

Minutes of the Pentney Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10 January 2023 at 7.30pm at Pentney Village Hall

Present: Cllr R Littlehales (Chair) Cllr B Howlett Cllr L Rons
Cllr K Harvey Cllr C Dallas Cllr M Parker

Also present: Clerk, Cty Councillor and Borough Councillor & 4 Member of the Public.

- 1. To receive and consider apologies for absence;
It was resolved to accept apologies from Cllr P Wells**
- 2 To receive Declarations of Interest**
None Received
- 3. To receive a talk from Stephen M Daw MRICS re Pentney Quarry: Proposed Extension to Quarry with Improvements to River Nar: Middleton Aggregates Ltd.** This Item took place after agenda item 8 when the gentleman arrived at the meeting. The Gentleman handed out notes and maps and explained the current situation and the proposed including time scales. The whole development will require four planning applications and the total extraction will not be finished until 2050 when phase 10 should be complete and then there is a year to restore the site. There will be less water in the restore on this current phase due to attracting birds and Marham flight path.

The following questions were asked:

Are there plans to go into Bilney Woods?

Mr Daw advised that he had not been informed of any such action.

What Impact will there be on the Parish of Pentney?

Mr Daw advised that if the wind is in the wrong direction, you may hear machinery but you should not get any impact of vehicle movements as this will be via Common Road, East Winch. Noise and Dust surveys will be covered in the application.

What does the Parish of Pentney get out of this development?

Mr Daw said that at the end an excellent improved wildlife habitat, with footpaths and a stretch of river improvement.

What will the affect be on the heritage etc?

Mr Daw said that every possible survey, geophysical investigations will or have been achieved to make sure they do not impact on the Priory.

When will the application be going into the planning department.

Mr Saw advised that it should be logged within a month's time.

What will the public access be?

Mr Daw advised that there will be improvements to the Nar Valley Way which passes the quarry, possibly a fishing club and ornithological Society.

- 4. Adjournment of Meeting to allow for public questions. (10 mins max 3 mins per Speaker.)**
No questions asked.
- 5. Reports**
5.1 County Councillor. The County Councillor advised that he had sent a report this morning and did anyone have any questions. The Clerk had not received the report in time to distribute prior to the meeting but will distribute after. Cllr Moriarty talked about the devolution deal and how there will be a debate next week which should be interesting but it is a limited amount of money and will not go far currently. Other

items include Schools, Homelessness, winter planning and Community Support Fund which has helped 130,000 households.

5.2 Borough Councillor. Cllr Michael Howland advised that he sends the Borough Council updates to the Clerk. The Clerk advises that she sent them to the Councillors. Cllr Howland advised that he was happy to help with the noticeboard from his members fund and he hoped that Cllr Hipperson was also helping with his.

Cllr Howland left the meeting as he had another meeting to attend.

5.3 Neighbourhood Plan Working Party. The Chair asked the Clerk if she had any update from her investigations. The Clerk advised that the Neighbourhood Planning Officer at the Borough Council has been in contacted and had agreed to send through the statutory consultees. Norfolk ALC's IT Officer was prepared to undertake the necessary comments questionnaire form. The group need to meet to decide if they can undertake the work that may be necessary following the consultation and a date needs to be set for the open day and when the consultation will start as it has to run for six weeks. The Chair advised that she needed to apply for the last £1000 of the funding grant. **It was resolved for the Chair to organise a meeting of the group next week.**

5.4 Speed Awareness Report. The Parishioner advised that he had been reading up on the rules and regulations and understands the data that is received. The new data from the week before Christmas did not show any serious speeding, but he agreed to continue to move the signs as necessary and to analyse the data and report back at meetings. The other system is currently with the supplier being looked at. The Parishioner Advised that age etc needs to be taken into account as they are getting on in years. He is also hoping to arrange a meeting to see if other roads can be used instead of just Narborough Road. The Chair thanked him for his report.

6 To approve the minutes of the Council meeting of 13 December 2022.
It was resolved for the minutes to be signed by the Chair and a true and accurate account of the meeting.

7. To consider matters arising from the minutes of 13 December 2022
Grasscutting Areas The Clerk passed rounds copies of the County Council and Borough Council grasscutting cutting areas in the village. **It was resolved for Cllr Rons and Cllr Parker to confirm the areas that the parish had agreed to cut and hedges cutting and to look at going out to tender for the work. Other areas of maintenance to be identified and noted including potholes.**
Culvert The Clerk advised that work would start just after Easter w/c 14 April 2023.

8. Finance

a) Monthly Accounts for Payment.

No invoices have been received.

b) Money received. No monies had been received.

c) Bank Rec December 2022. This cannot be completed on the Barclays accounts as there is no access currently to the accounts. The Clerk advised that she had spoken to Barclays but as she is not a signatory they initially would not speak with her and she is hoping that going through Customer Services she will be able to get answers. She tried but they did not call her back, but she will continue to try.

- d) **Budget 2022-23.** Cllr Rons advised that she still needed some figures to make sure the budget is not overspent. These include the locum Clerks salary, Grasscutting and Village Hall bill.
- e) **Budget 2023-24** Cllr Rons has put in figures for the new financial year's budget but still has one or two figures to put in place.
- f) **Precept 2023-24** Cllr Rons went through the budget line by line and advised that if the council wished to undertake projects like the upgrading of the playing field equipment and the replacement/repair of the speed traffic indicators then the precept would need to be set around the £18,000 to £20,000 mark depending on what is going to be achieved. The costs of an Election in May if called needs to be included. **After a discussion it was resolved to set the precept for 23-24 at £19,000 and for the Clerk to advise the Borough Council.**

9. **Advertisement for new Clerk**

The Chair handed round and had previously emailed a draft advertisement that she had produced. **It was resolved for the Chair to send to the Clerk for her to advertise on the NALC website.**

10. **Village Matters**

- a) **Traffic issues – Community Speed Watch Paula Gilluley Norfolk Police.** The Clerk advised that PC Gilluley would attend the next meeting.
- b) **Feedback from River Swan Issues.** Cllr Parker advised there was nothing to report.
- c) **Highway and Community Rangers visit (Last Inspection September).** The Clerk had chased the potholes and had been informed that prior to Christmas 10 potholes were being reported since Christmas this number had gone up to 80. There was only one person covering this week and he was not currently able to cope with reports of this volume. They would be achieved as soon as possible.
- d) **Hedge in Back Road Needs Cutting. It was resolved for the Clerk to ask for a photograph.**
- e) **Relocation of the parish notice board.** This would be achieved when the ground was easier to dig into.
- f) **To note Temporary Event Notice.** This event has already taken place.

11. **To discuss any planning applications or local developments**

Applications:

None Received

Determination:

22/01681/F Application for Two Storey front extension and First Floor extension to existing including internal alterations and Cart Shed at The Old Stables Pentney Lane, Pentney -**Granted.**

12 **To receive an update on playing field equipment.**

The Chair advised that the quote she was waiting for had arrived but did not have the refurbish costs only new costs so she was going to go back and ask again. She was also going to try and obtain another quote. **It was resolved for the Chair to undertake.** The lock has been changed on the Cabin.

13 **To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting as Tuesday 14 February 2023 at 7.30pm at Pentney Village Hall.**

With no further business the meeting closed at 21.00pm.

Action List

Cllr Littlehales

- Send advert to the Clerk for NALC Website
- Ask for playground equipment refurb costings and obtain new quote.
- Organise Neighbourhood Planning Working Party Meeting.

Cllr Rons

- To undertake grass/hedge/maintenance of the village and go out to tender.

Cllr Parker

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Clerk

- Continue to Chase Barclays re mandate.
- Advertise the Job on the NALC Website.
- Ask for Photographs of the Hedge that needs cutting.
- Send off the Precept Figure to the Borough Council.
- Send round County Councillors Report.