

# FENNY BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 19 July 2022 at 7.15 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. 4 Members of the public.

### 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

Members of the public expressed concern about the road signs near Fenny House Farm which were not visible due to the hedge being overgrown. The hedge was also very overgrown between Bentley Corner and Sandybrook.

The hedge on footpath No 5 from No 1 Ashes Lane to the School was also overgrown, Cllr Everitt agreed to speak to the landowner. **Action: Cllr Everitt**

### 4. Approval of Minutes of meeting held on the 3 May 2022

The Council resolved to accept the minutes of the last meeting held on the 3 May 2022 as a true record of that meeting.

### 5. Matters Arising from the last meeting

A search of the Land Registry for the owner of the field opposite Firs Farm had been unsuccessful. The Clerk was awaiting delivery of the 20s Plenty signs.

### 6. Installation of a white village entrance gate

Two quotes had been received for village gateways. After discussion the Council resolved to delay a decision on this matter until the outcome of grant funding for the speed indicator devices was known.

**Action: Clerk**

### 7. Overgrown Hedge on Ashes Lane

The hedge to the property had been cut back, however the Council felt that the hedge still needed to be cut back to the boundary wall due to a number of heavy vehicles currently using Ashes Lane. **Action:**

**Clerk**

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

The Clerk was asked to report the overgrown hedge at Bentley Corner which was obscuring road signs and also report the missing 'School' sign on the A515.

Councillors were still concerned about the speed of traffic on Ashes Lane.

A resident landowner who was present at the meeting was asked if there was any progress on the purchase of land for the footbridge over the river, the landowner said he was not aware of what was happening and the matter was in the hands of his agents. Therefore, the Clerk was asked to contact Cllr Spencer for a progress report on the matter. **Action: Clerk**

**9. Footpath Maintenance Agreement**

The Clerk had submitted the requested for funds towards the maintenance work on footpaths 2 and 5. The County Council were to be asked when maintenance work would be carried out on footpath 7 off Ashes Lane. Cllr Stone agreed to tidy up the area with the shed on, expenses to be paid by the Parish Council. **Action: Cllr Stone & Clerk**

**10. Speed Indicator Devices:**

County Highways had given their approval for a speed indicator device on the A515. The cost of 1 device was around £3,500, the Clerk was asked to submit a grant application to the PCC before the Council could make a decision on the matter. **Action: Clerk**

**11. Financial Report & Administration:**

**a) Website**

There were still issues with the old website, the Council resolved to purchase a new website template specifically for Parish Councils at a cost of £130, information would then need to be uploaded by the Clerk. **Action: Clerk**

**b) Financial Statement**

The balance in current account was £6,149.47 and the balance in the deposit account was £52.84.

**c) Bank Account and online banking**

An application had been made to move the Council’s bank from NatWest to Lloyds and 3 Councillors had completed the necessary forms and the application was currently being processed.

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

The Council resolved to approve payment of the following items:

HMRC (Paid 13/7/22)	48.20
Jubilee Expenses (BK) (Paid 13/7/22)	462.42
Landscape Maintenance Services	96.00
Clerk's Salary - May 2022	64.30
Clerk's Salary - June 2022	89.50

**12. Clerk’s Report & Correspondence**

All correspondence had gone out by email. The Clerk reminded Councillors about a meeting for Parish Councils being held by the County Council on the 26 July at 6 pm, everyone was welcome to attend.

**13. Planning Applications**

There were no planning applications for consideration at this meeting.

**14. Councillors’ Comments & Observations**

The Clerk confirmed that the Audit Certificate of Exemption had been submitted to PKF Littlejohn. Following the success of the Jubilee celebrations it was suggested that the Fenny Bentley Initiative group should be reinstated and it was agreed to hold a meeting on Monday 1 August at 7 pm, residents and past trustees to be invited.

**15. Date of next meeting**

The Council resolved to meet again in September.

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