

MINUTES for FENNY BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 25th January 2016 at 7:30 PM

St EDMUND'S CHURCH

Present: Cllr D Stone. Cllr. A. Everitt Cllr. B. Woodroffe. Cllr. S. Wright. Cllr. C. Miller.
In Chair: Cllr D Stone **Clerk:** K Croft
Apologies: None.
Visitors: Mr B. Haynes Local resident
Mrs B. Kirkham our internal auditor and web-site developer.

1 Welcome to visitors

Cllr D Stone welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Declaration of Interests

Cllr Stone declared he is Church Warden.

Cllr Miller declared she is the daughter of Mrs Kirkham and the School Secretary.

3 Co-Option of a 5th Parish Councillor

Due to the resignation of Cllr. Kirkham there is a vacancy for a fifth Parish Councillor that has been advertised.

Mr Ben Woodroffe attended the meeting and it was proposed and seconded that he be co-opted as our fifth Parish Councillor. The form of acceptance of office was duly signed and witnessed.

For interest Cllr. Ben Woodroffe is the third generation of Woodroffe's to serve on the Parish Council and follows his father Paul and grandfather Peter.

4 Adoption of Minutes of the previous PC Meeting

The previous meeting did not have a quorum but minutes were kept as a record and it was resolved to approve them for information. No decisions were taken as no quorum.

5 Matters arising from the previous minutes.

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.

6 Audit for 2014 – 2015

We received the external audit certificate for this audit.

It was resolved to re-appoint Mrs Kirkham as our internal auditor for the following year.

7 Financial Statement

The financial statements were presented and distributed.

The following bills from the November meeting that did not have a quorum were approved for payment retrospectively.

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Hire of Church for tonight (paid yearly)	£ 14.00
Landscape Maintenance grass cutting for April through to October £ 40.80 per month	£ 40.80
Subscription Derbyshire Association of Local Councils	£ 62.03
Peak Park Parishes Forum	£ 6.00
County Council - Rent on land for shed	£ 50.00
District Council – Election costs	£ 146.44

Then the following bills were approved for payment:

Hire of Church for tonight (paid yearly)	£ 14.00
Clerks' fee (donated to School and Church)	£ 140.00
Web-site development – Mrs Kirkham.	£ 307.99

The bank accounts are:

Current Account	£ 2477.13
Deposit Account	£ 52.50
Cash	£ 0.00
TOTAL	<u>£ 2529.63</u>

It was resolved to appoint Landscape Maintenance who currently mow the grass for us to trim the footpath running down the side of Brookside Cottage and claim the money back from the County Council under the Rights of Way Maintenance scheme.

8 Budget for 2016 – 2017 and Precept

A draft budget was adopted for next year and it was resolved to set the Precept at £ 1400 the same as last year.

9 Mail received / mail sent

Most mail is electronic and is circulated as it arrives. There are no paper documents for consideration.

10 Planning Applications

We have not heard what has happened to the Heights of Ashbourne application.

11 Web-site

The web-site is under development and largely finished.

We have submitted a grant application for £ 1408 to the government for our web-site and a lap top and scanner.

12 Traffic, bridges, foot paths and flooding.

The tree on the A515 just north of the village fell over and the County Council are now repairing the road.

There has been water in Ashes Lane.

With regard to the footpath and fencing in the school grounds Cllr Miller was able to report:

The architect has visited to look at the footpath (which is made of compressed aggregate not tarmac) and the builder is going to use a Whacker plate to try and compress the footpath more.

A hedge will be planted to hide the fencing and some landscaping will be done where soil has been dug out and grass planted.

A wooden fence is to be installed at the front of the school as cars are parking too far forward and blocking the footpath.

A tree root growing through the footpath will be dug out.

The area that is currently the children's garden will be dug out to create more parking spaces for staff and a new garden created in the school grounds.

Cllr Miller has contacted the County Council asking that the street light that is actually in the footpath be left on all night so no one accidentally walks into it in the dark.

A new light may be installed on the side of the school (pointing down) that will illuminate the top of the footpath near the school kitchen.

13 Matters For Information / Matters Arising / Any Other Business

There were no other matters.

14 Date of next meeting

To be advised.

The meeting closed at 8:30 PM.

Signed:

Date: