

**Minutes of the Pidley-cum-Fenton Parish Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August 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:** 3 x members of the public

Meeting opened - 19.30pm.

<b>442</b>	<b>Apologies for absence</b> - Cllr Steve Criswell & Cllr Jill Taverner, Mr David Hopkins running late and will join as soon as he can.	
<b>443</b>	<b>Declarations of interest for items on the agenda</b> – None	
<b>444</b>	<b>Public Forum</b> – Meeting closed for the public forum at 19.35. Meeting reopened at 19.36. – Proposer – Tim Ward, Seconded – Mark Wadsworth	
<b>445</b>	<b>County Council &amp; District Council reports:</b> Not much to update, the district is working on getting the high streets back up and running following lockdown.	
<b>446</b>	<p>Matters arising from previous minutes –</p> <p>The following items were raised by a member of the public:</p> <p>March meeting minutes –</p> <p>Point 4 – no outcome</p> <p>Point 5 – Didn't include minutes of the February meeting – February minutes now included.</p> <p>Point 6 – Clerk to confirm the basis of which the payment was made. –</p> <p>Following on from Cllr Lowe's investigation into the matter before she left the council the clerk confirmed the following:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Maintenance of a closed churchyard.</p> <p>(1) Subject to subsection (2) below, where outside the area subject to the M1 Welsh Church Act 1914 a churchyard has been closed by an Order in Council, the parochial church council shall maintain it by keeping it in decent order and its walls and fences in good repair.</p> <p>(2) A parochial church council which is liable under subsection (1) above to maintain a closed churchyard may—</p> <p>(a) if the churchyard is in a parish or community having a separate parish or community council, serve a written request on that council to take over the maintenance of the churchyard;</p> <p>(b) if the churchyard is in a parish not having a separate parish council, serve such a request on the chairman of the parish meeting;</p>	

	<p>(c)if the churchyard is in a community not having a separate community council, serve such a request on the council of the [F1county or county borough] in which the community is situated; or</p> <p>(d)if the churchyard is in England elsewhere than the City and the Temples and is not in any parish, serve such a request on the council of the district or London borough in which the churchyard is situated;</p> <p>and, subject to subsection (3) below, the maintenance of the churchyard shall be taken over by the authority on whom the request is served or the parish meeting, as the case may be, three months after service of the request.</p> <p>(3)If, pursuant to subsection (2) above, a request is served on a parish or community council or the chairman of a parish meeting and, if that council or meeting so resolve and, before the expiration of the said three months, give written notice of the resolution to the council of the [F2district, Welsh county or (as the case may be) county borough] and to the parochial church council maintaining the churchyard, the [F3local authority to whom the notice is given] , and not the parish or community council or parish meeting, shall take over the maintenance of the churchyard at the expiration of the said three months.</p> <p>(4)Where before the passing of this Act a church council established under the constitution of the Church in Wales, in purported exercise of the powers conferred by section 18 of the M2Burial Act 1855 (maintenance of closed churchyard payable out of rates), issued a certificate with respect to a closed churchyard to a local authority, and that authority thereupon took over the maintenance of the churchyard, the authority’s action shall be deemed to have been lawful for all purposes, and the authority for the time being responsible for the maintenance of the churchyard shall have the like duty with respect to its maintenance as a parochial church council elsewhere than the area subject to the M3Welsh Church Act 1914.</p> <p>(5)In subsection (1) above, “the area subject to the M4Welsh Church Act 1914” means the area in which the Church of England was disestablished by that Act.</p> <p>In addition to this the clerk found the following information:</p> <p>Section. 215 of the 1972 act permits a council to maintain a closed churchyard, She also spoke to the church wardens who confirmed that this has been closed since WWII.</p>	
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	Point 7 – Parish precept – raised to 12,000 which was more than the % agreed. Can we confirm why this happened. – As per the minutes in December 2019 this was discussed amongst the councillors. Cllr Hopkins suggested a percentage of 2-3% and then suggested to round up to 12,000. This was approved by all of the councillors. (Proposed Mr Paul Robbs de la Hoyde, Seconded Mr Mike Haines)	
447	<b>FY2019/20 Accounts to end July 2020 –</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- July income – 0.00</li> <li>- July expenditure – 393.40</li> <li>- (Proposed Mr Paul Robbs de la Hoyde, Seconded Mr David Hopkins.)</li> </ul>	Clerk and PRDLH
448	<b>Accounts for payment for June payments</b> – details of all cheques signed can be found as <b>appendix 1</b> . (Proposed Mr David Hopkins, Seconded Mr Paul Robbs de la Hoyde.)	
449	<b>Bank account – online</b> – 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.	
450	<b>Training:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Chairman training – Only one date available for now – 26<sup>th</sup> September. Louise to book Paul in on this if possible.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	Clerk
451	<b>Lorry Watch Update</b> - 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”. This will be a working group under the Parish Council. We have two residents interested in joining the group. If you are interested in joining please email Louise. <a href="mailto:pidleycumfenton@gmail.com">pidleycumfenton@gmail.com</a> (Proposed – Mr Mike Haines Seconded – Mr Mark Wadsworth) 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
452	<b>Committee/Village Updates –</b> <b>SID Data</b> – The machine was unresponsive; Tim will ask David to move this to Oldhurst Road ahead of the installation of the speed humps. <b>Handyman Tasks</b> – CCC should be maintaining the pond but are not so the handyman is doing this. David then confirmed that CCC are only contracted to do this once a year along with Fen Road, Therefore it was felt that a lawnmower was required. This will be shared with the play park and stored in the container which David is supplying and will be located in the	

	<p>Pidleycumfenton Community Centre car park. A budget of £500 was agreed.</p> <p><i>(Proposed – Mr Paul Robbs de la Hoyde, Seconded – Mr Mike Haines)</i></p> <p><b>Play Park</b> – Mick George asked us to resubmit our grant application again, but we were unsuccessful for a second time.</p> <p>Open to suggestions for new funding ideas should anybody have any.</p> <p>For the re-opening most of Huntingdonshire is placing adequate signage in the park reminding everyone to maintain social distancing and sanitise hands. They are not providing sanitiser. It was noted that Somersham have opened their play park. The councillors asked the Clerk to check with them as to where they got their signage and report back at the next meeting if this is required to be purchased.</p>	
<b>453</b>	<p><b>Footpath Grants</b> – 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. Finally, he was passed on to Darran Smith with CCC who he would like to confirm with if we can get an application in before the cut off time. This is still to be confirmed and will update in the October meeting as he is on holiday for the September meeting.</p>	MW
<b>454</b>	<p><b>Parish Website</b> – The clerk misunderstood from the last meeting that this was fully approved to proceed with this. Now that this has been clarified she will proceed with this.</p> <p>Mike did ask how much the hosting was. The clerk confirmed that this will be £79.99.</p> <p>This was approved by all to purchase.</p> <p><i>(Proposed – Mr Paul Robbs de la Hoyde, Seconded – Mr Mike Haines)</i></p>	MW
<b>455</b>	<p><b>LHI Bid</b> – The clerk raised this as there has been an extension on the application window for the LHI Bids for 2021-22.</p> <p>Given the issues we have faced with the current LHI bid Mike is not keen to proceed with any further LHI bids.</p> <p>David feels that this has been a big headache over the last three years and we should wait until things have settled from this installation to see what we would like to do next in the village.</p> <p>Paul said that we have no funds available in the budget to do this yet and suggests that we revisit this in a year to see how we wish to proceed as a Parish.</p>	
<b>456</b>	<p><b>Bollards</b> – As some of you may be aware, some months ago three bollards and two planters were sited outside my home,-- The Old Bakehouse on the High Street. These were installed to allow residents, including mothers with young children, to walk safely along the High Street without the need to walk in the road against oncoming traffic when vehicles had parked in the layby. I understand from one resident that before I moved into the village they had tried to have the pavement extended -- but to no avail.</p> <p>In 2019, at a public meeting the Parish Council discussed options for making this stretch of our High Street safer and tasked me with finding a solution. After discussions with the Huntingdon Highways engineer, it became clear that extending the pavement was beyond the budget of our village. He proposed the three bollards and later confirmed his approval of two planters at the sides. I presented this option to the Parish Council at a public meeting and it was decided to go ahead with the project by a majority vote of five to one. The bollards were installed and the planters, which Jane and I paid for to save Pidley village funds, now sit on the exact spot</p>	

	<p>the engineer marked out for them. I have not received any objections to this installation only thanks for making our pavement safer and comments on how lovely the planters look.</p> <p>Recently, two policemen knocked on our door-- Now for any of you with children the first thought is something serious has happened to them. Fortunately that wasn't the case. They informed us that an allegation had been made against me by a Pidley resident and that I must attend St Ives Police Station to be questioned under caution. In plain English the allegation was that a Pidley resident thought I should have left the Village Hall whilst the bollards were being discussed and for this they called the Police. At the meeting nobody in the public gallery raised an objection to me being present.</p> <p>I attended St Ives Police Station with a solicitor from Cambridge who was paid for by us the taxpayer and was questioned under caution.</p> <p>The complainant must have a lot of time on their hands as the Police were in possession of a large folder from them containing at least one tape recording of a Parish Council meeting, Land Registry documents relating to my house, pages of information from the District Council presumably obtained from freedom of information requests, a flow chart and much more. The information was numbered and referenced MM by the person making the complaint.</p> <p>After the interview The case was sent to a Senior Police Officer for assessment and of course, common sense prevailed and the police are not proceeding with the allegation.</p> <p>This is a matter that could simply have been decided by a letter to the District or Parish council but as we all know the Police have nothing better to do than spend many hours investigating whether or not a volunteer Pidley councillor should have left the Pidley village hall during a Pidley discussion.</p> <p>I will leave you to draw your own conclusions as to whether this allegation warranted the amount of Police time, resources and public money that has been spent on this complaint.</p> <p>Jane and I would like to thank everyone in the village who offered to give statements 23 of you in all.</p> <p>My company solicitors are now looking into what actions I can take and this will not be paid for by the taxpayer.</p>	
457	<p><b>Pidley Sheep Lane (PSL)</b> – Following on from an accident on PSL a resident who has two farms in the village, had a collision outside his farm on PSL. Photos were sent to Mark who showed them at the meeting. They asked if something be done about the speed on PSL? Can we have better signage?</p> <p>Steve Criswell who was not present at this meeting is the best person to talk to on this matter as a representative for Highways.</p> <p>Mike had some ideas from the residents for a future LHI bid, but as this was so far down PSL Steve Criswell should be able to advise. Mike is happy to raise this with him.</p>	

	David suggested that we have solid white lines painted on the junction. There was also a suggestion of a couple of hundred yards warning sign before the junction too.	
458	<p><b>Councillor Contact Details on Website</b> – It was asked by a member of the public for councillor contact details to include post code and email addresses. The councillors were happy for the following on their individual details:</p> <p>Mike asked for all information to be removed and for all contact to go through the clerk.</p> <p>Tim would like his phone number to be removed.</p> <p>David, Paul, and Mark are happy for their information to stay the same.</p> <p>If you do need to contact an individual councillor and do not have the contact information you need please contact the clerk in the first instance.</p> <p><a href="mailto:Pidleycumfenton@gmail.com">Pidleycumfenton@gmail.com</a></p>	Clerk
459	<p><b>Proposal for Projector and Screen</b> – Is everyone happy for Mark to purchase this? The clerk has not received any feedback for this. All councillors were in support of this and a budget of £320 was agreed.</p> <p><i>(Proposed – Mr Paul Robbs de la Hoyde, Seconded – Mr Mike Haines)</i></p>	MW
460	<p><b>Pidley Scarecrow Festival</b> – The Wilderspin’s are hosting our first Scarecrow festival on the bank holiday weekend. They will provide the straw which will be by Lee’s logs the week leading up to it. This will be judged by four of our residents who have lived in the village all of their lives. There will be prizes. Get your thinking caps on and get creative!</p> <p>The Pidley Car Fest will also be held on the bank holiday Sunday – 12-3pm &amp; the Pidley Cum Fenton Community Centre will be opening for the event.</p> <p>We hope to see you all there!</p> <p>It was also asked if the “Witch Tucking Festival” really happened in Pidley</p> <p>David informed us that this was in Warboys not Pidley!</p>	
461	<p><b>BMI Can do it</b> - Dear Madam, Sir, We are on a mission to encourage the people of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough to eat well, sleep well and move more... and we are writing to invite you to join this new movement, driven by the NHS and partners.</p> <p><b>What is it all about?</b> BMI Can Do It is a movement designed to encourage people to eat well, sleep well and move more driven by your local NHS. As part of the movement we’ve set out a range of easy-to-follow challenges for people to undertake individually, amongst groups of friends and family or work colleagues. We know that positive, healthy changes – no matter how small – add up.</p> <p>The BMI Can Do It movement is supported by an investment of up to £1 million by Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group, which includes specialist services delivered via the NHS for those who need further support to manage their weight or (risk of) Type 2 Diabetes.</p> <p><b>Why now?</b> We know that people with an unhealthily high BMI are sadly at a much worse risk of suffering severe consequences if they contract COVID-19. With your support we can help your community eat well, sleep well and move more, to reduce their risk and to help them live happier, healthier lives.</p> <p><b>How can you join?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visit <a href="http://www.bmicandoit.co.uk">www.bmicandoit.co.uk</a> today to sign up to the movement</li> </ul>	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Set your own personal or team health and wellbeing challenge under the banner of BMI Challenge You, using one of our downloadable challenge packs or creating your own</li> <li>Follow us on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook (BMICanDoIt)</li> <li>Use the pack attached to find out more and share the news of the movement with your local residents.</li> </ul> <p>This is just the first step in getting the movement moving! Make sure you sign up via <a href="http://www.bmicandoit.co.uk">www.bmicandoit.co.uk</a> and follow us on our social media channels to stay up to date. Thank you</p>	
	<b>Agenda items for next meeting</b> – Community Gritting Scheme	
<b>Notes from the Public Forum</b>	<p>The chairman noted that a lot of the documents on the website have Bluntisham Parish Council on the document properties, this was due to the previous clerk being from Bluntisham PC and using the same documents. The clerk will have a look into these.</p> <p>It was also noted in our Financial Regulations that we are supposed to declare our 3 years predicted spend. We will look to include this in our budgets and overhaul of accounts which is ongoing.</p>	Clerk & Chairman
	<p>The chairman attended the Social Club/Village Hall AGM and would appreciate feedback on how the members of the public feel about attending meetings back in the village hall. Please email the clerk @ <a href="mailto:pidleycumfenton@gmail.com">pidleycumfenton@gmail.com</a>.</p>	Clerk
	Closed the public forum at 19.32.	

Meeting closed 21.25pm

Next meeting: 9<sup>th</sup> September 2020

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

### **Dates of Future Parish Council Meetings –2020-21**

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