

# FENNY BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held remotely on Monday 15 March 2021 at 6.30 pm

Present: Cllrs: C Miller (Chair); K Croft (Vice Chair); A Everitt; S Wright and D Stone. Cllr R FitzHerbert (DDDC); 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

Cllr FitzHerbert updated members on the following:

- Green bin collections were due to restart;
- Applications for the Local Projects Fund would reopen in April
- Most Parish Councils had now commented on the Boundary review which would mean that the number of District Councillors would reduce from 39 to 34. The current Dovedale & Parwich Ward would increase to include 3 other villages.
- Cllr FitzHerbert agreed to look into a query about the change of bin collection day for some areas of the village.

### 4. Approval of Minutes of meeting held on the 25 January 2021

The Council resolved to accept the minutes of the last meeting held on the 25 January 2021 as a true record of that meeting.

### 5. Matters Arising from the last meeting

Work on What3Words was ongoing.

The Clerk had met with a representative of the District Council regarding relocating 2 of the dogs bins in the village, a report was expected shortly. **Action: Cllr Miller**

### 6. Defibrillator for Bentley Corner

The clerk had recently spoken to Community Heartbeat Trust who had advised to delay applying for lottery funds at the present time as most funding was going toward Covid related issues.

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

- Negotiations for the purchase of land for the footbridge were ongoing
- Correspondence had been received expressing concern about a horsebox negotiating off the main road into a property at Bentley Corner, this matter had already been brought to the attention of the Highways Department
- A resident had raised concerns about highway issues in the village including the adoption of pavements by the County Council, the width of pavements and the 40mph speed limit. Cllr Croft agreed to look for historical information regarding the speed limit.
- The Council resolved to ask for speed and traffic volume data from a survey which was carried out about 2 years ago. **Action: Cllr Croft & Clerk**

## 8. Local Projects Fund

### a) Work to be done around the village

The Council had received £250 for planting and planters around the village. The Council resolved to advertise for a handyman to do 4/5 hours work, the contractor must have their own equipment and public liability insurance. **Action: Clerk**

### b) Application for 2021

The Council resolved to apply for funding for replacement concrete planters in the centre of the village. **Action: Clerk**

## 9. Financial Report & Administration:

### a) Village Maintenance Contract

The Council resolved to accept the Village Maintenance quotation at a cost of £240 per annum. The cost of footpath maintenance could be reclaimed under the Minor Maintenance Scheme. **Action: Clerk**

### b) Financial Statement

The financial statement showed a balance in the current account of £4,241.86 and a balance in the deposit account of £52.80.

### c) Bank Account and online banking

The application had now been completed and all supporting information had been supplied so it was hoped that the application would be approved shortly.

### d) Payroll Provider

After obtaining several quotes for the work, the Council resolved to accept a quote of £60 per annum. **Action: Clerk**

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

The Council resolved to pay the following items:

Peak Park Parishes Forum	6.00
DALC Annual Subscription	70.39
Clerk's Salary	153.38
HMRC	72.00

## 10. Planning Applications

The Council had been informed that an application would shortly be received for development of the former garden centre site at Bentley Corner, the application would include 4 apartments and parking. The Council could not comment on this application until the full details were received.

## 11. Councillors' Comments & Observations

The post and rail fencing adjoining No 8 Ashes Lane and to the rear of the flats was in need of repair, there was also a large pothole on the Car Park. Clerk to report to Platform Housing.

It was reported that there were 127 landlord repairs outstanding on properties in School Close, Clerk to write to Sarah Dines MP. **Action: Clerk**

## 12. Date of next meeting

The next meeting was arranged for Tuesday 4 May 2021 at 7 pm.

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