

# FENNY BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held remotely on Monday 5 May 2021 at 6.30 pm

Present: Cllrs: C Miller (Chair); K Croft (Vice Chair); A Everitt; S Wright and D Stone. 5 Members of the Public. Clerk: Mrs B Kirkham.

### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

Cllr Miller welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### 2. Election of Chair

Cllr Miller was unanimously re-elected as Chair.

### 3. Election of Vice-Chair

Cllr Croft was unanimously re-elected as Vice-Chair.

### 4. Declaration of Interests

Cllr Miller declared an interest as a relative of the Clerk.

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

The residents of Ashes Farm explained the detail of the planning application item 13 below. Two letters were read to the meeting regarding the land on Ashes Lane, one asking for Parish Council support if a new application was submitted and the other from a resident proposing that if the section 106 was removed from this development, then it should also be removed from other properties in the village. Neighbours of the land on Ashes Lane stated they would almost welcome any development on the site which would tidy up the area and repair the boundaries. The Council decided to change the order of the business to deal with item 9 at this point. Clerk was asked to contact the local Housing Needs Officer. The Council resolved that they would not be in favour of holiday lets being built on the site. Clerk was asked to write to the developer and suggest that he works with the Peak Park Planning Board on the issue of developing the site and then comes back to the Parish Council with some firm plans on which they can make a decision. **Action: Clerk**

### 6. Approval of Minutes of meeting held on the 15 March 2021

The Council resolved to accept the minutes of the last meeting held on the 15 March 2021 as a true record of that meeting.

### 7. Matters Arising from the last meeting

Work on What3Words was ongoing.

Cllr Everitt was in the processing of compiling information about outstanding repairs on the Platform Housing Flats in the village. Repairs to the post and rail fence were still outstanding.

**Action: Cllrs Miller & Everitt**

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

Sir Richard FitzHerbert and Parish Council representatives had recently met an officer from the County Highways Department regarding a narrow stretch of the A515 above Firs Farm where several accidents had occurred. Clerk to ask the Highways Department to write to the landowner.

The Clerk was asked to write to the Highways regarding the width of the pavement between the Coach & Horses and the Old School and ask for this to be cut back further as it was not sufficiently wide enough for a pushchair/wheelchair. Clerk to also request a dropped kerb at the bottom of the school field near the bus shelter.

There was concern over the speed of traffic in Ashes Lane, Clerk to find information about the '20s Plenty for Derbyshire' campaign. Chair to speak to the School Headteacher and ask for parents to be mindful of the speed limit. **Action: Chair & Clerk**

## 9. Building Plot on Ashes Lane, opposite the Church

This was dealt with under item 5 above.

## 10. Local Projects Fund

### a) Progress on work done so far/application for cultivation licence

The notice board in the centre of the village had been repainted, a planter had been made and planted. Thanks to Mr & Mrs Brownlee and Cllr Everitt. Clerk to apply for a cultivation licence before the triangle near the main road could be planted up. Benches on the Playing Field and the centre of the village still require maintenance. There had been no response to the request for a village handyman. **Action: Clerk**

### b) Application for 2021

Clerk to apply for a grant of £250 towards the cost of white entrance gates for the southern entrance to the village. **Action: Clerk**

## 11. Audit 2020/21

### c) Internal Auditor's Report

The Internal Auditor's report was received and its contents noted by the Parish Council.

### d) Certificate of Exemption

The Council resolved to accept the Certificate of Exemption.

### e) Approval of Annual Governance Statement

The Council resolved to accept the Annual Governance Statement.

### f) Approval of Annual Accounting Statement

The Council resolved to accept the Annual Accounting Statement.

## 12. Financial Report & Administration:

### a) Website

There were ongoing issues with the website, Clerk was investigating alternatives.

### b) Clerk's Salary Payments

The Clerk's payroll was now run on a monthly basis, Clerk to monitor hours worked against payments.

### c) Financial Statement

The precept had been received, the balance in the bank was £5,940.09.

**d) Bank Account and online banking**

Online banking had still not been provided. Chair to contact NatWest again. **Action:**  
**Chair**

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

The Council resolved to pay the following items:

<b>Payments for approval</b>	
J Taylor	100.00
Clerk's Salary	63.30
	<b>£163.30</b>

**13. Planning Application** - NP/DDD/0421/0420 - The Ashes Farm, Ashes Lane, Fenny Bentley - Refurbishment and conversion of north range of farm courtyard to library, workspace, gymnasium and apartment. Construction of tennis court and associated 3m high chain link fencing, Construction of horse manege with associated timber post and rail fencing. The Parish Council resolved to report that they had no objection to this application.

**Planning Application** – NP/DDD/0421/0449 – Alders Farm, Fenny Bentley - Proposed agricultural building to house and feed livestock and new access track. This application had only become available on the day of the meeting and due to problems with the planning portal members had been unable to view the plans. The Council resolved to respond via email if possible.

**14. Councillors' Comments & Observations**

Letters of thanks to go to residents for work on the planter and litter picking. Council agreed that Chair should send a letter of support to Robert Jenrick MP requesting that legislation be past to enable Parish Councils to have the option to hold remote meetings. Cllr Stone to tidy up the area around the shed. **Action: Clerk**

**15. Date of next meeting**

No date was set for the next meeting but this was likely to be held in September. The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

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