

**Minutes of the Pidley-cum-Fenton Parish Council Meeting
 Wednesday 14th April 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, Ms Moira Munro, 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
001-21-22	Apologies for absence – Cllr Graham Bull, Mr Mark Wadsworth	
002-21-22	Declarations of interest for items on the agenda – David Hopkins – Planning application 21/00414/FUL is his own application – Moira Munro -	
003-21-22	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.	
004-21-22	<p>County Council & District Council Reports – Cllr Steve Criswell –</p> <p>Wheatsheaf Crossroads - As you may have seen in the press, my final funding bid is now in place. HDC colleagues have approved £500k of CIL funding to add to the £700k allocated from various CCC budgets. This process has been a challenging one, not least because of the competing demands on budgets.</p> <p>We have a deliverable traffic light solution for the junction. The work is substantial as it involves widening of the road to accommodate direction lanes. Once it is operating these additional lanes will reduce the interruption of traffic flow on the B1040 as much as possible. Preparatory work will be undertaken over the summer with the intention of commencing on site by the end of this year.</p> <p>Road Infrastructure - Two work streams are running concurrently which should soon be joining up. District Cllr Neish and I sit on both steering groups.</p> <p>A141/Huntingdon Capacity Study - being conducted by the Combined Authority is considering how to reduce congestion by separating strategic and local traffic to the north of Huntingdon. A combination of bypass and sustainable travel options have just been through public consultation.</p> <p>St Ives Area Transport Study – being conducted by CCC, is considering similar issues around the north of St Ives. Initial work to identify interim solutions by changes to junction layout etc has found no quick fix. The Combined Authority has agreed to fund the next stage to investigate more strategic improvements.</p>	

	<p>HCV traffic - I chair the county council working group that has been tasked with reviewing policy across the whole county. Hauliers are under pressure to deliver goods and services to industry, retail outlets and house builders as economically as possible and rural villages are understandably keen to avoid the effect of heavy traffic on their communities. It is clear that treating individual villages in isolation is not helpful. We need a consistent and workable solution that achieves an acceptable balance. The proposal to reclassify the A1123 will need to be viewed in the broader context and that process is at an early stage.</p> <p>Cambridgeshire Local - Moving out of Shire Hall to a smaller HQ at Alconbury will create significant financial savings.</p> <p>Even more importantly it signals a long-planned change to our service delivery model that I have been leading on. Now badged Cambridgeshire Local, it is how CCC officers will work more locally with our partners in a 'place-based' approach to meet local needs and priorities. Our locality area encompasses three county divisions extending from Earith to Ramsey. This will involve closer engagement with parish councils and residents. It should result in a change to the way local government operates in our county. Four 'Place maker' events were held over the last two to three weeks – jointly run by HDC and CCC to which all parish councillors were invited. More locally focused events will be held over the summer.</p> <p>Covid Hub - Epidemiology – Huntingdonshire Covid level is now down to 19/100k residents which is lower than the national average. There have been no deaths recorded in the last 7 days across the whole of Cambridgeshire. We continue to assist with vaccine roll-out and localised testing, particularly in certain work settings.</p> <p>The warehouse facility at Alconbury Weald, where colleagues from the Red Cross have so ably assisted us for the last 12 months is being stood down. Having previously held and distributed emergency food and PPE stocks, it now only stores testing kits and will be managed by Public Health.</p>	
005-21-22	<p>County Broadband – A brief overview was given by a representative of County Broadband. This is running in Norfolk/Essex/Suffolk & Cambridgeshire. They installed this in Broughton three years ago and are now looking at rolling this out to surrounding villages.</p> <p>Prices (Full range of prices starting at £28p/m for 50mb per second to £80p/m for 900mb per second. This will stay at the same price for the two years, with no installation cost and a new router will be provided) , timeline – 12 months approx so that people can run out their current contracts, village interest, they need 18% of the village to sign up to this (Quarter of the village) are the main factors. This is the engagement phase and there is no requirement to fully commit. Once they have enough interest, they will do a more in-depth presentation.</p> <p>It was confirmed that they use their own fibre sub box and this will reach all parts of the village. They have done a deal with ofcom that they will use all existing infrastructure where they can.</p> <p>He confirmed that Pidley is an area of interest and we currently have part copper/part fibre. Fen Rd Ind Est is full fibre. There is currently no desire from open reach to expand this offer.</p> <p>They will be conducting a door-to-door survey. It was asked if they were</p>	

	cold calling and if there were “No cold callers” signs up would they respect that? To which they said yes and for anyone still shielding they would also respect that and they can contact county broadband to discuss when convenient.	
006-21-22	Local Election – The elections were uncontested with one successful applicant who is joining our meeting tonight was Moira Munro. Congratulations Moira.	
007-21-22	The minutes: 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> February 2021 minutes – <i>(Proposed Mr Paul Robbs de la Hoyde, Seconded Ms Becky German, all were in favour to approve)</i> Matters for information: none	
008-21-22	Approval of Payments - <i>(Proposed Mr Paul Robbs de la Hoyde, Seconded Mr Tim Ward)</i>	Chairman and Clerk
009-21-22	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
010-21-22	Planning application no 1 – 21/00414/FUL - This application caused a great debate in our meeting this week. There were also objections put forward from residents in the village that have also added this to the application. It was noted that there have been a number of permitted development's that do not go through the council for agricultural buildings for storage in the surrounding area and therefore questioned as to why this is being demolished. It was felt that this application extends the line of the village creating a small development with existing houses and applications in progress. It was felt that there was not enough parking for the size of the proposed dwellings. It also caused debate as some of the land is brownfield and some is greenfield. It was questioned about the design content and building in the countryside as per local policies 11 and 10 and that this is suburbanising the area. This caused a split with the vote and the chairman had the casting vote and this was rejected based on the discussion above but mainly that this will extend the village and that it is being built on greenfield. W had two abstain, one as this was their application. and one due to a personal interest. <i>(Proposed Mr Paul Robbs de la Hoyde, Seconded Mr Tim Ward)</i>	
	Planning application no 2 – 21/00348/FUL - This application caused a great debate. There were objections raised by surrounding neighbours which have been logged independently on the application itself, but mainly included loss of privacy, a vast increase to the size of the current property with the washrooms going from 1-4. Whilst it was felt that the current prefab building had outlived its construction there were many concerns discussed by our councillors. The additional impact on the drainage with more bathrooms and also the	

	<p>surface water was causing concern as it was understood that due to the clay foundations a soak away would not work in this instance and should this application be approved, they would like a proper system to be installed.</p> <p>There was mention of asbestos in the current property by the applicant, but no plan as to how this would be removed in the safest way to all and the environment and it was asked that this could be considered and investigated.</p> <p>This caused a 50/50 split with our councillors and our chairman had the casting vote which resulted in this application being rejected.</p> <p>It was asked that should this application be approved from HDC that the following conditions could be considered:</p> <p>Parking during construction, hours of work (no evenings, weekends or bank holidays) and the surface water system to be investigated and a sufficient system installed.</p> <p><i>(Proposed Mr Paul Robbs de la Hoyde, Seconded Mr Tim Ward)</i></p>	
	<p>Planning application no 3 – 21/00782/PIP - It was felt from all of our councillors that there was insufficient information that seems to have been rushed in the submission. and caused concern on forming an opinion and making a decision on this application.</p> <p>The plot itself looks quite small for two properties and there was concern about how the access for the two would work. It was noted from some that the location of the site was good, it was tucked away from the main road, though others also felt that it was an encroachment of the village in an open area of the countryside and would therefore have an impact on the rural area.</p> <p>The overall decision was that as they felt there was insufficient information they could not support or approve this application.</p> <p><i>(Proposed Mr Paul Robbs de la Hoyde, Seconded Ms Moira Munro)</i></p>	
	<p>Chairman asked if all would like to take a 5 minute break, all agreed. Meeting stopped at 21-35pm and re-opened at 21.43. <i>(Proposed Mr Paul Robbs de la Hoyde, Seconded Mr Robert Johnson)</i></p>	
011-21-22	<p>Committee/Village updates:</p> <p>Pond – Is still blocked – It was asked that the clerk raise this with highways again.</p> <p>Play park – Inspection is being carried out in April, but no date was given as they will do when they are in the area for the day.</p> <p>There are a few fence posts that need replacing. The clerk asked if David would be able to access this with her so that she can get quotes to which he agreed.</p> <p>It was asked if the upkeep of the fences was not included in the rent. David confirmed that no rent is actually received, and this was not included. The clerk will investigate the rental agreement.</p> <p>The handyman temporarily repaired the one at the entrance gate.</p> <p>Martin Steward would like to stand down from carrying out the quarterly inspections but is still happy to mow the lawn. Thank you, Martin.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

	<p>Therefore, we now need a volunteer, or two volunteers and the clerk will stand down from doing these. One would need to be a councillor. For anyone interested please email the clerk.</p> <p>It was also asked if a committee was required for the playpark, this will be discussed in the next meeting.</p> <p>SID Data – It was asked why this was not included in the agenda. The clerk confirmed that Tim had said he was not gathering the information whilst in lockdown but now restrictions are easing he will commence collecting the data. The clerk will add this to the next agenda.</p>	
012-21-22	Bank account update – Progressing but no further updates.	Clerk
013-21-22	<p>Drainage & Sewerage Working Group – The chairman met with another volunteer who has joined the working group.</p> <p>Anglian Water have fixed the leaking pipes, loose fittings and a pump is being fitted. Condensation traps. Maintenance and repair work is being stepped up. They are also redoing the access track to the sewerage pump on Fen Road.</p> <p>Surface water drainage should not be connected to the sewer.</p> <p>They have created a survey which the chairman shared on screen. A couple of changes were suggested – Add into the letter asking for volunteers to the working group. It was agreed that Fenton should also be included in the survey. The clerk will print off the letters ready for the councillors to distribute as per the last survey.</p>	
014-21-22	Footpaths Survey – The feedback is still being collated and the review from Mark Wadsworth will follow. This will be kept on the agenda as an active item.	
015-21-22	<p>Lorry watch update – Roadwatch has carried out the first two surveys the results of which will be sent to the clerk for the Parish records. A brief overview for tonight's meeting is as follows:</p> <p>1st Roadwatch survey Warboys Rd 8-9.15am 25 HGVs = one every 3 minutes</p> <p>2nd Roadwatch survey High St 14.30-15.30pm = 15 HGVs = one every 4 minutes</p> <p>Roadwatch has sent Letters to some of the above HGV companies. The next survey will be on the 27th April at 7am on Warboys Rd.</p> <p>On the lorry group FB page three residents carried out their own impromptu surveys and found the following</p> <p>1st Resident survey on Warboys Rd overnight Between 7pm - 7am found 25 HGVs drove through the village mostly between 6-7am</p> <p>2nd resident survey on High St for 30mins between 6.10-6.40am found 10 lorries drove through in 30 mins</p> <p>3rd Resident survey on High St Between 7am - 8 am found a total of 534 vehicles went through in one hour!</p> <p>We are all at a loss as to why we have seen this sudden and very large increase in HGVs cutting through Pidley but from the feedback we are getting residents on Warboys Rd in particular are clearly suffering and something has to change.</p>	
016-21-22	Great British Spring Clean – The Church are having a churchyard tidy up on both the 24 th & 28 th April in preparation for the annual flower festival which is back on the August bank holiday weekend. Kevin Doyle is co-ordinating this and the clerk will circulate more details.	

	12 th – 13 th June – Spring/Summer Clean was the date agreed for the Parish tidy up.	
	The Annual Parish Meeting is the meeting of the Electors and the chairman asked anyone who has a question to email the clerk with this.	
Notes from the Public Forum	First Resident – figures quoted for the wheatsheaf crossing are showing as 1.7million, but understood it was 1.2? The chairman confirmed the correct figure was reflected in the minutes. Why is this so expensive and such a jump from the 500k previously mentioned? Cllr Criswell confirmed that the 500k was the CIL bid funding request. This requires land to be purchased and direction lanes to be installed.	
	Second Resident – The bollards cost is different to that originally quoted. The clerk was unsure as to why as she was not party to the discussions of the order. Will the LHI Bid be different? The clerk confirmed that there would be no change to this amount. Bank reconciliations should be carried out three times a year by someone other than the clerk. It was also noted by the chairman that the reserves had not been added in previous years to this Clerk and chairman. Where is the timebank contribution? The clerk confirmed that the timebank had said that even though they helped people throughout the pandemic year there would be no charge for the timebank. The new invoice will be sent in May 2021.	

Meeting closed 22.15pm Next meeting: 12th May 2021.

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

Dates of Future Parish Council Meetings –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
Wednesday	8 th September	2021	Wednesday		2021