



PENTNEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Pentney Parish Council held on Wednesday 23rd February 2022 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

Present: Cllr M Parker (Chair) Cllr R Littlehales, Cllr L Rons, Cllr B Howlett, Cllr P Wells, Cllr C Dallas, Cllr K Harvey, J Howard (Clerk).

13 members of the public and Cllr J Moriarty attended.

1 Chair to welcome those in attendance.

All were welcomed.

2 To receive and consider apologies for absence.

None.

3 To receive any declarations of interest from Members & consider requests for dispensation. Members are invited to declare disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests in items on the agenda as required by the Localism Act 2011.

None.

4 Public Participation (10 mins). This provides an opportunity for members of the public to raise questions about and comment on items on the agenda, and other points, before the Council make decisions.

A debate was held on the subject of the council's responsibilities and duties regarding pre-planning discussions. A member of the public had felt that there was an inconsistency of approach. It was agreed that there are no obligations on the council to discuss pre-planning applications but there are also no restrictions on doing so if carried out within the planning guidelines.

5 To accept reports and information from:

a). County Council.

Cllr Moriarty gave his report. He stated that Council Tax had been agreed to rise by 2.99% for the forthcoming year. He discussed the issue of having a Mayor. This had previously been rejected and no new decision is likely for some considerable time. He gave an update on the issues around Shouldham and the connection with areas close to Pentney. Rights of way issues are critical and the case has gone to the Secretary of State to decide. NCC recommend refusal. Pentney's application for a road community safety grant will be decided later.

b). Borough Council.

No report received.

c). Parish Clerk.

Presented and attached to minutes.

6 To discuss planning applications

a). Narborough Stables 21/02143/LB

Application for solar panels on a slate roof. Council had no objections.

7 To discuss any plans for the Jubilee celebrations

The Women's Institute have their own plans for 23rd June to coincide with their 75th anniversary. The Village Hall has plans for 5th June. Clerk to gather information. Cllr Harvey to supply further details from the WI. There is a possible grant for £200 from the Borough Council but would need urgent attention. Cllr Littlehales to action. Cllr Rons to discuss with Village Hall.

8 To agree payments and note any income

Agreed.

Payments for approval February 2022					
Payee	Reason	Invoice Number	Payment by	Amount	VAT Portion
CGM	Grass cutting (September)	242667		£184.50	£30.75
Jeannine Howard	Expenses January	Expense sheet		£9.00	£0.00
Jeannine Howard	Salary January	Payslip		£423.20	£0.00
HMRC	Tax January	Tax file		£105.80	£0.00
James Howard	Neighbourhood Planning fees	OHPC4		£720.00	£0.00
URM	Bottle bank	P124196	Direct debit	£37.20	£6.20
TOTAL				£1,479.70	£36.95

9. To approve the minutes of the Council meeting of Wednesday 12th January 2022.

Agreed and signed.

10 To consider matters arising from the minutes of Wednesday 12th January 2022 reference only.

None.

11 To consider issues relating to village matters including:

a). the addition of HGV information on Google maps.

An explanation was given by a member of the public on how to do this. The more people that do this increases the chance of addition to their system.

b). the need for more dog bins.

The council will consider extra bins at either end of Pentney Lane. Approximate cost is £250 per bin plus emptying charges. Survey will be carried out.

c). update on request for a new notice board.

A grant cannot go to the Parish Council. Cllr Harvey to contact Cllr Howland.

d). to consider the placing of historic books at Norfolk County Council archives.

Cllr Moriarty kindly offered to transport the historic books and documents to NCC Archives. Clerk to deposit at Village Hall for now.

e). defibrillator training.

Cllr Dallas gave an update. It is £420 for 12 people and lasts approximately 3 hours. Cllr Dallas to advertise in Nar Valley News with a possible date around May.

12 To confirm the new councillor training.

Four Cllrs to attend and dates have been agreed.

13 To discuss the Narborough Rd Culvert.

All information required has been supplied and now awaiting a start date. It will involve a road closure.

14 To consider the appointment of an internal auditor for the forthcoming year end.

Two suggestions have been made and Cllr Parker to investigate one of them.

15 To receive matters of correspondence.

None.

16 To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting as 6th April 2022.

Confirmed.