

FENNY BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Unapproved Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held r on Monday 24 January 2022 at 7 pm in Fenny Bentley Church

Present: Cllrs: K Croft (Vice Chair); A Everitt; S Wright and D Stone. 3 Members of the Public. Clerk: Mrs B Kirkham.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

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

2. Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

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

There were no comments from members of the public.

4. Approval of Minutes of meeting held on the 13 September 2021

The Council resolved to accept the minutes of the last meeting held on the 13 September 2021 as a true record of that meeting.

5. Matters Arising from the last meeting

The Clerk reported that fliers asking residents to drive with care had been delivered to all properties on Ashes Lane and School Close. The Clerk had also written to some residents regarding overhanging hedges on to the pavements through the village.

6. Installation of a planter on the triangle below the Lychgate

The Council resolved to look at the erection of a circular planter around the tree rather than the larger one which was planned. Clerk to contact another local Parish Council. **Action: Clerk**

7. Installation of a white village entrance gate

A local builder had expressed an interest in doing the work, but it was not clear whether a Street Works Qualification was required. Clerk to speak to the County Council. **Action: Clerk**

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

Pedestrian footbridge over the river alongside the A515 – it was reported that the County Council had not been able to reach agreement with a local landowner over a small piece of land adjoining the bridge. This matter would take a considerable amount of time to resolve.

The Clerk was asked to report the following highway matters:

- An accident opposite Valley View at Bentley Corner had resulted in a vehicle ending up in the hedge, the hedge had been repaired but tree roots and debris had been left on the pavement.
- The drystone wall opposite the Bentley Brook on the A515 was still awaiting repair.

9. 20s Plenty for Ashes Lane/School Close

The Clerk had recently joined a 20s Plenty for Derbyshire webinar, Councils and local communities were encouraged to bring pressure to bear on the County Council to implement the campaign in built up areas.

10. Village Maintenance Contract

There had been some confusion last year as to the area of land included in the contract. The Clerk was to speak to the School about the matter. **Action: Clerk**

11. Financial Report & Administration:

a) Website

The website had been migrated over to the Wix platform and it was now possible for the website to be edited again.

b) Financial Statement/Budget & Precept for 2022/23

The Council resolved to set the precept for 2022/23 at £2,200. The balance in the current account was £4,776.02. The Council resolved to ask Jo Taylor to carry out the Parish Council audit as last year.

c) Bank Account and online banking

Another on line banking application had just been submitted to NatWest.

d) Items for approval and payment at this meeting

The Council resolved to approve payment of the following items:

HMRC Payment	47.40
J S Marriott	60.00
Community Heartbeat Trust	198.00
HMRC Payment	47.40
Fenny Bentley PCC	40.00
Clerk's Salary Sept 2021	88.30
Clerk's Salary Oct 2021	63.30
Clerk's Salary Nov 2021	63.30
Clerk's Salary Dec 2021	88.30
Clerk's Expenses	8.89
Derbyshire County Council	50.00

12. Planning Applications

There were no planning applications for consideration at this meeting.

13. Councillors' Comments & Observations

There was concern over the use of the field below Bentley Hall, the field was being used for storage and was starting to look unsightly.

14. Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting was set for Monday 28 March at 7 pm. The meeting closed at 7.25 pm.

Signed..... Dated 28 March 2022