and prevent bad parking.</p> <p>Mrs Christine Paynter reminded everyone about the flower festival to take place over the August bank holiday weekend at the church. All welcome.</p> <p>Ms Charlie Lowe reminded everyone about the 21st Teddy Jump to take place on 8th September. Another free event which starts at 10am. All welcome.</p> <p>Mr David Hopkins advised he will not be at the next meeting on 12th September.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

Meeting closed 8.45pm

Next meeting: 12th September 2018

Dates of Future Parish Council Meetings –2018

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

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