

**Minutes of the Pidley-cum-Fenton Parish Council Meeting
 Wednesday 12th June 2019 at 7.30pm in The Village Hall, Pidley**

Present: Chairman Ms Charlie Lowe, Mr Robert Johnson, Mrs Christine Paynter, Mr Tim Ward (for interviews before the meeting only), Mr Michael Haines, Mrs Louise Clowery (Clerk) **Also, present:** Cllr Graham Bull, Cllr Jill Taverner, & 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>If we have an application where people have made comments and the application which has been refused by HDC then it gets appealed and is then taken to the secretary of state. All who have commented get a notification letter that this is happening. What happens next? The Parish Clerk also gets a letter and we are able to add additional comments on the website should we feel the need. It was then asked that we could add this as an agenda item to update all on the current status which was agreed.</p> <p>British Empire medal has been awarded to Michael Haines in the Queen's birthday honours for his dedication and work with disabled children in swimming.</p> <p>Pidley Sheep Lane – Both sides of the road are breaking away. Highlight this to HDC again.</p> <p>On the 19TH June there will be road works on the High Street to repair the manhole.</p> <p>Car Fest – There was £500 raised in the car fest this year which has gone to the PMRT. 106 vehicles attended and it was a really good -out enjoyed by all. A big thank you to Gil Boyd for all of his hard work to make this event as successful as it was.</p> <p>With the significant rain we have received this week our drainage system is struggling to cope with the excess water. The sewerage systems are overloaded. This has also had a significant impact on houses and the farm in the village that are already working with the Environment Agency.</p> <p>The water courses and ditches are also overloaded. Ditches are the responsibility of the landowners adjacent to each house.</p> <p>There are three main ditches in the village – Drag Lane, Oldhurst road, and by the bus stop on the high street (David can you confirm I got this right please)</p> <p>Can we get maps/plans of the water courses – Graham Bull very kindly offered to look into this.</p> <p>Capricorn House still has not cleared the ditch outside their house. Clerk to follow up with the Environment Agency.</p> <p>The meeting opened at 7.50 p.m.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
225	Declarations of interest for items on the agenda – David Hopkins on Eden House as it is a family members application.	.
226	Apologies for absence – Cllr Steve Creswell & Tim Ward	
227	County Council & District Council reports – Cllr Graham Bull had no major updates – Marshalls are looking to move out of Cambridge, they have three options which are up for consideration – Raf Wyton, Duxford, Cranfield – Bedfordshire. Louise asked how this would affect the redevelopment plan for RAF Wyton – This has not been finalised – 1500 jobs and planes would still fly out of Raf Wyton. Engie	

	<p>who are putting together a plan for “Older people living” No plans have been submitted as yet.</p> <p>Cllr Jill Taverner – There is a new parking system in Huntingdon at the following three sites: St Germain Street Gt Northern Street Princes Street</p> <p>There are various ways of paying now and the price structure has changed. Please check this before you leave the car.</p> <p>Jill visited Stagecoach to see the autonomous bus and had a ride on it. They are looking at implementing this in Huntingdon.</p> <p>There is a shortage of transport in the villages and they have offered two buses if we can organise the timetable/route through the villages. Jill is working on this.</p> <p>Christine asked Jill for an update on the waste plant as she was not present at the last meeting. – There is no update, the company are in financial difficulty. An application for a judicial review.</p>	
228	<p>Lorry Watch Presentation - Summary of a Community Lorrywatch Presentation by David McCandless, MD Community Roadwatch(UK) CIC (CRW) at the Pidley-cum-Fenton Parish Council Meeting on 12 Jun 19</p> <p>Background. The Parish Council, in response to residents’ concerns at the damage and nuisance being caused by increasing numbers and sizes of HGVs, requested CRW to carry out a Lorrywatch* survey to determine the type, weight and numbers of HGVs using the narrow B1040 through Pidley and the narrower, unsuitable Fenton Bends.</p> <p>Aim. The Council’s ultimate aim is to reduce the number of the heaviest HGVs to acceptable levels or exclude them totally, except for access, either voluntarily by hauliers signing a CRW Covenant – as Mick George had done for his HGVs (see CRW website) - or by employing formal, affordable, effective means and measures to obtain the level of pacification needed to improve its residents’ safety, environment and quality of life.</p> <p>Results. Mr McCandless outlined the results of a comprehensive CRW Lorrywatch sessions CRW, audited by District Cllr Jill Taverner, had carried out in front of the Mad Cat public house, the Village Hall and in the ‘layby’ opposite Fen Road. The survey comprised seven one hour sessions at different times of the day except the early morning because the recent rain had caused those to have been cancelled. In all, 114 HGVs were observed and their ‘Revenue’ weights determined from the DVLA website using their Registrations. Also, CRW had identified the companies owning all the liveried HGVs - including foreign-plated ones with UK offices. This data would enable the Council, if it wished, or request CRW on its behalf, to contact companies of the heaviest persistent lorries to point out the problems their transits are having on the safety and well-being of the community.</p> <p>Companies would also be asked to use the County Council’s Advisory Freight /Strategic Routes (A141) instead of this stretch of B-road that was unsuitable for the weight and length of lorries currently being experienced along it</p>	

through Pidley and Fenton. Mr McCandless had written such a letter to one company but had not, to date, received a response. He left the letter with the Parish Clerk as a template for letters to other companies as the Council decided. Mr McCandless also noted that, for the most-part, the humps in Warboys Rd were obviously slowing most traffic but that the constant pounding by 18tonne-44tonne HGVs was causing them to loosen just like the same types of lorries had done to identical humps in Colne just prior to that type being installed in Pidley.

Traffic Regulation Order (TRO). When asked about a 7.5t limit TRO, Mr McCandless agreed that that would be one solution but residents should realise that such a limit applies only to those HGVs OVER 7.5t. Some large lorries are (conveniently) classified as 7.5t, or even just under at 7.49t, to allow them to use 7.5t restricted routes as shortcuts even though most can make just as much noise over the humps as some of the bigger ones.

However, an HGV's vibration signature is determined primarily by its suspension, weight and speed and the number of axles hitting the humps when an HGV fails to straddle them (like when passing each other) as multiple axles can set up resonance. Also HGVs following closely behind each other can cause a greater vibration than when travelling well separated because the vibration amplitude from one does not always dissipate before being complemented by the next and the next. Mr McCandless pointed out that HGV nuisance has become more significant in recent years and that the area HCV Group is seeking to identify problems and locations in what is known as 'The Diamond' with a view to excluding HGV's from villages except for legitimate access. The Group is also keen to monitor vibration, noise and pollution levels. He suggested it might be in the Council's interest to join that group as well and send a representative to the Area Road Safety Committee where common problems – such as HGV nuisance that is a current topic - often result in common affordable solutions. The contact details of the Secretary of both Committees has been supplied to the Parish Clerk.

Speed Indicating Devices (SIDs). When asked about the effectiveness of SIDs, Mr McCandless said there is no doubt that SIDs are effective at moderating the speed of traffic if properly placed and for the time that they are 'active'. His experienced view, having been involved in the support and observation of several different types of SIDs over 10 years, was that SIDs installed at potential accident blackspots to slow speeding traffic should not trigger at too low a speed to gratuitously distract drivers. Also, with few exceptions being justified, they should show just the speed of vehicles continuously in large full-face digits without any judgemental messages (like 'Thank You' or 'Slow Down' or similar graphics). Why? When these 'message' SIDs stop working (flat battery

	<p>being common) or trigger late (caused by bad head alignment) drivers actually accelerate towards them to get a 'Thank You' but then end up speeding when no message appears. SIDs in a 'Stealth' have the same effect.</p> <p>**Community Lorrywatch is an HGV monitoring/quantifying service provided by CRW and should not be confused by the recently created 'HGV Watch' started by the Police to identify HGV infringements of weight, width and height TROs.</p> <p>This document is reproduced along with a summary of the project and other Pidley Volume-Speed data at: www.roadwatch.org.uk/cambs/pidley</p>	
229	<p>Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 8th May 2019 to be approved and signed by the Chairman (<i>Proposed Ms Charlie Lowe, seconded Mr David Hopkins</i>)</p>	
230	<p>Matters arising from previous minutes – None</p>	
231	<p>FY2019/20 Accounts to end May 2019 – the clerk shared the accounts electronically for May. May income - 0 May expenditure - £3,114.44 (<i>Proposed Mr David Hopkins, Seconder Ms Charlie Lowe, all agreed.</i>)</p>	Clerk
232	<p>Accounts for payment for May payments – Ms Charlie Lowe & Mr David Hopkins signed the cheques. Full detail of all cheques signed can be found as appendix 1. (<i>Proposed Mr David Hopkins, seconded Ms Charlie Lowe, all agreed.</i>)</p>	
233	<p>Planning: 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 councillors (<i>Proposed Mr Mike Haines, seconded Ms Charlie Lowe, all agreed.</i>)</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Reference: 19/00962/FUL – Home Farm, Warboys Road, Pidley Proposal: Extension to existing building to form Implementation Shed (<i>Proposed Mr Mike Haines, seconded Mrs Christine Paynter, all agreed.</i>)</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Reference: 19/01002/REM - Site Address: Land rear of Eden House, High Street, Pidley Proposal: Details of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale. This was approved by all councillors (David Hopkins abstained) (<i>Proposed Mr Mike Haines, seconded Mrs Christine Paynter, all agreed.</i>)</p>	
234	<p>Community Updates:</p> <p>Community Plan – Mrs Christine Paynter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report sent to Louise for upload, Louise confirmed receipt. • Pond – unable to get any fish from Warboys but we have had another generous donation from John Wright (Thank you John!). • Entrance Gates – Can we paint them white? Christine is happy to do this. David kindly offered to purchase the paint for her as he can get this at a cheaper price. Christine would also like to purchase some 30mph signs to install on the front of the entrance gates. Glasdon's have confirmed that they are ok to install. It was discussed and agreed that 6 would be a suitable amount to purchase. Christine to arrange this. • Play park – The annual inspection has been carried out; Louise has read the report and trimming round the play equipment to see the safety mats was 	<p>David Hopkins</p> <p>Clerk</p>

	<p>required (Martin has already done this, thank you Martin) The bushes going into the entrance also require some attention. Louise did a tidy up before the Car Fest, but it does require some more work on the big bush outside the park. David has kindly offered to sort this out for us. Thank you, David!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slide – It was mentioned to Louise by a few parents of children under the age of 5 at the car fest that there is only one swing which is suitable for that age range. It was asked if we could possibly purchase a slide? We have £1500 left in the park budget. Louise to make enquiries to see what we can get. Will report back at the next meeting. 	
235	<p>Village Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SID – Will be updated in the next meeting. David did confirm that he has moved the SID to near the pond. • New SID – Louise and Tim have received a new email from planning and need to review. 	
236	Recruitment for councillor position – Interviews have taken place and the results will be disclosed at the next meeting.	Clerk
237	LHI BID 20-21 – Communication received last week about our application for our 20-21 bid. We have to submit our application by the 4 th August. Ideas needed & suggestions encouraged by all parishioners. Please email/write/call the Parish clerk with any suggestions ahead of the meeting. This will need to be decided in our July meeting.	Clerk
238	Red Telephone Box – The size would be a micro bin which is a small bin, they collect weekly and if it is overflowing all you need to do is call and they will be out to empty. It is their reputation at risk, so they like to keep on top of these things. Louise made enquiries about different locations, but this was not well received.	Clerk
239	Salvation Army Clothing recycling bank – The size would be a micro bin which is a small bin, they collect weekly and if it is overflowing all you need to do is call and they will be out to empty. It is their reputation at risk, so they like to keep on top of these things. Louise made enquiries about different locations, but this was not well received.	Clerk
240	Clerk probationary period – all confirmed that this is now finished, and the position is Louise's.	Clerk
241	<p>Any other business –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BT are advertising in a national newspaper that they are selling off a number of iconic red phone boxes for a £1. BT advised that you are only able to purchase ones that are already in situ. • David Wilson signs – David • Dead Elm Trees – There are a few down Fen Road which David has made enquiries to check that they are not protected etc and will remove them once confirmed. • Drag Lane – To help with the situation down there David suggested that we get a group of volunteers together for a couple of hours to trim the trees down. It was decided to do this on the 6th July between 10-12. If you have a couple of hours any help would be greatly appreciated. Louise to email Charlie a flyer and she will have laminated. • CCTV – Businesswatch have been unresponsive, Louise has tried to get another couple of companies out with no success. Add to agenda meeting for next month. 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>David</p> <p>Louise</p>

	<p>Flower Festival – August Bank Holiday Saturday 24th – Monday 26th – They are looking for volunteers for flower arranging and helping on the refreshments stall, cake donations would also be gratefully received. Please contact Christine Paynter if you are able to volunteer for either the flower display or helping with the refreshments.</p> <p>Teddy Bear Free Fall – Will be on the 7th September 2019 – Further information to follow.</p>	

Meeting closed 9.15pm

Next meeting: 22nd May 2019

Dates of Future Parish Council Meetings –2019-20

Wednesday	10 th July	2019	Wednesday	11 th March	2020
Wednesday	14 th August	2019	Wednesday	8 th April	2020
Wednesday	11 th September	2019	Wednesday	13 th May	2020
Wednesday	14 th August	2019	Wednesday	10 th June	2020
Wednesday	11 th September	2019	Wednesday	8 th July	2020
Wednesday	9 th October	2019	Wednesday	12 th August	2020
Wednesday	13 th November	2019	Wednesday	9 th September	2020
Wednesday	11 th December	2019	Wednesday	14 th October	2020
Wednesday	8 th January	2020	Wednesday	11 th November	2020
Wednesday	12 th February	2020	Wednesday	9 th December	2020