

Minutes of the Pidley-cum-Fenton Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 9th September 2020 at 7.30pm via Zoom

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

Also, present: 2 x members of the public

Meeting opened - 19.30pm.

462	Apologies for absence - Cllr Steve Criswell, Cllr Graham Bull, Cllr Jill Taverner and Mr Mark Wadsworth	
463	Declarations of interest for items on the agenda – None – David would like to declare in relation to the three planning applications that he has no pecuniary interest and has not spoken to them for over a year on a personal level so feels fully competent to vote on these applications. Sunnycroft Farm – Paul is excusing himself from these discussions as he may be having some work done on his property as a result if this application being successful.	
464	Public Forum – Meeting closed for the public forum at 19.35. Meeting reopened at 19.38. – Proposer – Paul Robbs de la Hoyde, Seconded – Tim Ward Paul explained how members of the public can ask a question in the chat and Louise will co-ordinate this.	
465	County Council & District Council reports: Steve Criswell – Covid-19. The Hubs has been stood down for the time being and the Council has moved to an Outbreak Management phase. We are promoting the need for all precautions to continue – as they will need to for the foreseeable future. The Management Plan also directs our response to the local outbreaks that are occurring all the time and the support that businesses and families may need during isolation. The level of positive tests has increased, and this is now mainly in the 18 – 30 age bracket. Distancing guidelines have not changed, but unfortunately compliance has. Many of those infected in that age group are asymptomatic and are passing it on without knowing. Test & Trace is currently operated by the NHS. We have asked Gov't to allow us to run our own scheme in Cambridgeshire as we feel we can do it more effectively if organised locally. Parish Conference. This year it will be an on-line event on October 23rd. Cambs ACRE will be sending out invites shortly. Please register and attend if you can. Wheatsheaf crossroads. With traffic levels returning closer to normal, the survey is being carried out this month. That will allow us to ascertain if the preferred traffic light option is possible. Once the result is known, design work can commence. HCV traffic. An interim report from the Central Diamond working group is due out very soon which I will share. It gives movement numbers and	

	<p>levels of compliance with Routing Agreements. Work is ongoing to decide how to address the problem across the whole county. I have suggested using the Central Diamond as a pilot. I will keep you updated.</p> <p>Jill Taverner – HDC parking charges will commence 21st September. Charges are to remain the same as they were pre-Covid when they are reinstated, and all sites will have the option for customers to pay via their mobile phone for extra ease and convenience. The ticket machines will be cleaned regularly, and hand sanitiser will be provided at each machine. Free parking after 6pm each day and all day Sunday will continue.</p> <p>One Leisure has opened the indoor fitness, including group exercise classes, indoor cycling and some racket sports i.e. Tennis, badminton, Squash, short tennis, and Table Tennis. Booking is required at - oneleisure.net/indoor-activities</p>	
466	<p>Matters arising from previous minutes – Any comments – Robert has not seen them this month. Therefore, we are holding off of signing this until Robert has read. Louise to drop a copy round tomorrow.</p> <p>Has Mark ordered the projector? Louise to add to next agenda.</p>	
467	<p>FY2019/20 Accounts to end August 2020 –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - July income – 0.00 - July expenditure – 949.25 - <i>(Proposed Mr Paul Robbs de la Hoyde, Seconded Mr David Hopkins.)</i> 	Clerk and PRDLH
468	<p>Accounts for payment for August 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></p>	
469	<p>Planning – 20/01168/OUT – One of councillors has a potential pecuniary interest so left the room whilst this was discussed. A comment was made by one of councillors that had this and the surrounding applications been sent as one then some affordable housing would have been required, it was also felt by another councillor that this particular site was becoming a little over developed and that the boundary of the fence that has been installed on Orana House encroaches too much on to the footpath. Though on the whole this got an overall approval with one councillor voting against this application. <i>(Proposed Mr Tim Ward, Seconded Mr David Hopkins.)</i></p> <p>Planning – 20/01117/HHFUL – This was approved by all councillors as long as this remains a garage and does not have a change of use in the future. <i>(Proposed Mr David Hopkins, Seconded Mr Paul Robbs de la Hoyde.)</i></p> <p>Planning – 20/01386/FUL - This application was rejected by all of our councillors for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) the visibility on the entrance is not enough currently and it was felt that the boundary would need to be trimmed back a lot given the volume and speed of traffic on the road. 2) it was also felt that this was too close to residential properties. 3) the map that was supplied was not up to date as there has been additional residential properties built in the vicinity since. 4) it was also felt that we would be losing too much agricultural land in the 	

	<p>village.</p> <p>5) In relation to the Local plan policy relating to Local tourism it was asked if there was a need for this given the shepherd's huts, fishing lakes and caravan sites on the road already.</p> <p>6) Inappropriateness of its location in relation to the rest of the village. (Proposed Mr Paul Robbs de la Hoyde, Seconder Mr David Hopkins)</p>	
470	<p>Bank account – online – Paul and Mark have both completed the mandate and presented their identification at the bank. Louise received a text message to say that this is being processed. We await confirmation that this has been completed. Once received we will continue with the online section.</p>	Clerk
471	<p>Training –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. Louise to follow up on this with CAPALC. • Chairman training – Paul is attending this remotely on the 26th September. • Councillor training – Paul and Tim are attending this remotely on the 17th October. 	
472	<p>Lorry Watch Update – First meeting last night – Committee is now named the “Pidley Lorry Group”. There are still one or two more volunteers required. If you are interested please email the clerk @ pidleycumfenton@gmail.com.</p> <p>Since the A14 has been opened there has been an increase in the size of the lorries if not an increase in the volume.</p> <p>It was discussed that Warboys Road may be too narrow at a few pinch points. Mike and another member of the group are looking for some suitable maps to then go and measure the road in the hope that this is correct. If so they can submit this to Highways in support of our case to stop the lorries coming through or at the least a restriction in size of lorries. They would like the clerk to write to Cuckoo Bridge Nursery as we have noticed an increase of Anderson lorries going through the village. Can they re-route via St Ives and the Houghton Road?</p> <p>All councillors approved that this letter can be sent.</p> <p>Mick George should not be going through the village at all. They have another company that they are sending through the villages.</p> <p>If you do see any unsuitable lorries/too wide/too big or going through at speed please take a photo and email to the Clerk.</p> <p>Mike will contact Roadwatch to ask for some advice. He will also contact Steve Criswell as he asked him for a list of lorries that have a licence to go to Warboys tip. No list received as yet.</p>	
473	<p>Committee/Village Updates –</p> <p>SID Data – Data sent by Tim to Louise, Louise to upload on to the website.</p> <p>Handyman Tasks – Lawnmower now purchased and was £150 under budget. Could he also purchase a hedge trimmer?</p> <p>It was agreed by all that he could and the budget was increased to £200 to ensure that a good brand was purchased.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Handy man</p>

	<p>It was also asked if the Clerk could check what H&S measures we need to have in place and that we provide any safety equipment if necessary. Clerk to check and report back in the next meeting.</p> <p><i>(Proposed – Mr Paul Robbs de la Hoyde, Seconded – Mr Mike Haines)</i></p> <p>Play Park – Now open with the appropriate signage on the gate, Was opened for the August Bank Holiday weekend and was nice to see all enjoying it. The risk assessment will also be uploaded to the website.</p>	Clerk
474	Parish Website – This is in the beginning stages and Louise will update with more information next month.	
475	Pidley Sheep Lane – Speed Limits signage – Asked to defer this to next month to address with Cllr Steve Criswell.	
476	<p>Pidley Scarecrow Festival and Car Fest – we just wanted to say a Big thank you to the Wilderspains and to Gil Boyd for the success of both events over the Bank Holiday weekend. It was commented on by lots of people, especially those who did not live in the village and was so nice to see so many people take part.</p> <p>It is understood that the Car Fest will hopefully resume to earlier in the year in 2021 as long as COVID 19 restrictions are not changed.</p>	
477	MacMillan Coffee Morning – Louise is hosting a MacMillan coffee morning on Saturday 26 th September at the Community Centre from 10am-12pm. The village hall side will be open with tables spaced out for all to adhere to social distancing measures. Any cake donations would be greatly appreciated.	
	<p>Correspondence received – Paul has asked that this be added back to the agenda each month so that we can include any correspondence received at each meeting.</p> <p>Litter Picking Network – Email received from another clerk in the area – Louise read this out as follows: Dear Parish Councils,</p> <p>I am on the steering committee for the St. Ives Ecoaction Group. I am particularly interested in reducing the amount of litter in the area, and I would like to set up a Litter Picking Network in and around St. Ives and the surrounding villages.</p> <p>I'm aware that there are some more informal litter picking initiatives, which we are happy to support. However, it would be more effective if we had a joined-up network so that we can support each other and make the greatest impact to reduce litter.</p> <p>We are looking at grants from "Keep Britain Tidy" and other sources to provide each Parish Council with litter picking equipment. As a temporary measure, Hunts District Council will allow groups to borrow their equipment.</p> <p>I have successfully set this up in my parish of Wyton on the Hill, and I have had an enthusiastic response from residents. I am hoping the surrounding parishes will also be keen to collaborate.</p> <p>I understand that this will need to be presented as an agenda item at each PC meeting, so am not expecting immediate responses.</p> <p>If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.</p>	

	<p>I look forward to hearing from you.</p> <p>Paul has asked for this to be added to the agenda for next month so that this can be considered by all.</p> <p>Water Pump – Robert asked if it would be ok to sand, paint and make good the water pump. He is volunteering to do this as he has done in the past. Another member of the public did also email to offer to do this too. All were in agreement for this to be done. Thank you Robert.</p>	
	Agenda items for next meeting – Litter Picking Network	
Notes from the Public Forum		
	Closed the public forum at 19.38.	

Meeting closed 21.12pm

Next meeting: 14th October 2020

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

Dates of Future Parish Council Meetings –2020-21

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