



PENTNEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Pentney Parish Council held on Wednesday 13th October 2021 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

Present: Cllr J Orsi (Chair), Cllr M Parker, Cllr C Dallas, J Howard (Clerk).
Also present Cllr Hipperson (KLWNBC).

11 members of the public attended.

1. The Chair welcomed those in attendance.
2. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllr Harvey.

3. No declarations of interest were received.
4. The minutes of the meeting on 1 September 2021 were agreed and signed.
5. Matters arising

Dyke survey – Highways have been asked to upgrade the culvert under Narborough Road. Parish Council have CIL payment but Andrew Wallace has been difficult to contact. Jim Moriarty is to be approached. Work must start within 12 months or an extension will need to be sought.

Verge cutting – Cut for Abbey Road to the second driveway (9/10 mile). Quote of £60 for a one-off cut has been accepted. Depends on County cuts which may take place in May or September.

Broadband speed – Mentioned but no action.

Flood and drought – Being monitored. PC has concerns about systems used. Filtration can cause backups. The pump system is usually reliable. Some, but not all the houses have problems. Councilor Orsi to draft notice worded to clarify the situation. Cllr Dallas to post in Nar Valley News.

6. Public participation.

A question was asked regarding the rule about bonfires. It was stated that dusk is the best time but any time is allowed. Smoke crossing highways should be avoided. Material cannot be brought to site to burn without a waste licence.

The parish priest, Stuart Nairn announced his retirement and thanked the council for churchyard maintenance. The Chair thanked him for his service.

7. Planning applications.

Kairouan back road - No objections

Static caravan (croft) Narborough road - Council objects to permanent occupation. There is a risk of flooding and it should only be used in the lambing season.

Extension of 21 Pentney lakes - No objection.

Variation of condition 2 – No comments.

3 Grays cottage Low Road (Garden office) - No objection.

Oaklands development discussed at prior meeting. Council decided to agree in principle but needs to debate and discuss prior to submission.

8. Acceptance of payments and accounts for September 2021.

All agreed

Audit of church account to be discussed in detail later.

Cheques were signed. During the pandemic the Clerk only signed cheques. More signatories and a mandate for the new clerk are needed.

Clerk to action. On line banking with Unity Trust was discussed and further debate is needed.

9. Acceptance of reports from County and Borough Cllrs.

County Cllr not present.

Borough Cllr stated his support for neighbourhood planning. Regulation stage 14 grant has been received.

10. To consider allotment issues.

None discussed; all payments are up to date.

11. Update on playing fields.

Maintenance of children's equipment awaited (some issues). Swing seats not fit for purpose. Looking at possible grants. Parent lead committee needed.

Defibrillator at Pentney Lakes has new pads fitted and now sent away for repair. May be moved from damp environment. Other defibrillator at Energise, Low Rd not yet registered but can be used.

12. Correspondence.

RAF Marham have offered two Christmas meals to Pentney for 1st December. Suitable for lone residents or people who have helped the village. Suggestions welcome.

13. Issues related to village matters.

Litter - under review

Dog walking field - under review

HGV sign and protective post at Folgate Corner. Still awaiting Highways.

14. Neighbourhood plan.

New help on board. Once approved by KLWNBC the plan will go to consultees. A final document can then be prepared and voted on for acceptance.

15. AOB.

Three council vacancies exist with one further vacancy in the new year. The Council now has four applicants for four vacancies. Interview dates to be arranged.

16. Date of next meeting.

Wednesday 1st December 2021 at 7,30pm in the Village Hall.

The retiring Clerk was thanked by the council for his fifteen years of service and given a gift.