



## PENTNEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Pentney Parish Council held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm at the Village Hall. Present: Cllr Rosie Littlehales (Chair), Cllr Michael Parker (Vice Chair), Cllr Linda Rons, Cllr Kate Harvey, J Howard (Clerk)

### **12 members of the public attended**

#### **1 Chair to welcome all in attendance.**

All were welcomed by the chair.

A one minutes silence was then held in remembrance of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II

#### **2 To Receive Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Ben Howlett, Cllr Claire Dallas and Cllr Pat Wells

#### **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**

Public Concerns were raised regarding the new ditch on Low Road behind Charolaise and Grays Cottages.

#### **5 To approve the minutes of the Council meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

Approved and signed

**6 To consider matters arising from the minutes of 10<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

None raised Reference only

**7 Matters Arising**

**a). Update on the new dog bin for Pentney Lane**

Cllr Parker reported that the new dog bin has been installed on Pentney Lane. Clerk reports that the waste collection service have been informed of the bin's location and the bin is being well used.

**b). Relocation of the parish notice board**

Cllr Littlehales, has identified a new location for the Notice board which will be easier to access.

**c). Update on defibrator training**

The defibrillator training will be held on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October in the village hall. Please contact the Clerk if you would like to book a place on the training.

**d). Feedback on River Swan issues**

Cllr Parker reports there are no current issues with the River Swan.

**e). Highway and Community Ranger visit for September**

Clerk to contact the Rangers to see what work has been carried out in the village.

**f). Footpath and Bridge on Public Footpath near Swan Cottage, Pentney Lane**

The Clerk reported that Colin Thurwell from Environmental services has carried out a specialist inspection of the bridge on Pentney Lane and has raised an order with contractors to replace all the timber boards. He also reports the vegetation has now been cut back.

**g). Traffic issues – Speeding Cars / A47 Development**

The council discussed traffic issues around the village and the Community Speed Watch initiative which aims to address the problems of speeding through a partnership with police, the local community parish councils, and other partners.

The council agreed that Cllr Rons would ask Douglas Johnson, Pentney resident if he would be prepared to take on monitoring of the speed indicators on

Narborough Road. The council also agreed that the Clerk will invite Paula Gilluley from Norfolk Police service to attend the next meeting to discuss this further.

#### **h). Grass Cutting Contract**

Cllr Parker and Cllr Rons reported that they had met up with Sam Baker from CGM to walk around the village to identify which areas are in the contract and other areas which may need one-off cuts throughout the year. The council are currently awaiting further information from CGM

### **8 To accept official reports**

#### **a). County Council.**

Apologies received

#### **b). Borough Council.**

Apologies received

#### **c). Parish Clerk**

The Clerk gave an update for October. The Allotment rents will be sent out on 5<sup>th</sup> October. A VAT claim is due and will be sent this month. Preparation for a report on spending to date to present at the next meeting.

#### **d). Financial report**

see above

#### **e). Neighbourhood plan**

An update on the neighborhood plan circulated to Councillors and read by the clerk at the meeting.

### **9 To discuss any planning applications or local developments**

- 22/01408/EIASC – Scoping Opinion, Land at Abbey Farm, Abbey Roa
- 22/01615/CM – EIA Screening & Scoping Opinion, Pentney, Quarry, Abbey Road
- Low Road, New Ditch

Comments on 22/01408/EIASC and 22/01615/CM-EIA are on the Kings Lynn Planning Website.

Low Roads Ditch was discussed, it was pointed out that an application should have been made and any works should have received consent. Concerns were raised regarding the habitat for Crested Newts and Corncrakes in the area affected by the ditch.

Concerns were raised regarding drainage and Ely Drainage Board has been advised.

**10 To Discuss plans to plant a tree for the Jubilee**

The council proposed to postpone the Tree Planting Event due to go ahead on 5<sup>th</sup> October. A new date Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November has been agreed starting at 10:30am at the church followed by a coffee morning at the Village Hall.

The council also proposed that an additional Plaque in memory of Queen Elizabeth II with dates should be sourced.

**11 To receive an update on playing field equipment**

A bid to replace some of the children's play equipment has been completed by Cllr Littlehales (Chair) The initial application has gone to the Social Infrastructure fund and we have so far had a quote for £23,000. Two more quotes will be sought.

Clerk to liaise with Cllr Littlehales

**12 To discuss a litter pick**

Litter on Verges will be kept under review.

Clerk to thank Lisa and Mark Perkins on behalf of the Council for litter picking around the village.

**13 To decide whether to opt out of using the Government external auditor and appointing a new one or remaining with PKF Littlejohn**

The council agreed to remain with PKF Littlejohn

**14 To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting**

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov 22 at 7:30 pm at the village hall. All are welcome.