

## **FENNY BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

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### **Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held remotely on Monday 25 January 2021 at 6.30 pm**

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.

#### **2. Declaration of Interests**

Cllr Miller 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, District or members of the public present at this meeting.

#### **4. Approval of Minutes of meeting held on the 17 September 2020**

The Council resolved to accept the minutes of the last meeting held on the 17 September 2020 as a true record of that meeting.

#### **5. Matters Arising from the last meeting**

The future of the FBI would be discussed when an 'in-person' meeting could be held. Cllr Miller still needed to complete work on what3words. Action: Cllrs Croft & Miller.

#### **6. Defibrillator for Bentley Corner**

At the present time most Lottery Funding was being diverted to Covid-19 related issues, the Parish Council were hoping to apply for additional funding at a later date.

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

The tarmac road surface had been damaged on the corner of School Close, Clerk to report to County Highways.

Clerk to ask for a quote for a new grit bin at the bottom of Ashes Lane.

Planning permission had been granted for the footbridge adjacent to the A515 and negotiations were ongoing with the land owner and their agent.

Councillors were concerned about the speed of traffic on Ashes Lane and the A515. The school were to be asked to remind parents to drive slowly on Ashes Lane although it was acknowledged that parents were not the only offenders of speeding, some speeding issues were caused by delivery drivers and residents. *Action: Clerk*

It was noted that a chatter surface had been put down on the steep footpath at the side of Cairn Grove, thanks to go to Mr Kirkham for his work.

It was also noted that road repairs had been completed outside Croft Cottage.

## 8. Litter Bins/Dog Waste Bins in Fenny Bentley

The District Council wanted to change the location of the dog bins in the village. The Parish Council suggested moving one to the point where the footpaths crossed over at the top of the school playing field, it was suggested that the dog bin on the main road be moved between the entrances to Cherry Orchard Farm and the Old School.

## 9. Local Projects Fund

The Parish Council had received £250 from the Local Projects Fund, work on would go ahead in the spring when lockdown restrictions were removed.

## 10. Financial Report & Administration:

### a) Financial Statement

The financial statement showed a balance in the current account of £4,455.37 and a balance in the deposit account of £52.80.

### b) Budget/Precept 2021

The Council unanimously resolved to set a precept of £2,000 for the next financial year. *Action: Clerk*

### c) Bank Account and online banking

The move to online banking with NatWest had not gone ahead due to technical difficulties, Clerk to resubmit the application. *Action: Clerk*

### d) Payroll Provider

The current payroll provider was no longer able to offer the service, the decision to find a new payroll provider at a reasonable cost was delegated to the Clerk. *Action: Clerk*

### e) Items for approval and payment at this meeting

The Council resolved to pay the following items:

Community Heartbest Trust	198.00
DCC	50.00
Bk Office Services (Web Hosting)	50.40
Ladywell Accountancy	34.00
Clerk's Salary	186.48
Clerk's Expenses	12.63

## 11. Planning Application

There were no planning applications for consideration at this meeting.

## 12. Councillors' Comments & Observations

There were no additional comments received from Councillors under this item.

## 13. Date of next meeting

The next meeting was planned for Monday 15 March 2021 at 7 pm.

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