

**Minutes of the Pidley-cum-Fenton Parish Council Meeting
 Wednesday 10th March 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 - 19.32pm

Agenda number	Agenda item	Action to be taken by
581	Apologies for absence – none	
582	Declarations of interest for items on the agenda – none	
583	Public Forum - Paul explained how members of the public can ask a question in the chat and Louise will co-ordinate. Meeting closed for the public forum at 19.35. Meeting reopened at 19.45 – Proposer – Paul Robbs de la Hoyde, Seconded – Tim Ward, all in favour to re-open the meeting.	
584	<p>County Council & District Council Reports – Cllr Steve Criswell –</p> <p>The COVID hub is Steve’s responsibility and will remain open for the foreseeable whilst they continue to support families and individuals that need this. It has also been extended to include the Easter Holidays for those that need it. They are also looking at how COVID and the deprivation has affected families and how they can continue to help families post pandemic. The vaccination roll out is also going well.</p> <p>Wheatsheaf cross roads – Traffic lights have been given approval and £500k from CIL funding has been given. They are looking at how they can get the remainder of the 1.2 million. A detailed construction plan is being drafted and hoping for this to be installed soon.</p> <p>Cambridgeshire local – Staff are being moved out of Shire Hall over the county to services locally including Alconbury Weald.</p> <p>A141 Survey – Combined authority survey for all that use this road. It is your time to have your say. This has a short timeline on it and all responses are required by the 15th. Talks are also being had regarding the North of St Ives and Huntingdon.</p> <p>David asked Cllr Criswell if you can you can make it clear at Warboys that they go to St Ives rather than through Pidley? Cllr Criswell confirmed that HGV movements have been and are being discussed and are looking at restrictions. This is also being considered with a holistic view and considering all issues.</p> <p>Paul asked Cllr Criswell to expand on the North of St Ives as he was not aware of this. This is to do with the increase of capacity. This is not public</p>	

	<p>knowledge at the moment and is still in discussion. This is of high relevance and importance to Pidley should the result be that more traffic is being routed through to Pidley.</p> <p>Cllr Graham Bull – Thank you to Cllr Criswell for all of his hard work on the Wheatsheaf crossroads.</p> <p>Due to the untimely death of Cllr Taverner there is now a Warboys Ward District Councillor vacancy which will be in the local elections this May.</p> <p>Census – Prompt all to complete this on the 21st March. It is an important survey which determines a lot for the local community.</p> <p>Click local scheme has recently launched to support people shopping locally and supporting local businesses especially in this financial crisis that we face. It is on the HDC website and has links to all the local businesses that are taking part.</p> <p>Cllr Bull awaits David's questions on planning!</p> <p>David did ask that with all the staff that may be furloughed in the council could they not take part in litter picking across the county?</p> <p>Planning applications – There are still many applications that are up to 12 months old with no decision made on them. Could the planning dept conduct a survey on how the service of the dept is?</p> <p>Cllr Bull did confirm that there is new ways of working due to Covid. There also seems to be a high level of demand for applications since lockdown. People are taking time to develop their homes.</p> <p>In terms of recruitment we are in a competitive market for salaries in the area.</p> <p>No further questions for Cllr Criswell and Cllr Bull – They left the meeting at 8pm</p>	
585	<p>Approval of minutes:</p> <p>February 2020 minutes – There were a number of amendments which were highlighted to the clerk and have been made. All have read the revised minutes. <i>(Proposed by Mr Paul Robbs de la Hoyde to approve, Seconded Mr David Hopkins, Becky abstained as not on the council at the time. Everyone else was in favour to approve).</i></p> <p>February 2021 minutes – <i>(Proposed Mr Paul Robbs de la Hoyde, Seconded Ms Becky German, all were in favour to approve)</i></p> <p>Matters for information: none</p>	
586	<p>Current year financial report to the end of February 2021 – Bank statement arrived after the accounts were finalised. The timebanking figure is missing. It was therefore agreed not to approve the report and the chairman and clerk will investigate this. <i>(Proposed Mr Paul Robbs de la Hoyde, Seconded Mr Tim Ward)</i></p>	Chairman and Clerk
587	<p>CAPALC Affiliation fees – It was felt by all that CAPALC are an invaluable source to the Parish and the fees were approved. <i>(Proposed Mr Paul Robbs de la Hoyde, Seconded Mr Tim Ward, all were in favour to approve)</i></p>	
588	<p>Approval of payments for March– details of all cheques signed can be found in December accounts sheet. <i>(Proposed Mr Paul Robbs de la Hoyde, Seconded Mr Mark Wadsworth, all were in favour to approve)</i></p>	

589	Approval of Annual Governance and Accountability Returns: This is still with the internal auditor to approve who requested two further pieces of information and then the clerk will represent to the council for the chairman to sign in the next meeting.	Internal Auditor and Clerk
590	Committee/Village updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Additional salt bin – This would have to go through a full planning application and incur the full cost (approx £400) and it was felt that this was a bit excessive for one salt bin. David did offer to place it on his land on the other side of the entrance and would donate some salt. Others also offered to donate a bag of salt. Mark did ask about the training which the clerk confirmed is independent of this. Should anyone want to undertake this training please talk to the clerk as there is a form to complete and send to CCC who will then carry out the training and supply the relevant equipment to the individual. Paul asked the members of the public for any other ideas as to how we can get round this to email the clerk. - Pond – This is an asset of the village. The clerk is currently struggling to obtain the correct help to address the water issue. There have been many members of the public who have also logged this with Cambridge Water. Anglian Water and Highways. David has had a look in the manholes either side of the road and one is blocked which makes him think there is a blockage under the road. He would get his tanker out and try to clear it but does not want to get reported by a member of the public. The clerk will follow up with Highways as the pavement is now breaking up and Cambridge water again as this could be a burst water main given the colour of the water in the pond. The excessive amount of water on the road is a risk and concern to all that use the road in vehicles and on foot. - Play Park – The annual inspection has been booked for April but they could not confirm an exact date at present. They will do all in the same area to keep costs down for all and send the report once complete. 	Clerk
591	Census 2021 – 21st March 2021 – As per Cllr Bull's update it's a reminder to all to complete the Census on the 21 st March. You can do it ahead of the 21 st , but it will ask you to answer as if it was that day. As confirmed last month 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., please help your neighbours if they are unable to do this.	
592	Local election update – The nomination papers will be available from the 29 th March – 4 th April. The clerk has a few packs which she can hand deliver to any individuals who are interested, if not they can also get the pack direct from HDC. HDC control all of the timings on this and will send the relevant information/leaflets to display etc. The nomination packs will have to be hand delivered to the returning officer at HDC, appointments will need to be made to keep this COVID safe. They can also be sent via the clerk who will also have to hand deliver them to HDC. At the appointment they will check the pack to ensure that it is a valid application.	

593	Bank account update – The complaint is ongoing but the clerk has managed to get £200 compensation for the Parish council and £33 for the clerk's due to the poor service and lengthy time this has taken and still not drawn to a conclusion. The new mandate has been sent back via email this time to the complaint handler and the clerk will update next meeting.	
594	Annual Parish meeting – 28 th April was agreed for this meeting to be held. This gives the chairman time to prepare and for Anglian water to respond and hopefully attend.	
595	Anglian water and Drainage – In response to the issues the Parish council have agreed to lead the drive to resolve these issues. They are looking to form a working group and are looking for volunteers amongst the public so that we can all gather information. It is a big issue for the village which isn't being resolved. Paul agreed to be the council representative and also asked that Robert come on board as he has first hand experience with the flooding issues. If you are interested in joining the working group please email the parish clerk. We have a representative on Oldhurst road who is collating the information on this road. We could ask them for a template so that the data is all in the same format? David has been speaking to other Parish councils about this and this is covered under section 94 of the sewerage act. Local residents can write to ofwat (www.ofwat.gov.uk) on an individual basis. If we have a multi pronged attack this will help us to fight our case. We need to present our case a parish council alongside the District Council and County Council. The clerk to add the link to the website and the Pidley villagers/parish facebook pages.	
596	Footpaths Survey – 33 responses received which the clerk is still collating into a spreadsheet. Once done Mark will analyse the data and report back to the parish. We need to devise a scoring system based on the responses received and see how this can be achieved. Other parishes breakdown the footpaths between rural and hard footpaths which may be worth considering. Becky is looking forward to seeing the feedback received. The clerk will add to the April agenda – Next steps and scoring.	
597	Fen Road Maps – Boundaries of the footpaths, cars are parked everywhere. This is a potential accident waiting to happen. The piece of land opposite the pond to the railings looks to be public land and could help with visibility. Footpath by Albion Rose is lost, The parking spaces behind the cottage next to Albion Rose do not seem to be there, This was part of the planning permission. Can we ask the enforcement officer to look into the conditions to confirm if this was one of them? Hill top to the (ex) council houses we could possibly extend the footpath. A hard footpath would possibly not get approved and may have to be a grass verge. These are points that could be considered in conjunction with the footpath survey.	

598	A141 Survey – echoing Cllr Bull's and Cllr Criswell's comments on this. If this is an area of issue to yourself please complete the survey. Are we as parish going to form a response? The chairman and clerk will do so. To include too many HGV's coming through the village since the A14 upgrade. Our village is not suitable for the volume of lorries. If they are restricting lorries through the village will this be enforced? It is a rat run for St Ives, easy access. Commuter traffic/Car racing/Pedestrian safety/Lack of zebra crossing.	
599	Cuckoo Bridge – Paul has drafted a response which he is asking the councillors to approve. This was approved. <i>(Proposed Mr Paul Robbs de la Hoyde, Seconded Mr Tim Ward, all councillors were in favour)</i>	Clerk to write this.
600	Lorry watch update – Lorry group are in contact with Cllr Steve Criswell and the MP Shailesh Vara who has contacted CCC. 13 letters have been issued, 6 replied positively looking to use an alternative route. Roadwatch surveys starting next month and the data will be ready for the April Parish meeting. Facebook page is engaging lots of Pidley and Warboys villagers with lots of support for the work being carried out by the Lorry group. Goldstar have also been written to yesterday and are awaiting a response from them.	
Notes from the Public Forum	First resident – The reserve figure seems to be higher than the bank balance. How can this be? The financial report does not have clerk mobile for last month, the bank statement figures have been changed, It also doesn't have the bollards in reserve anymore. The clerk confirmed that this is because the bank statement hasn't been received yet to confirm the amount and when this was taken. We have now received an invoice for the bollards and the amount is now being paid so will appear in capital payments. The clerk and chairman confirmed that the clerk reconciled the bank statements for the financial year to ensure there were no discrepancies as it was raised last month that the figure was the same for a couple of months. They also asked about the CIL payments pre 2018/19 which the clerk confirmed that she would look into as this was before her time as the clerk.	
	Second resident – Happy to see 585 for the February minutes of 2020 on there. Can the council accurately record the statements and votes as recorded in the meeting as there appeared to be some inaccuracies.	

Meeting closed 21.24pm Next meeting: 14th April 2021.

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

Dates of Future Parish Council Meetings –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	11 th August	2021	Wednesday	8 th December	2021

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