

## **Minutes of the Pentney Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 14 March 2023 at 7.30pm at Pentney Village Hall**

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

Also present: County Councillor and Borough Councillor & 7 Members of the Public.

- 1. To receive and consider apologies for absence:**  
**It was resolved to accept apologies from the Clerk, Sarah Bristow**

- 2. To receive Declarations of Interest**  
None Received

- 3. Adjournment of Meeting to allow for public questions. (10 mins max 3 mins per Speaker.)**

Agreed to allow public to talk on item 10 b. under Village Matters, Highway & Community Rangers – Culvert.  
No other issues raised.

- 4. Reports**

**a) County Councillor.** The County Councillor Jim Moriarty discussed leader consultation and informed of a £600 million fund over 30 years to the region, (with major powers & funding from Westminster) it is not inflation proofed. Elected leadership due in 2024. He raised concerns about the amount of litter on the A47, feedback pending. Also copies of documents sent to County Hall archives, list of documents sent to be confirmed.

**b) Borough Councillor.** Cllr Michael Howland advised that a Lidl store in Downham Market is likely, that 400 families in King's Lynn had taken in refugees. The incinerator near Wisbech is on-going, that in 2022 -2023 £32,687 funded 81 community projects. Details of future funding Projects from May 2023 information to be sent to Sarah Bristow. Battery recycling has commenced so any batteries can be left on top of your bin either black or green in a clear plastic bag and the bin men will collect.

**c) Neighbourhood Plan Working Party.** The Chair has been advised by the Borough Council that the Pentney Neighbourhood Plan does not require a full Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and does not require an assessment under the Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA). This is good news as it allows the Parish Council to publish the Neighbourhood plan for consultation under Regulation 14 and triggers the next second statutory consultation stage, starting on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023 for a six week period. The village is holding an open day on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2023 between 10.00 am and 3.00 pm in Pentney Village Hall for residents to have their say. The event has been advertised to the local community via the Nar Valley news with a bright yellow insert, and also an article under Pentney News, Parish Council.

**d) Speed Awareness Report Update**

No update on SAMs

- 5. To approve the minutes of the Council meeting of 14 February 2023. It was resolved for the minutes to be signed by the Chair and a true and accurate account of the meeting.**
- 6. To consider matters arising from the minutes of 10 January 2023.** Nothing received.

## 7. Finance

- a) **Monthly Accounts for Payment.** Cllrs advised that there were three payments to be made: KLWN Dog Bin emptying x 7 for 2022/2023 for £832, £45 for the printing of the NP flyers, Travis Perkins for £15.36 for concrete and the Speed Awareness equipment £3844.80. Grants available to put towards the costs. It was resolved for these payments to be made.
- b) **Money received.** £420 grant towards the Neighbourhood Plan. £500 outstanding fee for the allotment, to be traced. The Clerk has access to view the bank details.
- c) **Bank Rec 2023** – Cllr Wells stated the opening balance 1.3.2023 £11,513.98 and Closing balance £11,933.98 at 14.3.2023.
- d) **Scribe Accounts Package.** Deferred until next meeting.
- e) **Review direct debits etc.** Clerk to inform at next meeting.
- f) **CGM Contract**  
Cllr Rons explained about the quote that had been received from CGM, it is a significant increase from last year, even though the quote had been reduced. It was agreed to start cutting at the beginning of June, taking into account a more environmental approach to a no mow May strategy, apart from mowing the playing field and the church yards where it was agreed to cut as usual. Cllr Michael Parker agreed to do the spraying, to further reduce the quote. Cllr Linda Rons agreed to ask CGM to do a re-quote and to trial CGM for one more year. Cllrs Claire Dallas and Cllr Kate Harvey to explore other options.
- g) **Speed Awareness Devices**  
Unanimously agreed to purchase a portable SAM2 SLOW DOWN legend and a data collection unit. Funding available to pay for the units.

## 8. New Clerk Update

Very little response to the advert for a new Parish Clerk. Chair to analyse feedback from Councillors as to go forward or not to interview a candidate.

## 9. Document Retention Policy

Agreed to carry forward this item to the next Meeting

## 10. Village Matters

- a) **Feedback on River Swan issues** – All OK
- b) **Highway and Community Rangers – Culvert**  
Highways and Tarmac due to do a survey, exploratory work and report on the Culvert adjacent to Rimini. The report will highlight whether to repair or replace the pipework. Work due to start on 11 April 2023 with road closures up to two weeks. Member of the public complained about the length of time it has taken to get to this stage.
- c) **Relocation of Noticeboard**  
Chair thanked Cllrs Pat Wells, Cllr Ben Howlett and Cllr Michael Parker for moving the noticeboard.
- d) **Coronation**  
The Village Hall Committee is celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May. The Parish Council have agreed to buy a Union Jack for the flag pole and a large cake. Cllr Harvey agreed to organise the cake.

## 11. To Discuss any planning applications or local developments.

Application: 23/00300/LDE Lawful use of land as residential instead of agricultural at 4 Harvestile Lane, Pentney. – A change of use from agricultural land. The applicant was present at the meeting and confirmed that it was going to continue to be used as a garden. Clarification of the terminology on the application to garden usage as opposed to residential. Clerk to advise and add comments. It was agreed in principle to allow as garden, but not as a residential application.

Application on The Croft, Narborough Road, to reapply for a temporary caravan, but living in it permanently. It was thought that it had already been agreed by KL.

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

Work in progress, awaiting another written quote.

**13. Confirmed that the next date of the Parish Council meeting is on Tuesday 11 April 2023 at 7.30 pm**

With no further business the meeting closed at 21.15pm.