

Minutes of the Pidley-cum-Fenton Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 8th July 2020 at 7.30pm via Zoom

Present: Mr Paul Robbs de la Hoyde (Chairman), Mr Tim Ward, Mr Michael Haines, Mr Mark Wadsworth, Mr Robert Johnson, Mr David Hopkins, Mrs Louise Clowery (Clerk), Cllr Graham Bull.

Also, present: 9 x members of the public

Meeting opened - 19.32pm.

423	Apologies for absence - Cllr Steve Criswell & Cllr Jill Taverner	
424	Declarations of interest for items on the agenda – David Hopkins for the Richmond Lodge planning application, he also declared a general interest in the High Street, Fen Road and Oldhurst Road.	
425	Public Forum – Meeting closed for the public forum at 19.35. Meeting reopened at 19.56. – Proposer – Tim Ward, Seconded – Mark Wadsworth	
426	<p>County Council & District Council reports:</p> <p>Steve Criswell sent the following report: Pidley cum Fenton PC report 8th July 2020</p> <p>Much of the County Council focus over the last 4 months has unsurprisingly been in response to Covid-19. I am the lead member for Communities on the Council, so have been heavily involved. The Adult Skills Service and Libraries moved many of their offers on-line and have seen significant sign-up. Libraries will gradually be released from lockdown during July, starting with a ‘select and collect’ appointment service at larger libraries such as St Ives.</p> <p>Care Homes are independently run, but the Council provided a 10% temporary uplift in funding, an emergency PPE supply and developed an Infection Control Plan to help protect residents. We have also been working across the healthcare system to support the NHS.</p> <p>Partnership working across the public sector has been impressive, with CCC and HDC in particular joining forces to support the most vulnerable. The County Council has been responsible for assisting the most vulnerable Shielded Group. Across Cambs & P’boro there are 32,357 Shielded residents, of which around 19,000 have registered. There are 9 in Pidley. Many staff have been redeployed into a central</p> <p>Hub. The County Covid Hub has arranged food and medicine deliveries, telephone friendship calls and personal care. The District Hub has supported a wider range of vulnerable residents and liaised with local volunteers.</p> <p>The volunteer response across all communities has been brilliant, nowhere more so than the Time Bank in Somersham & Pidley. Huge thanks go to all those who are helping to support their friends and neighbours. Community spirit is alive and well.</p> <p>Long may it continue.</p> <p>With ‘Test and Trace’ underway the Council has been required to develop a Local Outbreak Control Plan. As we slowly move back towards normality</p>	

	<p>and dependent on how careful the public are, some local outbreaks are likely. These will need to be dealt with at a local level. This could entail restrictions being reintroduced in affected communities. It is therefore in all our interests to continue with enhanced hygiene, personal protection and appropriate social distancing for as long as necessary.</p> <p>Wheatsheaf crossroads – still very much on the agenda. As previously reported, the favoured option is for traffic lights. Until a detailed design is completed, we cannot be sure there is sufficient land available for the additional lanes. This work was commissioned to start in February, just as Anglian Water commenced their pipe works and installed temporary lights. As reported to the parish council at the time, with disrupted traffic flow, the capacity modelling and design had to be put on hold.</p> <p>That work will proceed shortly. I remain committed to achieving a solution as soon as possible. A considerable amount of work is ongoing to consider road infrastructure improvements around St Ives and Huntingdon. I sit on a range of steering groups.</p> <p>The highly problematic idea of a 3rd river crossing near Huntingdon has thankfully been kicked into touch, which allows us to concentrate on schemes that are affordable and deliverable. Junction improvements around A1123/Harrison Way are high on the priority list.</p> <p>As officers return to normal roles, I intend to recommence work on HCV traffic. This is becoming an increasingly difficult issue, as community discontent is widespread and HCV movements are complex and often the volume of local traffic is misunderstood. For example we now know only 7% of HCVs on the A1123 travel straight through. Also, any reduction in Pidley would divert traffic onto the A1123 through St Ives. There is already a campaign on Houghton Road, to reduce HCVs, so this would be resisted by them. A consultation with County members is being undertaken to see how our policy should tackle this across the county.</p>	
427	<p>Planning: Reference: 20/00451/FUL</p> <p>Site Address: Land west of Richmond Lodge, Fen Road, Pidley.</p> <p>Proposal: Erection of 1no. dwelling, detached garage & means of access (pursuant to approval 18/01701/FUL)</p> <p>This has been previously approved as a pair of houses. This has now been split into one house. The parish decided that they would like to ask for the following: as there is no footpath they would like one to be included as they are aware that there will be an increase in pedestrians and cars on the road. There are no warning signs on the road, and they would like this to be taken into consideration.</p> <p>They would also like them to retain as many trees as possible along the boundary.</p> <p>This was approved by all councillors – MW, TW, MH, RJ, PRDLH, apart from DH who abstained due to this being a family members application. Robert felt that generally there should more thought and consideration giving into the planning applications which are on greenfield sites. But we have no village plan to go against and Huntingdonshire's plan has no set areas in Pidley marked for development.</p>	
428	<p>Matters arising from previous minutes – None</p> <p>(Proposed Mr Paul Robbs de la Hoyde, Seconded Mr Mike Haines)</p>	
429	<p>FY2019/20 Accounts to end June 2020 –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - June income – 0.00 - June expenditure – 443.40 	

	<i>(Proposed Mr Paul Robbs de la Hoyde, Seconded Mr David Hopkins.)</i>	Clerk and PRDLH
430	Accounts for payment for June payments – details of all cheques signed can be found as appendix 1 . <i>(Proposed Mr David Hopkins, Seconded Mr Paul Robbs de la Hoyde.)</i>	
431	Bank account – online – Louise now has the mandate form from the bank to add new signatories and remove old ones. This will be completed and passed to Paul and Mark to complete and present at the bank.	
432	Training: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Councillors – Remote training sessions are happening, there are dates in August, September, and October available. Louise to circulate to all to see if the councillors can attend. • Chairman training – Only one date available for now – 26th September. Louise to book Paul in on this if possible. • Data Protection Training – Tim advised that CAPALC have offered to do this for all councillors and clerk before a council meeting. Cost and dates to be confirmed. • Code of Conduct Training – Given the newness of the councillors, CAPALC have offered to do a group training session for the councillors and clerk on this topic. Clerk is waiting for CAPALC to confirm price and potential dates. 	Clerk
433	Lorry Watch Update - There are many lorries going through the village which seems to have increased. Mike has suggested to create an informal group to meet once a month. Name suggestion of “How to reduce the volume of lorries through the village”. Parish Council. This will be a working group under the We have two residents interested in joining the group. If you are interested in joining please email Louise. pidleycumfenton@gmail.com <i>(Proposed – Mr Mike Haines Seconded – Mr Mark Wadsworth)</i> Results for the 4-week roadwatch – HCV’s 3671 (over 150 pd/) Speeds - 100mph @6am on the High Street. Full analysis to be given at the next meeting.	MH
434	Committee/Village Updates – SID Data – Tim has this information and will pass to Louise to upload on the website. 3500 vehicles from Somersham to the High Street, 2500 over the weekends. Speeding percentages up by 47%. COVID 19 affecting these figures, Media sat that drivers are ignoring sped limits at present. Grass cutting – Mark showed how on “my Cambridgeshire” website you can add in your postcode and it brings up a map showing who is responsible for this in your area. As he showed all road verge maintenance is done by CCC. Pidley is maintained by CCC Highways. We would like to thank fellow residents and the handyman for maintaining these but as this shows this is the responsibility of CCC. Handyman tasks – As the grass verges should now not be done by the handyman it was felt that a lawnmower was not required. It was asked if we could contribute to the maintenance of the mower used for the play park which was approved by all councillors.	TW & Clerk

	<p><i>(Proposed – Mike Haines Seconded – Mark Wadsworth)</i></p> <p>If residents feel Fen Road needs to be cut by the village they should email the Clerk, but the responsibility should fall to the owners for their land. Therefore, the handyman responsibilities should be readdressed. Clerk and Chairman to look into this.</p> <p>Mark will talk to Highways about how/where they cut. Robert said that the pond needs attention. Clerk to let handyman know. Clerk to follow up with David re storage that he offered in the last meeting.</p> <p>Salt Bin – Need size of salt bin to be confirmed before we can purchase, will keep on the agenda for the next meeting to discuss with David.</p> <p>The question was asked regarding Oldhurst Road. This should be primary gritting route. It is understood that the bin opposite the mad cat if for the footpaths.</p> <p>Play Park – Risk assessment to be completed, Check with HDC to understand our duty of care before we officially re-open the play park.</p> <p>Do we need to provide hand washing stations or sanitiser or just display suitable signage to encourage individual responsibility?</p>	<p>PRDLH & Clerk</p> <p>DH</p> <p>Clerk</p>
435	<p>CIL Triggers – Update from Mark Wadsworth -</p> <p>I am a member of Pidley-Cum-Fenton Parish Council. At last night's meeting we had a question from a resident with regards CIL levies on extensions to existing properties.</p> <p>Having researched this my take on the matter is that.</p> <p>Extensions and Annexes are wholly exempt from CIL under the Community Infrastructure Regulations 2014 irrespective of size, as long as;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The dwelling is the applicant's main residence - The annexe is not to be let out for profit - The property is to be used as a dwelling <p>The exemption would be disqualified if.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The annexe is let - The annexe/main property is sold separately <p>Extension under 100m2 are not liable for the Community Infrastructure Levy,</p> <p>But Anything that creates a residential unit - Dwelling house or Annex is CIL liable regardless of size.</p> <p>There are three different Self-Build Exemption that can be applied for – so not exempt unless claimed on the correct form.</p> <p>Self-Build New Dwelling - This has a three-year clawback - If sold within clawback period would become payable in full.</p> <p>Self-Build Annex - This has a three-year clawback – If sold within the clawback period the main dwelling and the residential annex must be sold at the same time to the same person(s).</p> <p>Self-Build Extension - No Clawback period.</p>	MW

	<p>With regards extensions over 100m2 would CIL apply to the whole amount or just anything over the 100m2 threshold? To the whole development in total.</p> <p>Does CIL apply to Agricultural building conversion? Is it still the same ruling as only increased floor area is chargeable, or is it the whole thing? The whole development is chargeable but if the building has been in use for at least 6 months within the last 3 years back from the planning permission date the we can use the “in use” calculation which deducts the existing floorspace away from the proposed.</p>	
436	<p>Footpath Grants – There was an article in one of the local newspapers regarding footpath grants. Mark contacted the person in the article directly to be passed to Shailesh Vara, who then passed him to the local mayor. Mark is still awaiting a response and will report back in the August meeting.</p>	MW
437	<p>Proposal for a Projector and Screen – This was suggested so that when we are back in the village hall, we can have more public interaction. They can see plans for the planning applications and if there is anything else that comes up, we could look at them in real time on the screen. These range from £319-£329. Mark is happy to connect to his laptop or we have the clerk laptop too.</p> <p>We welcome public views on this potential purchase before we go ahead and purchase. Please contact the Parish clerk @ pidleycumfenton@gmail.com</p>	
438 moved up above 433 as David had to leave the meeting after	<p>Parking and encroachment on to the Highway land – David is asking for permission to talk to a resident about certain vehicles always being on the footpath causing pedestrians, especially those with pushchairs to walk on the road.</p> <p>Due care for the village – Warboys Road, High Street & Oldhurst Road. It was suggested we contact Highways to ask what the restrictions are.</p> <p>All councillors agreed that this would be the best approach.</p> <p>David left the meeting at 20.45pm</p>	
439	<p>Annual Parish Meeting – Due to COVID 19 they have not released any guidelines for APM's. These can currently not be held by Zoom meetings. This was supposed to be held between March – June but the extension has been granted due to lockdown. We are provisionally suggesting October depending if the restrictions have been lifted.</p> <p>Chairman has said that he will produce a briefing note on this.</p>	PRLDH
440	<p>Parish Website – Our current website is the community one for the whole village. It has been advised that we need a website dedicated for Parish Council use. Clerk has two sources and will follow up for current information and costs ready for the next meeting.</p> <p><i>(Proposed – Mr Paul Robbs de la Hoyde Seconded – Mr Tim Ward)</i></p>	Clerk
441	<p>LHI Bid Correspondence – Some residents, but not all have received letters regarding the installation and feedback on the installation has been requested. We have not received this information in the council. Mike to follow up with the project leads and report back in the next meeting.</p>	MH
	Agenda items for next meeting –	

Notes from the Public Forum	<p>March meeting minutes –</p> <p>Point 4 – no outcome</p> <p>Point 5 – Didn't include minutes of the February meeting</p> <p>Point 6 – Clerk to confirm the basis of which the payment was made.</p> <p>Point 7 – Parish precept – raised to 12,000 which was more than the % agreed. Can we confirm why this happened.</p>	Clerk
	<p>There has been an increase in lorry traffic, due to the end of works on the A14? Huge lorries, resident is home all day so hears and sees them all of the time. Has started taking photos of them.</p> <p>Mike has a couple of ideas to resolve this and will discuss in 433 in the meeting.</p>	MH
	<p>Accounts – Financial regulations are not on the website. When you open them it is another policy? Can this be rectified.</p> <p>It was suggested that this should be an accruals account basis, but the chairman confirmed due to the figures receipts and payments accounting is appropriate.</p> <p>Budget is completely out. Chairman confirmed that this is a work in progress with the clerk and still needs to be set and approved. They hope to have this done ready for August/September meeting.</p>	Clerk
	<p>It was noted that there were some register of interest missing from HDC website. This is namely for M Wadsworth & P Robbs de la Hoyde. Clerk has these and are on our information but was not aware that they needed to go to HDC too. This will be followed up immediately.</p>	Clerk
	Closed the public forum at 19.56.	

Meeting closed 21.35pm

Next meeting: 12th August 2020

A full copy of the recorded meeting can be found online at Zoom.

Dates of Future Parish Council Meetings –2020-21

Wednesday	9 th September	2020	Wednesday	12 th May	2021
Wednesday	14 th October	2020	Wednesday	9 th June	2021
Wednesday	11 th November	2020	Wednesday	14 th July	2021
Wednesday	9 th December	2020	Wednesday	11 th August	2021
Wednesday	13 th January	2021	Wednesday	8 th September	2021
Wednesday	10 th February	2021	Wednesday	13 th October	2021
Wednesday	10 th March	2021	Wednesday	10 th November	2021
Wednesday	14 th April	2021	Wednesday	8 th December	2021