

FENNY BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Unapproved Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10 January 2023 at 7.00 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.

2. Declaration of Interests

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

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

There were no members of the public, County or District Councillors present at this meeting.

4. Approval of Minutes of meeting held on the 27 October 2022

The Council resolved to accept the minutes of the last meeting held on the 27 October 2022 as a true record of that meeting.

5. Matters Arising from the last meeting

Work to tidy up the area around the shed had begun.

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

Some basic repairs have been carried out on potholes on the A515. There had been no further information regarding the field opposite Firs Farm. Councillors were very concerned about the pavement at Bentley Corner, the hedge had been cut but undergrowth was encroaching on to the pavement making it very narrow, this had been reported to County Highways and work was scheduled for the next financial year. Clerk was asked to request that this work be done early in the new financial year. **Action: Clerk**

7. Update on Object in the Highway Application for Speed Indicator Devices

The County Council had approved the Highway application. A grant application for a speed indicator device had been submitted to the Police & Crime Commissioner.

8. Housing Needs Survey – zoom meeting on Wednesday 11 January at 7 pm

This meeting had been organised for Fenny Bentley and Tissington Parish Councillors to brief them on the process of carrying out a housing needs survey in both villages. Apologies were received from Cllrs Miller and Everitt for this meeting.

9. Distribution of 20s Plenty Signs

Cllr Miller had drafted out a letter to go to residents along with the signs, this was approved; Cllr Miller would distribute the letter and signs in due course. **Action: Cllr Miller**

10. Defibrillator for Bentley Corner

The Bentley Brook Hotel had offered to have a defibrillator installed at their premises, if funding could be obtained for the purchase. This would be for use by residents in that area of the village and holiday

makers in the area. The Clerk had spoken to Community Heartbeat Trust and National Lottery Grants. National Lottery grants were now taking applications, but applications must meet at least one of their criteria. The Council resolved to submit a grant application for a defibrillator. **Action: Clerk**

11. Financial Report & Administration:

a) Update on the new Website

The new website was now live. The Clerk still needed to complete the history pages. **Action: Clerk**

b) Budget for 2023/24

After a discussion about election costs, the Council resolved to approve the budget as presented.

c) Precept for 2023/24

The Council resolved to set a precept of £2,800 for 23/24. **Action: Clerk**

d) Approval of the National Salary agreement for Parish Clerks

The Council resolved to approve the national salary increase for Parish Clerks.

e) Approval of Clerk's additional hours for website work

This matter was to be left until work on the website had been completed.

f) Financial Statement

The balance in the current account was £4,783.43 and the balance in the deposit account was £52.86.

g) Closure of NatWest Reserve Account

The Council resolved that the NatWest Reserve account should be closed and funds transferred to Lloyds current account. **Action: Clerk**

h) Items for approval and payment at this meeting

The Council resolved to approve payment of the following items:

J S Marriott & Co	60.00
Derbyshire County Council	50.00
Derbyshire County Council (OITH)	100.00
Steve Jackman	130.00
Clerk's Salary - Oct 22	64.50
Clerk's Salary - Nov 22	109.10
Clerk's Salary - Dec 22	95.10
HMRC	60.80
Clerk's Expenses	189.28

12. Clerk's Report & Correspondence

Complaints had been received from parents and grandparents about speeding on the A515 through the village this was particularly dangerous when families had to cross the road to take children to school. It was hoped that a speed indicator device may help the situation.

13. Planning Applications

a) NP/DDD/1222/1557 Site address –Land South of B5056, Fenny Bentley

The Council resolved to support this application. **Action: Clerk**

b) NP/DDD/1222/1572 Site address –Ashbourne Heights Caravan Site, Ashbourne Road, Fenny Bentley

The Council resolved that they had no objection to these proposals. **Action: Clerk**

14. Councillors' Comments & Observations

The road surface on Ashes Lane was deteriorating.

There had been no further information regarding the development of land on Ashes Lane.

There was currently no news on grant funding for the Kings Coronation.

The Council resolved to make a payment to the Church to cover the cost of holding Parish Council meetings in the building. **Action: Clerk**

15. Date of next meeting

The Council resolved to meet again in March 2023. The meeting closed at 19.45.

Signed..... Dated