

**Minutes of the Pidley-cum-Fenton Parish Council Meeting
 Wednesday 3rd April 2019 at 7.30pm in The Village Hall, Pidley**

Present: Chairman Ms Charlie Lowe, Mr David Hopkins, Mr Robert Johnson, Mrs Christine Paynter, Mr Tim Ward, Mr Michael Baines, Mrs Louise Clowery (Clerk) **Also, present:** 12 x members of the public

	<p>Open forum</p> <p>The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all present to raise any concerns with items on the agenda.</p> <p>A member of the public who was not at the last meeting asked about the CCTV. Mr Boyd kindly updated on the current status of the cameras, where they pick up, how they record and how the data is retrieved should a theft or other incident occur. If you have had a burglary you have to report it to the police, they will give you a crime reference number and they will contact the parish clerk to ask them to review the footage to see if anything is detected at the said time. No one else can ask for this information. We have had three incidents in the past where the previous clerk has given data to the police and one person has had some jewellery returned to them from this evidence.</p> <p>There is a vacant position with many new people moving into the village can we not fill it with them? The chairman did confirm that we have two people who have shown an interest and they have been invited to attend a meeting, to then let the chairman know if they are still interested.</p> <p>The meeting opened at 7.40 p.m</p>	Clerk.
191	Declarations of interest for items on the agenda – David Hopkins for reference 18/01221/FUL as this is his own application.	.
192	Apologies for absence – none	
193	Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 13th March 2019 to be approved and signed by the Chairman (<i>Proposed Mr David Hopkins, seconded Mr Tim Ward</i>)	
194	<p>Matters arising from previous minutes – Christine asked the chairman if she was able to pass on the name of council representative to Louise who may be able to help with additional training materials. Confirmed.</p> <p>David looked in to the CAPALC membership issue and this was when the handover from Tracey to Louise was happening, Tracey suggested that we might want to join on our own as we had previously shared this with Bluntisham and would be helpful for Louise with ongoing training, this was agreed by the councillors but nothing seems to have happened. Louise to follow up with CAPALC to ask how much it would be to join again. (<i>Proposed Mr David Hopkins, seconded Mr Tim Ward</i>)</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
195	County Council & District Council reports – None as none were present. Cllr Jill Taverner did provide Louise and Charlie with information about the lorry watch.	
196	<p>FY2017/18 Accounts to end March 2019 – the clerk shared the accounts electronically for March.</p> <p>March income - £0</p> <p>March expenditure - £1288.30</p> <p>(<i>Proposed Mr David Hopkins, Seconder Mr Tim Ward, All agreed</i>).</p> <p><i>It was asked by one of the councillors how we know what is pending to come in and go out payment wise. A brief look at the accounts discussing the LHI bid and other payments due until all were comfortable with the figures in front of them.</i></p>	Clerk

197	<p>Accounts for payment for March payments – Ms Charlie Lowe & Mr David Hopkins signed the cheques. Full detail of all cheques signed can be found as appendix 1.</p> <p><i>(Proposed Mr Tim Ward, seconded Mr David Hopkins, All agreed.)</i></p>	Clerk
198	<p>PIP Explanation – Louise read out the following received from a member of the HDC planning team:</p> <p>PIPs basically separate the principle of development at a site from everything else and have a 5 week determination period. Applicants submit a location plan and state the number of dwellings they want, and we determine if, in principle, up to that number of dwellings would be acceptable at the site. So essentially, we are just assessing the location and issues such as access, design, residential amenity, highway safety etc. are addressed in the second stage of the application, called Technical Details Consent, if the Permission in Principle is approved.</p> <p>Below is the Govt.'s wording:</p> <p>The permission in principle (PIP) consent route is an alternative way of obtaining planning permission for housing-led development which separates the consideration of matters of principle for proposed development from the technical detail of the development. The permission in principle consent route has 2 stages: the first stage (or permission in principle stage) establishes whether a site is suitable in-principle and the second ('technical details consent') stage is when the detailed development proposals are assessed. PIP establishes that a particular scale of housing-led development on a defined site is acceptable. The aim is for a PIP to minimize the upfront and at-risk work of applicants.</p> <p>David confirmed that a PIP costs £475 per house and last for two years if approved.</p>	
199	<p>Planning – 18/01221/FUL – Southview, Somersham Road, Pidley.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This is a re-submission, urban design planners asked for the barn at the back to be demolished and the properties be moved back behind next doors garage the cladding was asked to be changed to be wood like many others in the area and the join between the two houses was amended on the roof. All councillors were happy with the proposed amendments. It was asked if there was a restriction on the barn being demolished, Louise to ask this in her response to the council. <p>Approved by TW, CP, RJ, DH, CL.</p> <p><i>(Proposed Mr Tim Ward, seconded Mr Mike Baines)</i></p>	Clerk
200	<p>Community Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Plan – Mrs Christine Paynter – Daffodils are dying off, Christine would like to trim them, everyone objected to this. • Bark received yesterday and put round the pond. • The bench by the pond has been painted by the handyman. • Thank you to David Hopkins for such a great job on the bricking up around the village sign it looks great. • Fish have been donated by a member of the village for all to enjoy – thank you very much! • The algae is an issue though and Christine has been advised by a member of the public what to order and volunteered their services to help get rid of this. Christine will order this. (Blanket weed powder) • Field next to the church has now been done. 	Christine Paynter

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> David has done about a mile and a half of footpaths, others have volunteered to help with this – thank you to all. Play park – The annual inspection date is still to be confirmed by play park – no other updates. 	
201	Village Maintenance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SID – Has been unable to get data ready to share with us. Lorry Watch – Charlie shared Jill’s update with us, they are starting their own lorry watch with David Mccandless company this week. The option of doing this ourselves with volunteers who would need training, to volunteer their time, we don’t have a kit, could we share one with another village? Oldhurst perhaps? Or we could do the same as Warboys. It was agreed that we would do the same as Warboys and contribute a £100 towards their services. Louise to contact David Mccandless and arrange. All were in agreement on this. (Proposed Mr Mike Baines, seconded Mr Tim Ward) 	Tim Ward
202	LHI Bid – Louise has been contacted by two people to say they are managing this. One is away for a few weeks but the other one will keep Louise updated on developments as and when they happen.	Clerk
203	<p>Ditches – Louise spent an hour and a half on Tuesday with the Environment Agency and an Environmental Health Officer from the council walking around the village. We started at Drag Lane, walked all the way down to Fen Road, in both directions where we bumped into David who joined us and shared his wealth of knowledge on the village. We went back down Drag lane, along to Wheelwright cottage who also came out to discuss their updates and then carried on to Vernon motors. There are many stages to getting the ditch issues resolved. Some the environment agency is discussing with the relevant individuals. This information was not shared on Tuesday as is a separate matter. Highways have also been out to do some investigating of their own, the EHO will follow up with them. They need to do some die testing in the ditches to confirm what is actually in there and this has to be done over a space of time. They cannot just do this once. There is also blockages in the flow of the water on the LHS ditch. This is due to tree roots and broken pipes which needs to be addressed.</p> <p>The environment agency has written to about 40 houses surrounding the farm to ask them to confirm their sewerage connection set up. She had only received a handful of responses. If you have not received a letter and feel you should have please email Louise the Clerk @ pidleycumfenton@gmail.com and she will be able to inform them that your letter is missing and to re-issue.</p>	Clerk
204	<p>CCTV – Business watch – Still waiting for a quote from them. Also need one more quote, Louise to ask Anthony Wooton who they use for the village hall and see if they will quote too.</p> <p>Burglaries – As mentioned in the opening section. Not all burglaries seem to be on the report. Are they reaching the police?</p>	
205	Village Development – Mike has a plan for this but is still working on this – will keep this on the agenda for next month.	
206	Duplicate entry - Burglaries	
207	Planning Training – David Hopkins attended a meeting on the 26 th March, TPO’s on trees in the areas. There is also a “habitat gain” being introduced with planning applications and the wildlife can affect your application. For example, if you have an established garden where wildlife live and this was being removed as part of a planning application this may be an issue.	David Hopkins

