



PENTNEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Pentney Parish Council held on Wednesday 1st December 2021 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

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

12 members of the public attended.

1 Chair to welcome those in attendance.

All were welcomed.

2 Chair to welcome new members of the council and sign them in.

Patricia Wells was welcomed and signed in.

3 To receive and consider apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Sally-Ann Parker and Rosie Littlehales.

4 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.

Interests declared regarding planning and noted in the minutes under the relevant items.

5 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.

One member of the public raised the issue of the HGV sign (Folgate Corner) not

helping to restrict HGV use of the road and causing a danger. Clerk to email details to Cllr Moriarty to see if another sign is appropriate. The escape of two sheep was also noted so that the relevant fence can be checked.

6 To accept reports and information from the County and Borough Councillors and the Clerk.

Cllr Moriarty had sent his detailed report previously by email which was forwarded to all Councillors.

He has discussed parking issues with Cllr Hipperson who has forwarded them to the police.

A 40 foot Roger Warnes lorry is currently parked in the village. Cllr Parker to phone the company and report back to the Clerk to forward the information.

The County Council has a County Road Safety Community Fund. This is £1m over 4 years and year 1 is for West Norfolk. It is suitable for such items as “slow” signs on roads or speed restrictions. A survey of Pentney Lane was identified as needed but would cost £5k. This would be funded if a grant was taken up.

Councillor Moriarty also explained that there was an evolving policy to restrict use of “Round-Up” weed killer to help pollinators and the reduction of roadside kerb trimming would continue.

The Household Support details recently received will be added to the new website by the Clerk.

Each Borough Councillor Has £1k available per year to spend on community issues (not Parish Council ones). This could be useful for the Village Hall – Clerk to action.

The Clerk gave her report which will be attached to the minutes.

7 To discuss planning applications

a). Oakland Gardens. Pre-application legal document review and comment

A presentation was given by the applicants and a copy passed over for reference (Clerk to email to all Councillors). The Council felt this was positive and looked forward to the application being submitted.

b). Oakwood. 21/01989/F

Postponed until a site meeting has been held. Clerk to check last date for comments to Planning and advise.

c). Side and rear extension at Kerwell. 21/02169/F

Cllr Wells declared an interest and refrained from debate. The Council has no objections to this application. Clerk to advise KL Planners.

d). Little Abbey Farm machinery shed. 21/02175/F

Cllr Howlett declared an interest and refrained from debate. No objections were raised. Clerk to advise KL Planners.

e. Boat Shed.

Council objected to this application as it was becoming more like a residential dwelling. Clerk to advise KL Planners.

8 To accept the following policies and procedures:

**Standing Orders
GDPR Policy
Equality and Diversity
Code of Conduct
Freedom of Information
Financial Control**

Accepted.

9 To agree payments and note income.

Agreed and noted.

10 To approve the minutes of the Council meeting of Wednesday 13th October 2021.

Approved and signed.

11 To consider matters arising from the Council meeting of Wednesday 13th October 2021.

It was noted that RAF Marham had to cancel their plans for a Christmas dinner but would hopefully hold one next year.

12 To consider issues relating to village matters including:

a). car parking.

It was noted that a car without tax, was permanently parked on Narborough road. Cllr Parker agreed to follow this up with the police.

b). Golden gym clean-up

A build-up of mud has been reported at Golden Gym which is causing issues for road users. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Ashwood Lodge to see if a more appropriate route could be used.

13 To decide on defibrillator training.

Cllr Dallas gave an update on Defibrillator training which will cost £420 for up to 12 people. The course is 3 hours and reported to be low key and friendly. Cllr Dallas will put a public notice on the board and advertise in Nar Valley News and the Clerk to add to the Website once it has been set up.

14 To discuss the Narborough Rd Culvert and Highways as contractors

Problems were raised regarding a broken culvert which runs under Narborough road. Partnership funding has been agreed and is available. Awaiting a start date from the contractor.

15 To receive an update from the Chair on neighbourhood planning.

It was pointed out that having a neighbourhood plan in place increases the CIL payments from 15% to 25% which is a good incentive. Following a brief discussion James Howard said that he would be happy to meet up with the NP team to discuss progressing the development of the plan. Opening a further zoom account to be added to the next agenda and discussed.

16 To receive an update from the Chair on Flood and drought.

Monitoring is ongoing.

17 To decide on the precept for 2022-23.

Deferred to the January Meeting. Clerk to provide details prior to the meeting.

18 To discuss having a Dark Sky policy and a Climate Change policy.

After discussion the Council agreed to adopt a Dark Sky Policy. It was also agreed that it should be included within the neighborhood plan. A climate change policy will also be considered and Clerk to research examples of both policies and forward.

19 To receive matters of correspondence.

No correspondence discussed.

20 Dates of future Parish Council meetings to be Confirmed.

12 Jan 2022	10 Aug 2022
23 Feb 2022	21 Sep 2022
06 Apr 2022	02 Nov 2022
18 May 2022	14 Dec 2022
29 Jun 2022	

Dates confirmed.