

# FENNY BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 19 March 2024 at 7.00 pm in the Dining Room at the Coach & Horses, Fenny Bentley

**Present:** Cllrs: C Miller (Chair); A Everitt; S Wright and D Stone. Cllr Nigel Edwards-Walker (DDDC). 3 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 K Croft.

### 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 matters raised by the District Councillor or members of the public.

### 4. Approval of Minutes of meeting held on the 7 December 2023

The Council resolved to accept the minutes of the last meeting held on the 7 December 2023 as a true record of that meeting.

### 5. Matters Arising from the last meeting

The issues on the land between Fenny House Farm and Valley View had been reported to the Peak Park Planning Authority who had confirmed that planning regulations had been breached and it was understood that an enforcement notice would be served shortly.

The new planters have been planted up in the village and are looking good.

### 6. Progress on the pedestrian bridge over the river adjacent to the A515

Parish Councillors were delighted that the purchase of land had finally been completed. Construction of the bridge will go ahead in due course but no timetable was currently available.

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

Some potholes have been repaired although more work was needed. Clerk to report Ashes Lane potholes again. Flooding near the bungalows on Ashes Lane and on School Close are still causing problems. The pavement above the Bentley Brook has still not been cleared, Chair will report again.

**Action: Chair/Clerk**

### 8. Housing Needs Survey Report & Update

The Parish Council had been asked to identify possible pieces of land which might be suitable for a small development. The suggestions were: land between the School Field and Brook Bank, and the field behind this piece of land; land adjoining Brookside Cottage; land behind the Bentley Brook; land adjoining The Orchard accessed off the A515; land above 8 Ashes Lane.

### 9. Speed Indicator Device Update following installation

The data from the speed sign needs to be downloaded and sent to the County Council. **Action: Chair**

**10. Defibrillator Training – Saturday 13 April at 10.30 am at the Bentley Brook Hotel – Approval of £50 donation to Ashbourne First Responders**

The Council resolved to approve the donation of £50 to Ashbourne First Responders. Clerk to produce poster to advertise the event, this to be sent to the Bentley Brook, Parish Magazine and also put on the Village Facebook Group. **Action: Clerk**

**11. Financial Report & Administration:**

**a) Asset Register**

The Council resolved to approve the undated asset register. **Action: Clerk**

**b) Parish Council's Risk Management Strategy & Risk Management Scheme**

The Council resolved to approve the Risk Management Strategy and Risk Management Scheme. **Action: Clerk**

**c) Bank Signatories**

Cllr Wright's details had been added to the bank account.

**d) Financial Statement**

The balance in the current account was £2,554.03 this included a VAT refund of £1,663.82.

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

The Council resolved to approve payment of the following items:

HMRC	67.00
Derbyshire County Council	50.00
Clerk's Salary - December	100.70
Clerk's Salary - January	75.50
Clerk's Salary - February	75.70
DALC Annual Subscription	87.74
A Everitt - Expenses	37.67
Clerk's Expenses	13.10

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

A resident in the village was currently doing the Duke of Edinburgh Award and they had asked to do some maintenance jobs around the village. The Parish Council suggested the following tasks: Sweep out the bus shelter; Sweep up the hedge cuttings on the pavement on Ashes Lane outside the church; sweep the churchyard path. Wipe over the new tubs, bench, notice board and sweep around; litter picking around the village. Clerk to draw up a list. **Action: Clerk**

The Council resolved to accept the quote for mowing the School Path and Flag pole area at a total cost of £300 and also the strimming of footpath No 5 at a cost of £135. Clerk to also ask the contractor to trim the whole area of the footpath up the top of Ashes Lane. **Action: Clerk**

**13. Councillors Comments & Observations**

An application for a new Entrance into the field next to Valley View had been submitted to the Peak Park. The Parish Council had not received any official notification of this application. Councillors were very concerned about dogs which were being allowed to run lose on School Close and around the village. The Clerk was asked to write a letter to the residents concerned and If the behaviour continued then this matter should be reported to the police. **Action: Clerk**

**14. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held in early May, date to be finalised. Meeting closed at 7.45 pm.

Signed.....

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