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**Minutes of the Pidley-cum-Fenton Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 20th January 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom**

Present: Mr Paul Robbs de la Hoyde (Chairman), Mr Tim Ward, Mr Robert Johnson, Mr David Hopkins, Mr Mark Wadsworth, Mrs Louise Clowery (Clerk) **Also, present:** 9 x members of the public
Meeting opened - 19.30pm.

558	Apologies for absence Received from Cllr Jill Taverner, Cllr Graham Bull & Cllr Steve Criswell	Action to be taken by
559	Declarations of interest for items on the agenda – David has known Becky all her life. She was an employee for his for a number of years at the golf course when he owned it. He has no financial interest and is not related to Becky.	
560	Presentation from Becky German – nice to meet you all and an introduction to her background was given. She has lived in the village all of her life and plans to do so for many more years. She has a managerial role at the family business “The Rookery Waters” where she manages the caravan and lodge business. She wants to play an active role in the village for her family and local businesses and bring a younger person’s perspective to the role. She has experience in promoting events, data collecting and has worked with various charities including the Pidley Mountain Rescue Team where the family used to host the Teddy Bear Free Fall Event.	
	Questions from the councillors – David Hopkins – I know you have been on the tv promoting The Rookery Waters and what’s going on in the village. You also are a keen horse rider and support the bridal ways. Being a younger, female what else are you going to bring to the role? Being a younger, female brings a different perspective, and she does have an interest in the public access routes and bridal ways.	
	Tim Ward – What areas of the parish do you think we need to focus on more? She was surprised when she first started to attend meetings as to how many items on the agendas were of interest to her. Becky is in support of the extensions to current houses and planning applications which add value to the village. She has also noted that there is not much affordable housing especially for people of her age.	
	Mark Wadsworth – no further questions as his were covered above.	
	Paul Robbs de la Hoyde – 1) Do you have an understanding that being a councillor does not give you the power to act on your own on behalf of the parish? Yes she understands that she is not experienced in this kind of role and is happy to do the new councillor training which she is aware of. She is happy to learn along the way. 2) Do you have any experience working in a committee? No.	
	Robert Johnson – No further questions	

	<p>The clerk then explained that as this is being held on a zoom call a raise of hands is required for the vote. If there is a tie then the chairman will have the casting vote. You can also refuse the candidate should you feel that she is not suitable to join the parish council. If anyone is uncomfortable with Becky remaining in the meeting the clerk can put her in the waiting room if required. This was not felt necessary by the councillors.</p> <p>Paul – Voted in favour David – Voted in favour Tim – Voted in favour Mark – Voted in favour Robert – Voted in favour</p> <p>This was unanimous result with all voting in favour of Becky German joining the Parish council. Welcome Becky!</p>	
	7.42pm the meeting was closed by Paul Robbs de la Hoyde.	

Meeting closed

Next meeting: 10th February 2021

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

Dates of Future Parish Council Meetings –2021

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