

Minutes of the Pidley-cum-Fenton Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 14th October 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, Mr Mark Wadsworth, Mrs Louise Clowery (Clerk),
Also, present: 7 x members of the public
Meeting opened - 19.33pm.

478	Apologies for absence Received from Cllr Steve Criswell & Cllr Graham Bull Cllr Jill Taverner not present	
479	Declarations of interest for items on the agenda – David for the planning application as the applicant is a friend and he has spoken to him about the application so therefore will not be voting.	
480	Public Forum – Meeting closed for the public forum at 19.35. Meeting reopened at 19.35 – 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.	
481	County Council & District Council reports: None received	
482	Approval of minutes: - for 12 th August 2020 - Approval for September 2020 - Matters for information	
483	Current year financial report to end of September 2020 The financial report had a bug in it which the Clerk needs to correct and then will circulate for all and upload on the website. - September income – 0.00 - September expenditure – £949.25 - (Proposed Mr Paul Robbs de la Hoyde, Seconded Mr David Hopkins.)	Clerk and PRDLH
484	Approval of payments for October – details of all cheques signed can be found as appendix 1 . (Proposed Mr David Hopkins, Seconded Mr Paul Robbs de la Hoyde.)	
485	Approval of Annual Governance and Accountability Returns: This is with the internal auditor to approve and then the clerk will represent to the council for the chairman to sign in the next meeting	Internal auditor & clerk
486	Financial Planning 2021-22 - Precept – Clerk bringing to the attention of the council. This needs to be approved ideally in November meeting, the latest December meeting as we need to get our form back to HDC by 12 th December. - Clerk to find out what the denominator is in the calculation for the precept.	


	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Budget – Clerk needs to prepare this and would appreciate any ideas/suggestions on spends to include from councillors. Please email the clerk prior to the next meeting so that she can prepare the budget. We would then look to document our three year forecast. - Local election for next year will be approx. 2,500.00. 	
487	<p>Planning for approval and comments to Huntingdonshire District Council Reference: 20/01335/FUL Proposal: Conversion of former agricultural barn to dwelling with associated works including demolition of cattle barns. Address: Barn Rookery Farm, Fen Road, Pidley This was approved by all councillors with David abstaining from voting. No material comments were given. <i>(Proposed Mr Paul Robbs de la Hoyde, Seconded Mr Mark Wadsworth.)</i></p>	
488	<p>Clerk Training – the clerk provided an update on the CiLCA training she has partaken in so far. This will take approximately 200 hours to complete the portfolio to support the training and she has one year to complete this. The clerk felt inadequate in terms of reference material as we currently do not have any. It was agreed that the Arnold Baker book and the Essential clerk book could be purchased. This will help in day to day life as well as supporting the clerk through the training. During a call with the clerk, the Chairman questioned the equipment that she was using. As the training requires a lot of computer time it was felt that a docking station was required so that the clerk could use her personal equipment for longer periods at the computer. Clerk to obtain quotes for the next meeting.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
	<p>Meeting is adjourned for 5 minutes at 20.45pm due to poor connection and we have lost councillor Haines. Meeting is re-opened at 20.50pm – <i>Proposed by Mr Paul Robbs de la Hoyde, Seconded by Mr Tim Ward.</i></p>	
489	<p>Lorry Watch Update: Update from Mike – He was sorry to see that Steve Criswell was not at the meeting. He was trying to obtain details of the lorries that have been registered to go to the landfill sites for the last two weeks so that we can see which ones are coming back through the village that shouldn't be. He was also going to contact Jill Taverner on this matter. Mike as an individual and not as a councillor would like to write to our local MP, Shailesh Vara about the current situation if all agree. This received no objections. Mike would also like to write to Highway's England if all are happy for this to be sent via the clerk regarding the situation with Hemsby's and the increase of lorries in the area. David asked that this letter be drafted and go back to the councillors to be approved before it is sent. All councillors agreed with this approach. It was also suggested that it might be good to arrange for a petition for the village. Paul would like to consider this point. The Houghton Road Lorry Group are a very powerful group. Mike would like to meet with the chairman to discuss their plans and to see if we can work together with them. Louise and Mike to arrange a meeting if possible. Mike did a little survey between 5am-7am for lorries down the high street in both directions. The average is 1 every 4 minutes. This excludes buses and coaches. Clerk to check if the "lorry group" needs to have the clerk to attend to minute or are they ok to do this themselves.</p>	<p>MH</p> <p>PRDLH</p> <p>Clerk</p>

	<p>Cuckoo Bridge – Following the last meeting suggestion the clerk wrote to Cuckoo Bridge about the volume of Anderson's lorries. The manager once in receipt of the letter called the clerk. Firstly, thanking her for the polite way this was addressed and secondly, to address the lorry situation. Anderson lorries should not be going through Pidley and all drivers have been advised of this. If they do, please take photos and send to the clerk with a date and time and she will follow up with the manager directly. This was a positive result for the village.</p>	
490	<p>Committee/Village Updates – SID Data – Data sent by Tim to Louise, Louise to upload on to the website. Handyman Tasks – Village pump – A member of the public volunteered their time in the summer to restore this but does not have the time now due to work commitments. It was suggested that the Handyman can do this in his hours. Trimmer purchase approved with a £200 budget. Clerk to check that the handyman has the required safety equipment and to go through the using of the lawnmower and hedge trimmer. Salt Bin – David was unable to source the one he was going to donate. The clerk confirmed that HDC approval is needed before we purchase and install, we need an exact location. Clerk to check with the insurance company how our cover stands if we do install and residents salt the pavement themselves. Play Park – October inspection done by Louise & Martin – no issues to report.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Handy man</p> <p>Clerk</p>
491	<p>Website – new – update – The first stage is complete. The Gov.uk name has been purchased along with certificate and is now with the website company who will be building the website for us.</p>	
492	<p>Projector – The purchase of this has been put on hold until we are back in the village hall.</p>	
493	<p>Bank Account – Still no confirmation received on the completion of the new authorised signatories. Louise to follow up with the bank directly.</p>	Clerk
494	<p>Thank you and Gift declaration – Mike received a bouquet of flowers and card and wanted to say thank you for the kind thought and would also like to declare this as a gift.</p>	
495	<p>Cambridgeshire ACRE Conference – This is on the 23rd October via zoom which Louise is attending and will update next month.</p>	
496	<p>Private CCTV Camera on Fen Road – The clerk has received three emails from residents with concerns regarding the new CCTV camera which has been installed at the top of Fen Road. David updated on this as this was installed by a family member. This is currently not operational and was installed to help fellow residents should the ANPR function in it pick up a car that is wanted in connection to a police matter. He did say that as this is not wanted by the residents it will be moved nearer to the family's property. Paul said on the matter that if any residents have concerns, they can look on the ICO website at the sanctions and regulations. It was also confirmed that this is not a Parish Council camera, Our camera sits on the junction of Fen Road.</p>	

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497	<p>Speeding in Fenton – An email was received from a resident in Fenton over concerns on the speeding in Fenton. Tim was asked to contact the resident to discuss this and all that the council are doing to help the matter. It was highlighted that it was even more important that with all of the planning applications that have come in for Fenton that we have added the following material comments: Speed reduction to 30mph & Increase footpaths & lighting.</p>	
498	<p>Correspondence received –</p> <p>Litter Picking Network – Email received from another clerk in the area – Louise read this out as follows: Dear Parish Councils, 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. It was felt that we as a village we are on top of the litter with the council litter picking, the village tidy up events and the handy man doing this. Paul has asked that if anyone is interested in Pidley joining this then to email the clerk on pidleycumfenton@gmail.com</p> <p>Bollards – The chairman read out a letter received by a member of the public on the 8th October. Mike will prepare a response to send via the clerk. As an overview Mike did not want the bollards to be installed. This was done for the safeguarding of the residents, especially those walking with prams, small children, wheelchairs and dogs. He wasn't aware that the laybys on Warboys Road and Oldhurst Road were of a concern to the residents of the village and suggested that we add these to next month's agenda to discuss options/ fact find/ Course of action.</p>	
	<p>Agenda items for next meeting – Safety of Layby's</p>	
<p>Notes from the Public Forum</p>	<p>There were a few items raised by one member of the public which took the time of the public forum over the 15 minutes allocated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • August minutes – Minutes from the August meeting were not published before September meeting for points to be raised. • February minutes – point 5 regarding the LHI Bid there was a discussion on the Local Highway Improvement bid for the high street but only Councillor Haines statement was noted in the minutes. There was also a vote taken by councillors to support or not the bid –please could the discussion points raised by residents and the vote be documented in the minutes to ensure a fairer reflection of the item. • Advice not on the relevant NALC guidance on churchyards. • Bollards – raised concerns about the installation of the bollards again and the timeline not matching that of Cllr Haines statement in the August minutes. This was raised to the Monitoring officer at HDC who advised to take the matter to the police so that they could investigate. This was done and was found not to require any further action at this point. 	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parish councillors are elected representatives, not volunteers or employees. They must declare their eligibility and acceptance of their role. Councillor Haines moved to the village in August 2018. He was co-opted onto the parish council in November 2018. Could Councillor Haines explain to the parish council and residents how he is eligible to be a parish councillor. 	
	There is a sign at the end of Fen Road by the bus shelter, opposite Pond which has been knocked and needs repairing. Clerk to report to Highways.	
	It has been brought to the attention of two Parish councillors from a few members of the public regarding the Wilderspin's new barn. Does this need planning permission to be constructed? Clerk to check and follow up with HDC.	
	Closed the public forum at 19.48 – Proposed by Tim Ward and seconded by David Hopkins to re-open the meeting.	

Meeting closed 21.52pm

Next meeting: 11th November 2020

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

Dates of Future Parish Council Meetings –2020-21

Wednesday	9th 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
Wednesday	9 th June	2021			

