

FENNY BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held r on Monday 13 September 2021 at 7 pm in Fenny Bentley Church

Present: Cllrs: C Miller (Chair); K Croft (Vice Chair); A Everitt; S Wright and D Stone. 2 Members of the Public. Clerk: Mrs B Kirkham.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

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

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

There were no comments from members of the public.

4. Approval of Minutes of meeting held on the 4 May 2021

The Council resolved to accept the minutes of the last meeting held on the 4 May 2021 as a true record of that meeting.

5. Matters Arising from the last meeting

Work on what3words is ongoing.

Representatives from Platform Housing have visited properties on School Close. Cllr Everitt is contacting the Housing Federation with complaints about Platform Housing.

It was confirmed that the fencing around the properties adjoining the field had been erected by the Council when the houses were originally built and was therefore the responsibility of Platform Housing. The School are going to be asking all parents to drive with care on Ashes Lane/School. The meeting agreed to leaflet all residents on Ashes Lane/School Close. Cllr Miller to ask Mrs Froggatt if the children would design a poster. **Action: Cllrs Everitt & Miller**

6. Installation of a planter on the triangle below the Lychgate – completion of Object in the Highway Farm

The Council resolved to go ahead with this work and both local builders were to be asked to quote for the work.

7. Installation of a white village entrance gate – completion of 'Object in the Highway' Form

The Council resolved to go ahead with this work and both local builders were to be asked to quote for the work.

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

The dropped kerb near the bus shelter had been done.

Residents to be asked not to throw food out on the ground for birds as this was attracting rats.

Work on cutting back the verge between the old school and the Coach & Horses would be done shortly.

The hedge down the footpath between No 1 Ashes Lane and the School needed to be cut back.

Cllr Stone was arranging the cutting of the church hedge.

Clerk to draw up a list of overgrown hedges which were causing problems on the pavement or footpath and also draft a letter to the property owners. **Action: Cllrs & Clerk**

9. 20s Plenty for Ashes Lane/School Close

Information regarding the 20s Plenty for Derbyshire had been circulated, Councillors would be interested in adopting the scheme for School Close/Ashes Lane.

10. Litter Picking Equipment

The Council had received some litter picking equipment free of charge from the Peak Park. Clerk had purchased a box for storage. The vicar to be asked if this could be stored outside the church. Clerk to draw up a list for the signing in and out of equipment and also a note of where full bin bags could be left.

11. Village Maintenance Contract

There had been some confusion over the cutting of the grass where the shed was stored. Clerk was meeting with the contractor.

12. Update on Local Projects Fund

£300 had been received from the Local Projects Fund towards the purchase of a white village entrance gate.

13. Financial Report & Administration:

a) Website

The Clerk reported that there was still an issue with the website, but the hosting company would shortly be transferring this over to Wix, so the issues should be resolved in due course.

b) Financial Statement

The balance in the bank was £5,553.17.

c) Bank Account and online banking

The issue of online banking had still not been resolved. Chair and Clerk to contact NatWest again.

Action: Chair & Clerk

d) Items for approval and payment at this meeting

The Council resolved to approve payment of the following items:

CB (reimbursement - plants)	20.00
Landscape Maintenance	120.00
Zurich Insurance	465.60
S R Gardening	75.00
HMRC	47.40
Landscape Maintenance	120.00
Landscape Maintenance	48.00
Clerk's Salary	278.20
Clerk's Expenses	25.55

14. Planning Applications

There were no planning applications for consideration at this meeting.

15. Councillors' Comments & Observations

No further comments were received from the Councillors.

16. Date of next meeting

No date was set for the next meeting but this was likely to be held in January 2022. The meeting closed at 7.55 pm.