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**Minutes of the Pidley-cum-Fenton Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 10th February 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, Ms Becky German, Mrs Louise Clowery (Clerk), Cllr Graham Bull, Cllr Steve Criswell, **Also, present:** 15 x members of the public Meeting opened - 19.30pm.

	Cllr Graham Bull asked that given the recent passing of Cllr Jill Tavener that we start the meeting with a two-minute silence. Our chairman asked people to also take the time to remember others in the village that we have lost recently.	
561	Apologies for absence – none	Action to be taken by
562	Declarations of interest for items on the agenda – David Hopkins on application 21/00089/FUL. Mark on application 21/00198/LBC due to a potential business interest should this plot come on the open market in the future.	
563	Public Forum - Meeting closed for the public forum at 19.35. Meeting reopened at 19.46 – 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.	
564	County Council & District Council Reports – Cllr Steve Criswell – The outstanding invoice should now be with the clerk. The clerk confirmed she received this yesterday and will bring forward for payment in the March meeting. The COVID hub is still open and he feels will still be open for a long while whilst they continue to support families and individuals that need this. They are also looking at how COVID and the deprivation has affected families and how they can continue to help families post pandemic. Wheatsheaf cross roads – 250k funding agreed, though the approved option has not been confirmed. Both Cllr Criswell and Cllr Bull support Anglian water and the flooding issues in general in the county and fully endorse the clerk's suggestion to invite them to the Annual Parish Meeting. Cllr Graham Bull – The recent death of Cllr Jill Tavener means that Cllr Bull is the only District councillor in the area and asks people to be gentle with him for now. David asked about the planning dept as they are still taking time to reply to some applications. Cllr Criswell said that there are still vacancies in the team and is aware of the issues. Paul asked re the flooding and the issues that have come to light with all the recent flooding. Trying to establish which team is responsible for what and what comes down to the riparian owner. There is a 2012 planning that had comments on this, but more clarity is needed. No further questions for Cllr Criswell and Cllr Bull – They left the meeting.	
565	Approval of minutes: No amendments – (Proposed Mr Paul Robbs de la Hoyde, Seconded Mr David Hopkins) Matters for information: Paul met with the flood risk team on a personal level. The responsibility if the ditches sits with the landowners.	

566	Current year financial report to the end of January 2021 – Considering the comments raised in the public forum, Paul and Louise will review, tweak and re-issue ahead of the next meeting.	Chairman and Clerk
567	Approval of payments for February – details of all cheques signed can be found in December accounts sheet. <i>(Proposed Mr Paul Robbs de la Hoyde, Seconded Mr Tim Ward)</i>	
568	Approval of Annual Governance and Accountability Returns: This is still 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 and Clerk
569	Financial Planning for 2021-22 Budget – For approval – The clerk has prepared and circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting, Footpaths will be the accrued CIL money so far. The chairman would like a newsletter style letter drafted to deliver to all residents of the village so that they know what their money is being spent on. Mark offered to print these off for us.	Chairman and Clerk
570	<p>Planning for approval and comments to Huntingdonshire District Council Reference: 21/00198/LBC Proposal: Partial demolition of boundary wall to create a new vehicular access. Address: Greenacre, Oldhurst Road, Pidley, Comments: Mark shared his screen and showed the plans to all so that everyone could discuss. Has shared access with the current property been considered? It was noted that the bricks taken out of the wall were going to be used for part of the new building to help make it innkeeping. Will a dropped kerb be required? Visibility on leaving the entrance was still a concern especially with people walking along the footpath. Note to HDC – There is a speed hump going in as part of the LHI installation and needs to be considered for the proposed location of the new entrance. There are a few hydrants spaced out in this area too which would also need to be considered. <i>(Proposed Mr David Hopkins, Seconded Mr Tim Ward) All councillors were in support of this application, other than Mr Robert Johnson who had concerns and Mr Mark Wadsworth who abstained due to a potential business interest should this property come on to the open market.</i></p> <p>Reference: 21/00089/FUL Proposal: Construction of a dwelling, detached garage and means of access (pursuant to approved scheme 18/01684/FUL) Address: Land adjacent to Albion Rose, Fen Road, Pidley Comments: The clerk read out two objections received from different members of the public, they felt that this was a lot larger plot and was overlooking the surrounding houses. They hadn't been informed by HDC of this new application. The clerk had asked them to log their objections on the public access system too but advised that she would send them to HDC along with the decision from the council on this application. Mark shared his screen and showed the plans to all so that everyone could discuss. There were concerns on the additional impact on the Anglian water systems which already seem to be overloaded.</p>	

	<p>It was felt that even though this is a bigger plot it is not overlooking the surrounding properties as the plot itself has been moved back. It was felt it sits better on the plot now.</p> <p>It was discussed that overlooking is not a consideration for HDC, Utilities are usually consulted with the applications.</p> <p>It was commented that it would be nice if the other part finished properties could be completed before anymore new ones were started.</p> <p>As we currently do not have a development plan of the village it is hard to consider these applications that come through piecemeal and then get changed once planning permission has been approved.</p> <p>Note to HDC – If approved they would like conditions attached to the construction hours, Daytime hours with no weekends and Bank Holidays.</p> <p>They would like a full assessment of the sewerage system to ensure that it can cope with the additional usage once the house is occupied.</p> <p><i>(Proposed Mr Tim Ward, Seconded Mr Mark Wadsworth) This was met with one objection and one abstention and three approvals.</i></p> <p><i>Mr David Hopkins abstained from voting on this application as it is his planning application. He did give a brief overview of the changes since the previous application which was approved and was then put into the waiting room of the zoom meeting.</i></p>	
571	<p>Committee/Village updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SID Data results – data has not been collected due to current restrictions in third lockdown. It was agreed to leave the camera on Oldhurst Road. - Handyman Tasks – Please let the clerk know if there is anything you would like added to the handyman tasks. Clerk to collate a list of “Spring Tasks” so far and circulate to all councillors. 	Clerk
572	<p>Census 2021 – 21st March 2021 – The clerk spoke to the contact at Census who confirmed we can complete the form over the phone with residents if they have the letter with their code and each question is answered by them.</p>	
573	<p>Councillor/Clerk Training – Becky has been provisionally booked on “New Councillor Training” as part of her induction. The clerk would like to attend a Bitesize training session on “Understanding Election’s and the Clerk’s role” – With the forthcoming local election and this being the clerk’s first one she feels that this would be beneficial to attend this course.</p> <p>The clerk’s course is £35 and the councillor training is £75. With these two courses this still brings us under for the budget total for the year.</p> <p>All councillors were in support of both courses.</p>	
574	<p>Bank account update – The clerk is exasperated with the process; she spent another 45 minutes on the phone to the bank and has now logged a formal complaint in relation to this. Out of the three mandate forms they have received for the councillor changes one was lost and two there are saying are incomplete. They are unable to merge the documents and a new form is required to be completed. The clerk has this and can email back to the bank representative to avoid this getting lost again once complete. There is also another form for the change of address for the clerk to send back to ensure all addresses get updated. The clerk did ask if the councillors were happy to continue to bank with Lloyds and did provide an alternative bank (Unity) which is completely online and is becoming more popular with Parish councils and CAPALC. It was asked how much of a process this would be to change the bank and was decided this may</p>	

	be just as much hassle and for now we would continue with trying to resolve this issue and see if they offer some compensation.	
575	LHI Installation Update – Communication received, and letters sent to all residents affected confirming that works will commence on the 22 nd February for the working week. Works will be carried out between 930-1530 to avoid peak hours.	
576	Footpaths Survey – 22 responses received so far; you have until the 22 nd February to return this to the clerk. The clerk is in the process of collating this information and will have this ready for the councillors prior to the next meeting. Next steps to be discussed in the March meeting.	
577	Fen Road Maps – The clerk circulated the maps to the councillors, but they have not had a chance to review. Louise was asked to re-circulate to some. It was asked what this is to determine and was confirmed that this would confirm who owns what footpath/which are private, and which are public. The clerk also raised a particular foot path which has been raised to her by various residents as it has recently had signs put up saying that it is private land. This is down the drive opposite the mad cat, after the property to the left it goes to a crop field, if you walk to the left this goes all the way to drag lane. It was confirmed that due to a recent family bereavement the land has been passed to the grandson who has been advised to erect these signs confirming that it is private land. Drag lane – the farmers entrance has been blocked off and it was asked if this is a public right of way. The clerk will look into this with Highways and confirm back at the next meeting.	
578	New Bollard Request – The clerk received an email from a resident on Warboys road near the church as she had had a driver drive over the grass verge outside her house and it was asked if bollards could be installed on that section on the road. They had raised this with Highways first of all who said that as this was a one-off incident it was felt that this was not necessary at present. The other neighbour has since had someone drive into her wall. It was discussed about the icy weather lately. Mark showed the street view of the area which was discussed by all councillors and was agreed that bollards would not be required at this moment in time.	
579	Cuckoo Bridge – There is currently no planning permission for hard standing lorries which are using it for stop overs. There is an increase of HCV's coming through the village to use this as an unauthorised lorry park. Whilst they are in support of the nursery itself, the unauthorised haulage yard is not favoured. David proposed that we as a council write a letter to the planning department listing our concerns on the haulage yard application so that they can be considered in their decision. All were in support of this letter being sent. <i>(Proposed Mr David Hopkins, Seconded Mr Mark Wadsworth)</i>	Clerk to write this.
580	Lorry watch update – Report received from the lorry group. Letters have been sent to ERM & Cuckoo Bridge. Erm confirmed that they will stop using this route immediately. Cuckoo Bridge acknowledged that this was the second letter received and would address with their drivers. Thory and Goldstar lorries are on the increase coming through delivering to Marshalls. As with all lorries if you can get the time/day/reg that would be great. Photos are a super addition. Send them through to the lorry group facebook page. Louise and Alison are working on the website tab for the community page. This will then be a dedicated page for the Lorry group to update all reports/update/information. Quarry entrance – it was asked about the lorries coming through Pidley.	

	<p>Letter to our local member of parliament was sent to ask for help.</p> <p>Mick George lorries are also increasing.</p> <p>Roadwatch surveys will start when the lockdown restrictions are lifted. It was asked for formal approval to send a donation for this to Roadwatch. David did confirm that we have contributed to this many times over the last six years and was fully supportive of this ask as were the rest of the councillors.</p> <p><i>(Proposed Mr Paul Robbs de la Hoyde, Seconded Mr David Hopkins)</i></p>	
Notes from the Public Forum	<p>First resident – January financial report – The print is still very small, there are a few discrepancies still. Timebanking no figure, play park reserves increases towards the end of the financial year and the reserves in general are confusing. The clerk and chairman will look at these again, resolve and circulate.</p>	
	<p>Second resident – Comments on the forthcoming LHI installation. It was asked if this could be postponed and other options considered taking on the residents' comments.</p> <p>The chairman said that this has been reviewed and modified with the concerns already raised by residents. The installation is now going ahead, and we cannot stop this at this late stage, given the lengthy time it has taken to get to this stage. We can only review the impact once this has been implemented.</p>	
	<p>Third resident – The lorry watch are getting some good photos from Warboys Road highlighting the struggles they face coming through the village.</p>	
	<p>Fourth resident – Anglian water issues – This is causing a great deal of concern for the residents of Pidley, especially those on the High Street in the last few weeks with the excess water and flooding. Anglian water is unable to resolve the issues. The clerk did suggest that as we have the Annual Parish Meeting which is for the residents to raise issues that we ask Anglian Water to join our meeting to hear the residents concerns and together try to resolve some issues. This was met with approval; the clerk will try to get a representative to join. The clerk suggested that this meeting be held in March or April ahead of the local election and the Annual meeting which will follow shortly after. Dates proposed were the 31st March or the 28th April. This is called for by the chairman who will seek to get a preferred date from all councillors.</p>	
	<p>Fifth resident – A budget question was asked on the local election and they would like an explanation as to why this cost must be incurred. The chairman explained that this is a resident's democratic right to petition for this vacancy on the council to go to local election. 10 people have to raise this petition, and this is all controlled by HDC.</p>	

Meeting closed 21.22pm Next meeting: 10th March 2021.

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

Dates of Future Parish Council Meetings –2021

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