

# **MINUTES FOR FENNY BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Annual General Meeting**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 7:00 PM**

**St EDMUND'S CHURCH**

**Present:** Cllr D Stone. Cllr. A. Everitt Cllr. B. Woodroffe. Cllr. S. Wright.

**In Chair:** Cllr D Stone **Clerk:** K Croft

**Apologies:** Cllr C Miller Sir R FitzHerbert DDDC Mr and Mrs Richardson

**Visitors:** Cllr S Spencer Derbyshire CC B Kirkham A Beresford B Hayes

### **1 Welcome to visitors**

Cllr D Stone opened the meeting .

### **2 Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson**

Cllr D Stone was proposed and seconded to be Chair and Cllr S Wright to be Vice Chair,

### **3 Declaration of Interests**

Cllr Sone declared he is a Church Warden and Trustee of the Old School House.

### **4 Adoption of Minutes of the previous PC Meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2016.**

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as a true and accurate record.

### **5 Matters arising from the previous minutes.**

There were no matters arising.

### **6 Audit for 2015 – 2016**

We have received our internal auditors report and the main external audit form was presented.

The following 2 minutes were proposed and adopted as needed to complete the external audit:

6a "The annual governance statement is approved".

6b "I confirm that these accounting statements were approved by this smaller authority".

### **7 Financial Statement**

The financial statements for the previous year 2015-16 and for this year 2016-17 were presented and distributed.

It was resolved to pay the following when they become due:

Peak Park Parish Forum subscription	£ 6.00
Derbyshire Association of Local Councils	£ 62.96
Internal Audit Mrs Kirkham	£ 50.00
Insurance (slightly cheaper than last year as switching to Zurich)	£ 290.82
Hire of Church for year £ 14 each paid yearly.	£ 14.00 ea.
Landscape Maintenance grass cutting for April through to November £ 40.80 per month	£ 40.80 ea.

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Landscape Maintenance strimming footpath over brook 3 at £ 22 each £ 22.0 ea.

The bank balances are:

Current Account	£ 4764.34
Deposit Account	£ 52.51
Cash	£ 0.00
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>£ 4816.35</u> including Website and IT grant money.

We received a grant of £1480 last year for the website and IT equipment and have spent £308.

This leaves £ 1172 to spend. Excludes VAT.

### **8 Proposed budget 2016 - 2017 for adoption**

A document was presented that was based on the draft version seen last year. It was proposed and seconded to adopt this budget that balances.

### **9 Mail received / mail sent**

Most mail is not received by e-mail and has been circulated.

One item was a suggestion that local Parish Councils could club together and buy a radar gun. Cllr Spencer discussed this topic later.

### **10 Appointment of representative to School Governors and F.B.I**

The Clerk was reappointed.

### **11 Code of Conduct and Transparency**

There are no changes to the Code of Conduct and we are developing a web site as part of the transparency initiative.

### **12 Risk Assessment and Fraud Policy Review**

Documents were circulated and proposed and seconded and adopted.

### **13 Internal Audit Effectiveness Review**

Documents were circulated and proposed and seconded and adopted.

### **14 The Freedom Of Information Act The Race Relations Act Crime and Disorder Act**

There are no new developments we need to be aware of.

### **15 Planning Applications**

We have supported applications for:

Sewage works – installation of new pumping equipment at the pumping station site on the main road.  
Woodeaves Cottage - extension to property.

Bentley Old Hall - Modifications.

Ashbourne Heights Caravan Site - no further news on their application to legalise all current activities.

**16 Web-site**

The web site is largely complete and up and running but will be updated as when needed by Mrs Kirkham.

**17 Traffic, bridges, foot paths and flooding.**

There is nothing specific to report other than the ongoing concern about pedestrians walking on the main carriageway of the main road over the bridge.

**18 Matters For Information / Matters Arising / Any Other Business**

Cllr Simon Spencer who is our County Councillor spoke about what is happening in the area.

He is frustrated at the general lack of progress on a number of issues. For instance 16 out of 21 road improvement schemes have not been funded and will not happen. The rural parts of the county do seem to suffer most from lack of funding.

The library service and community bus service are losing funding.

Ashes Lane has been approved for some repair work.

The pot holes will be repaired but there is a back log of 78,000 holes and the County are spending £ 1.38 million on repairing them.

There is a fund to which the County Council will apply for funds for a feasibility study into the Ashbourne bypass.

Cllr Spencer is not in favour of radar guns generally and the suggestion that Parish Councils should be funding them. He could award money to such a radar gun but believes it is a police matter and not for villagers to patrol their own roads. It is unlikely the County Council will fund any more cameras on the A515.

Cllr Spencer voiced an opinion that rural Derbyshire may be better served by a combined larger district council serving the Peak Park area rather than 3 or 4 district councils but too many vested interests and unlikely to happen.

**19 Date of next meeting**

To be advised.

The meeting closed at 8:00 PM.

Signed:

Date: