

# FENNY BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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## Unapproved Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 3 May 2022 at 7 pm in Fenny Bentley Church

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

### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

Cllr Miller welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr Simon Spencer (DCC).

### 2. Declaration of Interests

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

### 3. Election of Chair

The Council resolved to elect Cllr Miller as Chair for the forthcoming year.

### 4. Election of Vice-Chair

The Council resolved to elect Cllr Croft as Vice-Chair for the forthcoming year.

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

There were no comments from members of the public.

### 6. Approval of Minutes of meeting held on the 24 January 2022

The Council resolved to accept the minutes of the last meeting held on the 24 January 2022 as a true record of that meeting.

### 7. Matters Arising from the last meeting

All matter arising were on the agenda.

### 8. Purchase and Installation of a planter on the triangle of grass below the Lychgate

Due to difficulties in obtaining the necessary licence for the erection of the planter, the Council resolved to purchase some bulbs in the Autumn to be planted on this area.

### 9. Installation of a white village entrance gate

Clerk to obtain cost of supply of 2 gates and installation. **Action: Clerk**

### 10. Highway matters – flooding/potholes/traffic/bridge

Several complaints had been made to the Peak Park regarding activity on the field below Bentley Hall. Clerk was asked to do a Land Registry search. **Action: Clerk**

### 11. 20s Plenty for Ashes Lane/School Close

The Parish Council resolved to purchase 20 stickers at a cost of £30. **Action: Clerk**

### 12. Village Maintenance Contract

The Council resolved that: the Clerk should obtain a new quote for mowing of the area along the path near the School; accept the quote for the mowing of the footpath between 2 properties off the main road; not to take any action on the area surrounding the Flagpole at the present time.

**13. Introduction of Speed Indicator Devices:**

The County Council were running a pilot project for Speed Indicator Devices, permission for installation of the devices needed to be obtained and the cost of purchase and maintenance would fall to the Parish Council, although there was some grant funding available. The Council resolved that the Clerk should look into obtaining the necessary permission. **Action: Clerk**

**14. Audit**

**a) Internal Auditor's Report**

The Internal Auditor's Report had highlighted issues with the Parish Council website.

**b) Certificate of Exemption**

As the Council's income and expenditure was below £25,000 the Council resolved to approve the Certificate of Exemption.

**c) Approval of Annual Governance Statement**

The Council resolved to approve the Annual Governance Statement.

**d) Approval of Annual Accounting Statement**

The Council resolved to approve the Annual Accounting Statement.

**15. Financial Report & Administration:**

**a) Insurance Renewal**

The Council resolved to accept the insurance renewal from Zurich at a cost of £470.06.

**b) Website**

There were still issues with the website, but the Clerk had now undergone training so it was hoped that this could be updated in due course.

**c) Financial Statement**

The balance in current account was £4,326.53 and the balance in the deposit account was £52.82.

**d) Bank Account and online banking**

Following on from difficulties with obtaining online banking with NatWest, the Council resolved to move banks. **Action: Clerk**

**e) Clerk's National Salary Award**

The Council resolved to accept the Clerk's national salary award of 1.75% backdated to 1 April 2021.

**f) Items for approval and payment at this meeting**

The Council resolved to approve payment of the following items:

HMRC	51.00
DALC Annual Subscription	71.09
Peak Park Parishes Forum	6.00
Zurich Insurance	470.06
Joanne Taylor	100.00
Clerk's Salary - January 2022	63.10
Clerk's Salary - February 2022	63.30
Clerk's Salary - March 2022	101.70
Clerk's Salary - April 2022	64.50
Clerk's Expenses	6.31

**16. Clerk's Report & Correspondence**

The Clerk had given a report to the Annual Parish Meeting and there was nothing further to add at this stage.

**17. Queen Elizabeth’s Jubilee Celebrations**

The Council had received a grant of £500 towards Jubilee celebrations or commemorations. The Council resolved that the £500 grant should be used on a village celebration and Councillors and residents be invited to an open meeting in the Church on Tuesday 10 May at 7pm. Councillors felt that in view of concerns raised in the Open Parish Meeting about use of the church, then celebrations should be held in the church if possible.

**18. Planning Applications**

There were no planning applications for consideration at this meeting.

**19. Councillors’ Comments & Observations**

A pothole on Ashes Lane had been reported. Clerk to report another pothole on the main road.

**20. Date of next meeting**

The Council resolved to meet again in July.

Signed..... Dated .....