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## 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

|            | Open forum  |        |  |  |  |  |
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|            | The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all present to raise any concerns  |        |  |  |  |  |
|            | with items on the agenda.   |        |  |  |  |  |
|            | 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   | CI I   |  |  |  |  |
|            | given data to the police and one person has had some jewellery returned to them   | Clerk. |  |  |  |  |
|            | from this evidence.   |        |  |  |  |  |
|            | 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.   |        |  |  |  |  |
| 101        | The meeting opened at 7.40 p.m  |        |  |  |  |  |
| 191        | <b>Declarations of interest for items on the agenda</b> – David Hopkins for reference   | •      |  |  |  |  |
| 102        | 18/01221/FUL as this is his own application.  |        |  |  |  |  |
| 192<br>193 | Apologies for absence – none  Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 12th March 2010 to be approved and                        |        |  |  |  |  |
| 193        | Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2019 to be approved and  |        |  |  |  |  |
| 194        | signed by the Chairman ( <i>Proposed Mr David Hopkins</i> , seconded Mr Tim Ward)   | Clerk  |  |  |  |  |
| 194        | Matters arising from previous minutes – Christine asked the chairman if she was   | Clerk  |  |  |  |  |
|            | able to pass on the name of council representative to Louise who may be able to help  |        |  |  |  |  |
|            | with additional training materials. Confirmed.  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  | Clerk  |  |  |  |  |
|            | on our own as we had previously shared this with Bluntisham and would be helpful  | CICIK  |  |  |  |  |
|            | 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. (Proposed Mr David Hopkins, seconded Mr Tim Ward)   |        |  |  |  |  |
| 195        | County Council & District Council reports – None as none were present. Cllr Jill  |        |  |  |  |  |
| 250        | Taverner did provide Louise and Charlie with information about the lorry watch.   |        |  |  |  |  |
| 196        | FY2017/18 Accounts to end March 2019 – the clerk shared the accounts  | Clerk  |  |  |  |  |
|            | electronically for March.   |        |  |  |  |  |
|            | March income - £0   |        |  |  |  |  |
|            | March expenditure - £1288.30  |        |  |  |  |  |
|            | (Proposed Mr David Hopkins, Seconder Mr Tim Ward, All agreed).  |        |  |  |  |  |
|            | 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.  |        |  |  |  |  |
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| 197 | Accounts for payment for March payments – Ms Charlie Lowe & Mr David  |           |  |  |  |
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|     | Hopkins signed the cheques. Full detail of all cheques signed can be found as   |           |  |  |  |
|     | appendix 1.   |           |  |  |  |
| 100 | (Proposed Mr Tim Ward, seconded Mr David Hopkins, All agreed.)  | Clerk     |  |  |  |
| 198 | <b>PIP Explanation</b> – Louise read out the following received from a member of the  |           |  |  |  |
|     | HDC planning team:  |           |  |  |  |
|     | 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 num-   |           |  |  |  |
|     | ber 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.  |           |  |  |  |
|     | Below is the Govt.'s wording:   |           |  |  |  |
|     | 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 de-   |           |  |  |  |
|     | velopment. 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 develop- |           |  |  |  |
|     | ment on a defined site is acceptable. The aim is for a PIP to minimize the upfront and  |           |  |  |  |
|     | at-risk work of applicants.   |           |  |  |  |
|     | David confirmed that a PIP costs £475 per house and last for two years if approved.   |           |  |  |  |
| 199 | Planning – 18/01221/FUL – Southview, Somersham Road, Pidley.  | Clerk     |  |  |  |
|     | - 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.  |           |  |  |  |
|     | Approved by TW, CP, RJ, DH, CL.   |           |  |  |  |
|     | (Proposed Mr Tim Ward, seconded Mr Mike Baines)   |           |  |  |  |
| 200 | Community Updates:  |           |  |  |  |
|     | • Community Plan – Mrs Christine Paynter – Daffodils are dying off,   |           |  |  |  |
|     | Christine would like to strim 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!   |           |  |  |  |
|     | <ul> <li>The algae is an issue though and Christine has been advised by a member of</li> </ul>  |           |  |  |  |
|     | the public what to order and volunteered their services to help get rid of this.  | Christine |  |  |  |
|     | Christine will order this. (Blanket weed powder)  | Paynter   |  |  |  |
|     | <ul> <li>Field next to the church has now been done.</li> </ul>   |           |  |  |  |
|     | 1 Telu heat to the church has how been done.  |           |  |  |  |

|     | <ul> <li>David has done about a mile and a half of footpaths, others have volunteered<br/>to help with this – thank you to all.</li> </ul>                             |        |
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|     | <ul> <li>Play park – The annual inspection date is still to be confirmed by play park</li> </ul>   |        |
|     | - no other updates.  |        |
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| 201 | Village Maintenance  |        |
|     | <ul> <li>SID – Has been unable to get data ready to share with us.</li> </ul>  | Tim    |
|     | • Lorry Watch – Charlie shared Jill's update with us, they are starting their own  | Ward   |
|     | 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.   |        |
|     | <ul> <li>All were in agreement on this.</li> </ul>   |        |
|     | (Proposed Mr Mike Baines, seconded Mr Tim Ward)  |        |
| 202 | <b>LHI Bid</b> – Louise has been contacted by two people to say they are managing this.  | Clerk  |
|     | One is away for a few weeks but the other one will keep Louise updated on  |        |
|     | developments as and when they happen.  |        |
| 203 | Ditches – Louise spent an hour and a half on Tuesday with the Environment Agency   | Clerk  |
|     | 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<br>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.  The anximoment agency has written to shout 10 houses surrounding the form to sale.   |        |
|     | 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.  |        |
| 204 | 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.   |        |
|     | <b>Burglaries</b> – As mentioned in the opening section. Not all burglaries seem to be on  |        |
| 205 | the report. Are they reaching the police?  Village Development. Mike has a plan for this but is still working on this will   |        |
| 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 <sup>th</sup> March, TPO's  | David  |
|     | on trees in the areas. There is also a "habitat gain" being introduced with planning   | Hopkin |
|     | applications and the wildlife can affect your application. For example, if you have an   | P.III  |
|     | established garden where wildlife live and this was being removed as part of a   |        |
|     | planning application this may be an issue.   |        |

|     | Listed buildings were also discussed, asked how many we have in the village. The church, Stanley House. Every change to a listed building has to go through planning, even down to the guttering.  Planners have 60-70 live applications on their porfolios, but they do have a full team now. They do need enforcement officers though.  Structured plan going to full council on the 15 <sup>th</sup> May with the adopted plan looking to be in place by June if acceptable. Then as Graham Bull confirmed last meeting this will lose the tilted balance and the planning applications should decrease.  Wyton – Meeting of Cambridgeshire/Peterborough – they are looking at installing a third river crossing. If approved this will impact the A141 & RAF Wyton will be developed.   |       |
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| 208 | AGM – Dates discussed – everyone is available on the 22 <sup>nd</sup> May.  |       |
| 209 | Any other business –  Envar – Louise received a call from another representative of the Environment Agency, they are building a case against the fire that ENVAR had in January/February of this year and wondered if we would be prepared as a village to put together a witness statement. This would mean should this go to court that Charlie as the chairman would need to stand up and testify. Charlie was happy to do so.  Waste plant at Warboys – This still hasn't officially gone through. Could we get an update on this. Louise to email Jill/Add to next agenda for update.  Highways – Louise to report the following:  Pidley Sheep lane there is a fence which is in need of repair.  Small piece of kerb required by the speed hump on Warboys road.  Man holes near Mikes house on High Street, now with Anglian Water to fix.  Road surface by the Mad Cat junction. | Clerk |
|     | Pidley Car Fest – this will be on Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2019. Further information to follow. – they would be grateful for any homemade cake donations. They will be setting up from 11am on the day!  Flower Festival – August Bank Holiday Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> – Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> – They are looking for volunteers for flower arranging and helping on the refreshments stall, cake donations would also be gratefully received.  Teddy Bear Free Fall – Will be on the 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2019 – Further information to follow.  |       |

Meeting closed 9.50pm

Next meeting: 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019

## **Dates of Future Parish Council Meetings –2019**

| Wednesday | 8 <sup>th</sup> May     | 2019 | Wednesday | 9 <sup>th</sup> October   | 2019 |
|-----------|-------------------------|------|-----------|---------------------------|------|
| Wednesday | 22nd May -              | 2019 | Wednesday | 13 <sup>th</sup> November | 2019 |
|           | AGM                     |      |           |                           |      |
| Wednesday | 12 <sup>th</sup> June   | 2019 | Wednesday | 11 <sup>th</sup> December | 2019 |
| Wednesday | 10 <sup>th</sup> July   | 2019 | Wednesday |                           |      |
| Wednesday | 14 <sup>th</sup> August | 2019 | Wednesday |                           |      |
| Wednesday | 11 <sup>th</sup>        | 2019 | Wednesday |                           |      |
| _         | September               |      | _         |                           |      |