FENNY BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Unapproved Minutes of a meeting held at St Edmunds Church, Fenny Bentley on Monday 27 January 2020 at 7 pm

Present: Cllr Charlie Miller (Chair); Cllrs: Ken Croft (Vice-Chair); Dennis Stone and Amanda Everitt. Clerk: Brenda Kirkham

| Item | Details | Action |
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| 1 | Welcome & Apologies | |
| | Cllr Miller welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received | |
| | from Cllr Steve Wright. | |
| 2 | Declaration of Interests | |
| | Cllr Stone declared he was a Church Warden and Trustee of the Old School | |
| | House. Cllr Miller declared a relative of the Clerk. | |
| 3 | Handover to new clerk | |
| | All current paperwork was handed to the new Clerk. Cllr Croft was thanked | |
| | for his hard work and professionalism during his many years as the parish | |
| | clerk. | |
| | The Clerk was to bring a contract of employment for approval at the next | Clerk |
| | meeting. The Council resolved that they would accept a quote for payroll | |
| | services of £36 per annum. The Clerk to ask Ms Jo Taylor to carry out the | |
| | internal audit. | |
| 4 | Approval of Minutes | |
| | The Council resolved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held | |
| _ | on the 2 September 2019 as a true record. | |
| 5 | Matters Arising from the previous minutes | |
| 6 | There were no matters arising. | |
| 6 | Financial Statement & Approval of spending | |
| | Cllr Croft had prepared an income and expenditure statement up to the 27 | |
| | January, this showed a balance in the current account of £4,935.34 and in the reserve account of £2,24. The Council resolved to make a neument of | Clerk |
| | the reserve account of £52.74. The Council resolved to make a payment of | Clerk |
| 7 | £74. 40 for website hosting and updating. Proposed Budget for Adoption & Precept | |
| / | Cllr Croft had prepared a budget for the forthcoming financial year and | |
| | proposed that the Council increase the precept by £200 to £1,600. | Clerk |
| | In order to reduced grass cutting costs, the Council resolved that the grass | CIEIK |
| | should be strimming twice during the year rather than mown each month. | |
| | After discussion the Council resolved to set the precept at £1,600. | |
| 8 | Mail Received/Mail Sent | |
| | All mail had been sent out by email. | |
| 9 | Planning Applications | |
| - | Two planning applications had been received for consideration at this | |
| | meeting. After discussion the Council resolved to comment as follows: | |
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| | Application No NP/DDD/0120/0034 – Land adjacent Ashbourne Road, | |
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| | Fenny Bentley, the proposed works are to create a new pedestrian footway | |
| | for Ashbourne Road A515. | Clerk |
| | The Parish Council fully support this application and are keen that works can | |
| | progress as soon as possible in the interest of public safety. | |
| | Application No NP/DDD/1219/1342 – Blue Bell Inn, Ashbourne Road, Fenny | |
| | Bentley, change of use from public house (use Class A4) to self-catered | |
| | holiday accommodation. | |
| | The Parish Council do not support this application. The Council feel that | |
| | there is already more than adequate self-catering holiday accommodation | |
| | in the area. More significantly, The Council are concerned and disappointed | |
| | that no housing needs survey has been carried out despite the importance | |
| | of this being highlighted within the planning documentation. The Council | Clerk |
| | feel that there is a need for permanent low cost housing in the Parish, | |
| | particularly for disabled people and this should most certainly be addressed | |
| | before more self-catering holiday accommodation is provided in an already | |
| | saturated market. | |
| 10 | Website & Email | |
| 10 | The website was up to date. Clerk to set up Cllr Croft with a new email | |
| | address. Clerk to access the Clerk's email address. Councillors were | |
| | reminded that they should be using the official Parish Council Email system | Clerk |
| | for Parish Council information. Clerk to recirculate details. | CIEIK |
| 11 | | |
| 11 | Traffic, Bridges, Footpaths & Flooding | |
| | The hedges on the main road had been trimmed, but hedge cutting by the | |
| | District Council had not been adequate last year. | |
| | A tree behind the bus stop was looking unstable. Clerk to ask Cllr Spencer | Clerk |
| _ | for his advice on this matter. | |
| 12 | Matters for Information | |
| | Defibrillator training had still not been held, Clerk to contact Community | |
| | Heartbeat Trust and try to arrange a session in the School on a Saturday | Clerk |
| | morning in the spring. | |
| | The Parish Council does not currently have its own laptop. There is still £736 | |
| | remaining in the budget from the transparency fund grant. Clerk to | Clerk |
| | research the cost of a suitable laptop. | |
| | The fence is broken on the ground near the main road, Cllrs Stone and Croft | |
| | to look at this. | DS/KC |
| 13 | Date of Next Meeting | |
| | The next meeting was provisionally arranged for Monday 23 March at 7 pm | |
| | in St Edmund's Church, Fenny Bentley. | |

Signed

Dated