

**Minutes of the Pidley-cum-Fenton Parish Council Meeting
 Wednesday 8th May 2019 at 7.30pm in The Village Hall, Pidley**

Present: Chairman Ms Charlie Lowe, Mr Robert Johnson, Mrs Christine Paynter, Mr Tim Ward, Mr Michael Haines, Mrs Louise Clowery (Clerk) **Also, present:** Cllr Graham Bull, Cllr Jill Taverner, Cllr Steve Creswell & 5 x members of the public

	Open forum The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all present to raise any concerns with items on the agenda. The meeting opened at 7.40 p.m. No issues raised.	
210	Declarations of interest for items on the agenda – None	.
211	Apologies for absence – David Hopkins	
212	Somersham & Pidley Timebank presentation by Katie Ixer – Katie started by giving a brief of the timebank and its purpose. It is not a service it is to help the community. The timebank costs £14,000 a year to run. Pidley make up 10% of the allowance for the timebank and we pay as a village £327 contribution to them which is a reduced rate of the £1400 that it should be. Katie tries to get funding where possible but if this not received then Somersham contribute the rest of the money. The idea behind the timebank is to stop the loneliness many experiences in silence. They have implemented Group exchanges, groups of people gardening, lifts for hospital visits etc, painting, social activities, monthly coffee walks, Nordic walks. The timebank is not just for people who need help it is also for people who have some time how every little or as much as they can offer to help. You can earn credits for the time you donate and swap this for adult courses, theatre tickets, family activities etc. The timebank has helped an elderly couple in Pidley in the past. They received 60 hours in total and were unable to give the time back to the timebank. But this just shows that the help is not directly credited back it can be donated to someone else. Katie co-ordinates all of this with the tasks required and the list of volunteers she has. Most of the time she is able to match this but sometimes has to call in favours. So your help is required to donate your time or maybe you need the help yourself and are to shy to ask. If so email or phone Katie Ixer of the timebank @ timebank@somersham-pc-gov.uk or call her on 01487 841359. Forthcoming events:	
213	Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 3rd April 2019 to be approved and signed by the Chairman (<i>Proposed Ms Charlie Lowe, seconded Mr Tim Ward</i>)	
214	County Council & District Council reports – Cllr Steve Creswell had no update but will present at the AGM on the 22 nd . Cllr Jill Taverner spoke about the Lorry	

	watch which is being carried out. They have done 5 watches so far and Dave McCandless will present at our June meeting.	
215	<p>Matters arising from previous minutes – Christine asked for an update on Envar – Charlie will prepare a response that we were not really affected in the village by the fire.</p> <p>Waste plant at Warboys – Add to next agenda for update from Jill.</p> <p>Highways – Louise reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pidley Sheep lane there is a fence which is in need of repair. – still outstanding. • Small piece of kerb required by the speed hump on Warboys road. Now replaced with posts. • Man holes near Mikes house on High Street, now with Anglian Water to fix. Still ongoing. Mike has chased. <p>Road surface by the Mad Cat junction – report came back that they felt this was not in need of repair.</p>	
216	<p>FY2017/18 Accounts to end April 2019 – the clerk shared the accounts electronically for April.</p> <p>April income - £11,500 (precept received)</p> <p>April expenditure - £775.30</p> <p><i>(Proposed Mr Mike Haines, Seconder Mr Tim Ward, all agreed).</i></p>	Clerk
217	<p>Accounts for payment for April payments – Ms Charlie Lowe & Mr Tim Ward signed the cheques. Full detail of all cheques signed can be found as appendix 1.</p> <p><i>(Proposed Mr Tim Ward, seconded Ms Charlie Lowe, all agreed.)</i></p>	
218	<p>Planning:</p> <p>Reference: 19/00704/FUL - Site Address: The Hay Barn, Fen Road, Pidley Proposal: Change of use of agricultural land to garden curtilage and construction of a residential garage. This was approved by all, Christine would like a note added that the upstairs is just used for office and not to be converted at a later date to a residential property. <i>(Proposed Mr Tim Ward, seconded Ms Charlie Lowe, all agreed.)</i></p> <p>Reference: 19/00640/FUL – Site Address: Lakeside Lodge Golf Centre, Fen Road, Pidley, Proposal: Change of use and conversion of a recreational building to seven apartments. Speed of the road to the golf course a concern, Sewerage also a concern and we ask that the relevant checks be made. <i>(Proposed Mr Mike Haines, seconded Mrs Christine Paynter, all agreed.)</i></p> <p>Reference: 19/00732/PIP – Land North East of Gloucester Barn, Fen Road, Pidley Proposal: Permission in Principal for up to 2 dwellings. This was previously approved by the council as this is a re-submission. One councillor rejected this previously and comments remain the same. <i>(Proposed Mr Mike Haines, seconded Mrs Charlie Lowe, All agreed, apart from one rejection.)</i></p> <p>Reference: 19/00730/PIP – Land East of The Old Club House, Fen Road, Pidley Proposal: Permission in Principal for up to 2 dwellings. This was previously approved by the council as this is a re-submission. One councillor rejected this previously and comments remain the same. <i>(Proposed Mr Mike Haines, seconded Mrs Charlie Lowe, All agreed, apart from one rejection.)</i></p>	

	<p>Reference: 19/00731/PIP – Land South of Fen Road Industrial Estate, Fen Road, Pidley Proposal: Permission in Principal for up to 2 dwellings. This was previously approved by the council as this is a re-submission. One councillor rejected this previously and comments remain the same. <i>(Proposed Mr Mike Haines, seconded Mrs Charlie Lowe, all agreed, apart from one rejection.)</i></p> <p>Reference: 19/00625/HHFUL – The Old Club House, Fen Road, Pidley, Proposal: Construction of a garage and parking apron. This was approved by all; Christine would like a note added that the upstairs is just used for office and not to be converted at a later date to a residential property. <i>(Proposed Mr Tim Ward, seconded Ms Charlie Lowe, all agreed.)</i></p> <p>Reference: 19/00563/HHFUL – Albion Rose, Fen Road, Pidley, Proposal: Proposed Two Storey Rear and Side Extension, including demolition of existing rear single storey extension. Consideration of works vehicles during construction, eg not parking/blocking road. Could the conifers at the side of the property also be trimmed. <i>(Proposed Mr Tim Ward, seconded Mrs Christine Paynter, all agreed.)</i></p>	
219	<p>Community Updates: Community Plan – Mrs Christine Paynter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No updates really, Daffodils have been strimmed. Play park – The annual inspection has been carried out; Report received. Louise to read through and summarise for next meeting. 	
220	<p>Village Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SID – Tim shared the data with us. Louise to upload on the website. PMRT – Recruits needed – Charlie made an appeal for volunteers, committee members as they are struggling. Otherwise it is feared it may have to close. <i>(Proposed Mrs Christine Paynter, seconded Mr Tim Ward)</i> 	Tim Ward Charlie Lowe
221	Recruitment for councillor position – Christine reported back her findings and she confirmed that when there is a vacancy HDC were to be informed, it has to be advertised locally too. The question was raised as to why this had not happened when there were previous vacancies. Louise to follow up with the HDC contact to ask how long this needs to be advertised for and then we can have the interested applicants formally apply.	Clerk
222	Advertising of signs – Charlie received correspondence regarding the signs in the village by the play park and the opposite field. It was felt that they were bringing down the class of the village but as they are on private land, we are unable to ask them to remove them. One has fallen down anyway.	Clerk

	Additionally, the David Wilson signs are also causing concern. Following on from the previous meeting someone has tried to remove one, but they are bolted on. Louise to contact the site and ask if they could possibly remove them.	
223	Salvation Army Clothing recycling bank – correspondence received from them asking if we would like to have a clothing recycling bank in the village. This was welcomed by all of the councillors. Discussion were had as to where this could be installed. Louise to ask the salvation army the size of the clothing bank and then to ask the Mad Cat and social club. Size dependant it was felt these would be good options for the village.	Clerk
224	Any other business – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay stronger for longer advertising material received with individual leaflets. Louise to advertise these on the notice board, leave some in the social club. Add information to the website. BT are advertising in a national newspaper that they are selling off a number of iconic red phone boxes for a £1. Could we purchase one to install in the village to use as a library? Display advertising? BT will pay for the lighting of the boxes – all were in agreement that this was a wonderful idea. Louise to make enquiries with BT. 	Clerk
	Pidley Car Fest – this will be on Sunday 2 nd 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 th – Monday 26 th – 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 th September 2019 – Further information to follow.	

Meeting closed 9.15pm

Next meeting: 22nd May 2019

Dates of Future Parish Council Meetings –2019

Wednesday	22nd May - AGM	2019	Wednesday	9 th October	2019
Wednesday	12 th June	2019	Wednesday	13 th November	2019
Wednesday	10 th July	2019	Wednesday	11 th December	2019
Wednesday	14 th August	2019	Wednesday		
Wednesday	11 th September	2019	Wednesday		