

FENNY BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held on

Thursday 7 December 2023 at 7.00 pm in the Dining Room at the Coach & Horses, Fenny Bentley

Present: Cllrs: C Miller (Chair); K Croft (Vice Chair); A Everitt; S Wright and D Stone. 7 Members of the Public. Clerk: Mrs B Kirkham.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

Cllr Miller welcomed everyone to the meeting, there were no apologies.

2. Declaration of Interests

The Chair declared an interest as a relative of the Clerk.

3. Invited comments from County & District Councillors and members of the public

There were no County or District Councillors present at the meeting.

4. Approval of Minutes of meeting held on the 12 October 2023

The Council resolved to accept the minutes of the last meeting held on the 12 October 2023 as a true record of that meeting.

5. Matters Arising from the last meeting

Overgrown Verges above the Bentley Brook have been reported to the County Council. Bulbs have been planted on the triangle below the Church.

6. Progress on the pedestrian bridge over the river adjacent to the A515

No further information regarding the bridge was currently available. The planning permission will now have lapsed. Clerk to update Cllr Spencer. **Action: Clerk**

7. Highway matters – flooding/potholes/traffic/bridge

One large pothole on Ashes Lane needed to be reported, this had been repaired earlier in the year and a large pothole on the A515 below the bridge needed to be reported again as no action had been taken following previous reports. **Action: Clerk**

8. Use of land between Fenny House Farm and Valley View, Fenny Bentley

Following the change of ownership of this field, a caravan and a storage container had been placed on the land. Several residents were concerned about this; it was understood that the owner planned to have chickens, goats and a cow on the field. After discussion the Council resolved that this should be reported to the Peak Park Planning as there was possibly unpermitted development and change of use. **Action: Clerk**

9. Planning Application No. NP/DDD/0923/1110 – Woodcock Delph, Delph Cottage, Ashbourne Road, Fenny Bentley – demolition of shed and construction of a 2-bedroom bungalow.

The Council resolved to have no objection to this application. One resident had commented that they would like the property to have clear signage to avoid disruption to neighbours, this comment was to be passed to the Peak Park. **Action: Clerk**

10. Housing Needs Survey Report & Update

The next step was for Councillors and the Housing Officer to have a walk around the village to identify possible sites in the Village. This would be done in conjunction with Tissington Village. **Action: Clerk**

11. Speed Indicator Device Update following installation

The speed indicator device had been installed and residents had noticed that traffic appeared to be slowing down as result. It was hoped that data from the signs would be downloaded in due course. **Action: Cllr Croft**

12. Defibrillator Training

The Clerk was hoping to organise this in the new year. **Action: Clerk**

13. New Planters

The new planters had been delivered. Council resolved to spend £50 on compost and bulbs. **Action: Cllrs Everett & Croft**

14. Financial Report & Administration:

a) Approval of Clerk’s Pay increase

The Council resolved to approve the national pay award. **Action: Clerk**

b) Budget & Precept for 24/25

A draft budget had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting, after discussion the Council resolved to set a precept £3,500 for 24/25. **Action: Chair**

c) Financial Statement

The balance in the current account was £6,628.31.

d) Items for approval and payment at this meeting

The Council resolved to approve payment of the following items:

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| Amberol | 277.92 |
| Landscape Maintenance Services | 138.00 |
| Clerk's Salary - Oct 23 | 70.10 |
| Clerk's Salary - Nov 23 | 122.70 |
| Clerk's Expenses | 37.30 |

15. Clerk’s Report & Correspondence

The Clerk had received a letter from the Ramblers Association regarding the permanent diversion and broken footbridge on footpath 6. Councillors had no objection to the diversion.

16. Councillors Comments & Observations

Councillors commented that holding meetings at the Coach & Horses provided a warmer room with much improved acoustics.

17. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held in March 2024, date to be finalised in due course, but the Council would meet sooner if there was urgent business to be dealt with. The meeting closed at 20.15.

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