

FENNY BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Unapproved Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 16 July 2024 at 7.15 pm in the Dining Room at the Coach & Horses, Fenny Bentley

Present: Cllrs: C Miller (Chair); K Croft, A Everitt, S Wright (Vice-Chair) and D Stone. 5 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 A Everitt.

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 County or District Councillors present at this meeting. Residents raised concerns about the overgrown hedge down the school path and some of the fence posts at the top of the same path were leaning over. **Action: Clerk**

4. Approval of Minutes of meeting held on the 23 May 2024

The Council resolved to accept the minutes of the last meeting held on the 23 May 2024 as a true record of that meeting.

5. Matters Arising from the last meeting

The issue of dogs being out of control in the village had been reported; Police have visited the family involved. From reports received there has been no change to the behaviour. Platform Housing have also been informed. Residents are advised to report incidents to the Police through 101, Facebook or twitter. Dog warning signs to be put on the entrance to the field.

Clerk's Appraisal is still outstanding. **Action: Clerk**

6. Planning Application - NP/DDD/1222/1611 - Erection of agricultural building and retention of access track - The Firs Wood Meadow, Fenny Bentley

The Council discussed this matter and numerous comments were received from members of the public. The Council felt that there was insufficient information available to make an informed decision on the application, particularly in respect of the following points:

- No information available about what the site is to be used for
- No justification for an agricultural building
- Concerns raised about the previous application had not been answered
- What would the agricultural building be used for?
- No information on the design and appearance of the building, this does not comply with national and local policies
- Design and appearance of the development - the proposed building is not in keeping with the area
- There would be an impact on nature conservation and bio diversity, particularly as greater crested newts (an endangered species) had been found near by and were thought to have come from the fishing ponds on the site.

It was also noted that the track had been installed by the current owner and had not previously been in place.

In view of the above the Parish Council felt that they could not support the application. **Action: Clerk**

7. Progress on the pedestrian bridge over the river adjacent to the A515

Still no further information is available at present. Clerk to email again. **Action: Clerk**

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

The pavement opposite Valley View is still very overgrown. Chair has taken more photos and resubmitted. Clerk to also report. The potholes on Ashes Lane have still not been repaired, Clerk to measure depth and report again. **Action: Clerk**

9. Housing Needs Survey site visit planned for Thursday 5 September from 10.30 am

Some Councillors confirmed that they would be available for this site visit. **Action: Cllrs & Clerk**

10. Village Tidy Up and Litter Pick

The Parish Council agreed that they would get a group of volunteers together to organise a village tidy up and litter pick. **Action: Chair**

11. Data from the Speed Indicator Device

Cllr Miller to download data shortly. Clerk to print 20s Plenty signs. **Action: Cllrs Miller & Clerk**

12. Financial Report & Administration:

a) Financial Statement

The balance in the current account was £5,034.30.

b) Items for approval and payment at this meeting

The Council resolved to approve payment of the following items:

HMRC	56.60
Community Heartbeat Trust	198.00
DALC	180.00
Clerk's Salary - June	100.70
Clerk's Expenses	22.90

13. Clerk's Report & Correspondence

Clerk had sent an updated photo of the broken foot bridge over the ditch on footpath No 6 to the DCC Footpaths Officer. Updated photos of the potholes and parking on Ashes Lane had also been sent to the Highways Department and Cllr Spencer.

The village phone box needed repair and redecoration, this had been photographed and reported to BT. The footpath off Ashes Lane to Thorpe had now been strimmed by the County Council

14. Councillors Comments & Observations

There were reports of untaxed cars being parked in the village, this should be reported to DVLA and Platform Housing.

Date of next meeting date to be arranged in due course.

Signed.....

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