

PIDLEY CUM FENTON NEWSLETTER JUNE/JULY **2017**

PIDLEY VILLAGE HALL AND SOCIAL CLUB

BINGO THURSDAY 1st 15th and 29th JUNE AND 13TH AND 27TH JULY STARTS 7.30P.M

THURSDAY 8TH JUNE GENERAL ELECTION MAIN HALL.

KNIT AND NATTER OPPOSITE THURSDAY TO BINGO. POOL NIGHT IS NOW THURSDAY

I WOULD REMIND RESIDENTS OF THE VILLAGE THAT THEY CAN RENT THE VILLAGE HALL AT A DISCOUNT RATE. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT WE CLOSE ON A MONDAY AND FRIDAY.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH:

SERVICES AT USUAL TIMES THROUGHOUT JUNE AND JULY; THAT IS 9AM EVERY SUNDAY APART FROM THE 4TH SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH, WHICH ARE 6PM EVENSONGS.

CHURCH 100 CLUB TICKETS £3.00 AVAILABLE FROM KEVIN DOYLE ON 840834.

THE ALL SAINTS FLOWER FESTIVAL TAKES PLACE AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET INVOLVED????? ARE YOU A FLOWER ARRANGER OR LIKE TO HELP WITH SETTING UP????? DO YOU BAKE OR LIKE TO SERVE REFRESHMENTS?

WE NEED YOU!!! IF INTERESTED PLEASE CALL CHRISTINE ON 01487 843865

CHAPEL

SERVICES SUNDAY 10.45 AM AND 6.00P.M
THURSDAYS 7.00P.M. PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY
ALL WELCOME

WE WELCOME YOU ALL TO OUR NEXT COFFEE MORNING ON SECOND THURSDAY OF MONTH
AT 10.30a.m

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E.COP REPORT SOMERSHAM DISTRICT MEMBERS

Here is our weekly summary of offences and incidents affecting your community, reported to police during the period 12th to 18th May: **Thefts from Vehicles** :Unfortunately, there have been four reported incidents of thefts from vehicles in Somersham this week:

- **Windsor Gardens, Somersham** – A Ford Transit van, parked outside its owner's home on Windsor Gardens, was broken into at some time overnight on Wednesday 17th / Thursday 18th May. No damage

was caused to the van and nothing was stolen, as all of the tools from inside had been taken into the owner's house the previous evening. However, the owner found a side door of the van open when he came to it on the Thursday morning.

High Street, Somersham - A white Ford Transit van, parked on the road near its owner's house on the High Street was broken into at around 3:00 am on Thursday morning, 18th May. The thieves managed to open the rear doors without causing any damage and then stole several hundred pounds worth of power tools from inside. A suspicious car seen at the time with two men inside, possibly wearing masks and hoods, may be involved in the crime.

The Trundle – A white Iveco van was broken into just before 3:00 am on Thursday 18th May, whilst it was parked on the road near its owner's house on The Trundle. No damage was caused to the van, and although there were items inside, it is not thought that anything was stolen. A suspicious estate-type car was seen in the area at the time and may be connected to the crime.

Feoffees Road – A van parked on Feoffees Road was broken into at some time between midnight on Wednesday 17th and 5:40 am on Thursday 18th May by thieves who managed to gain entry without causing any damage. Boxes of power tools were stolen from the back of the van but other items were left behind.

PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING NOTES

7.30pm Monday 8th May 2017 Village Hall, Warboy's Road, Pidley

Meeting closed 8.22pm The Chairman welcomed everyone to the APM and gave a brief summary of the past 12 months within the parish council. PPC has had 12 meetings, which is more than in previous years, and now regularly meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. The Chairman advised he had attended 18 meetings on behalf of the PC either planning or traffic management. There have been 23 planning applications in the last 12 months with 5 applications still outstanding. No new dwellings have been built, however, several barn conversions account for the majority of planning in the village.

The community plan team have been successful this year and thanks to all those involved were shared. More volunteers always needed so please contact Christine Paynter if you are interested in getting involved. Thanks to Brian Paynter for emptying the new dog waste bins regularly. An annual summary of achievements will be available to view on the website.

The traffic calming on Warboys Road has been a success, with some positive comments received. While the PC appreciate that some people are not happy with these traffic calming measures. The new proposal for works to make the High Street safer will start later in the year. This plan includes the introduction of a central refuge to make a safe crossing from bus stop to bus stop. Increased white lines to the entrances along the High Street and Oldhurst Road and speed reduction from 60mph to 40mph before reaching the 30mph at the same entrances to the village.

Finally the Chairman thanked all members of the parish council for their efforts during this year and thanks to the clerk for all the work she has done to date.

The clerk shared gave a finance report for 2016/17

Total Receipts - £10,690.83

Total Expenditure - £6,750.90

The precept was set at £10,000 for this financial year to allow for additional projects to be undertaken. The additional income is made up from compensation from Lloyds following the clerks complaint and VAT rebate. The expenditure is broken down and reported on a monthly basis, the new accounts format is clear to read and can be accessed via the website by everyone. The clerk's salary has increased due to the new clerk and an increase in hours. The general administration of the PC and the village maintenance are the other main budget headings. The bank balance is shown on the bottom line at the end of each month and all reserves are shown as per the allocation during the precept setting meeting.

The clerk manages the budget as the RFO for the PC and is always happy to answer any questions throughout the year. Cheques are signed by 2 signatories, all councillor's are signatories with the exception of Tim Ward. The clerk has updated these details with Lloyds to ensure the council is complying with financial procedures. The clerk has recommended a financial risk assessment is to be adopted and hopefully this will be approved at the AGM on 10th May.

An increase to the insurance premium was as a result of an updated asset register being completed by the clerk. The parish assets are now all detailed and will be included for all future insurance premiums.

By insuring all accounts are kept electronically makes it far easier to share on a more regular basis. Back up records are also kept on the new parish council back up drive, along with the new main drive. By adding these reports on the website each month ensures that another level of back up is carried out.

The internal auditor was happy with the new processes and the external audit is ready to be sent off for verification. A detailed copy of this report will be shared on the website, when returned.

Moving forward the PC wish to use some reserves to purchase a parish defib. Contribute towards the speed reducing measures and additional play equipment for the park. Money has also been allocated to the community plan team for them to continue to improve and maintain the village.

Looking at the coming year the Chairman is in the process of purchasing a mobile SID to record data to help with future LHI submissions and hopefully to slow traffic down. Mr Tim Ward is investigating options for reducing speed in Fenton, which will form part of the LHI18/19 submission.

Questions included:

When will any traffic calming along Oldhurst Road be done, why does it take so long when the PC are paying for it? The Chairman advised of the LHI 17/18 submission and works and the clerk is to chase a start date.

Concern with the lack of lamp posts along Oldhurst Road was raised and options for installing the mobile SID are reduced. The Chairman advised that a pole can be erected on private property with the owner's consent.

A question if speed humps can be installed in the entrances to the village, where the road narrows, in the High Street and Oldhurst Road. The clerk is to find out if this is feasible and the costs.

A further question around the additional speed humps on either sides of the Fen Road junction. The Chairman confirmed the PC agreed to wait until the speed humps had been fitted before deciding on fitting additional humps at a cost to the parish. Meeting closed 8.22pm

FROM PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Committee updates: Community plan – Mrs Christine Paynter updated on the actions within the community plan: Wood for the bench has been donated by Mr David Hopkins, the bench will be installed within the next 14 days. A new axle has been fitted to the lawn mower and it is now ready to be used by the handyman. Design & costings for the entrance gates to the village are progressing well. The meeting with HDC to review the map of the village showing Fen Road took place and HDC have agreed to do the work, within their timescales. A suggestion to add local tradesmen to the website was raised and the clerk advised that the web author should set this page up as she maintains the parish council pages only within her contracted hours. A question around the land ownership of the verges outside numbers 1 to 8 Fen Road was raised. As ownership was unknown the clerk is to check with HDC/CCC. This is with a view to pursue a footpath along Fen Road. The footpath would be in front of these houses joining up with the footpath which was installed when houses: Hilltop; Vizsla; Brae House; The Mulberries were built and then the dangerous part around the bend which is too narrow for a footpath would have a white line to give an illusion of a footpath – Clerk to find out further details. The open plan meeting has now been handed over to Mr Dave Bird to organise with the village fun day. The first annual review of the community plan is now available to read on the website. [Click here to access](#) Play park update – the safety inspection has been carried out and the clerk is to share the document when received. Village Maintenance: Handyman – It was agreed to keep the handyman on following his 3 month probation period. A total of 5 ½ hours was claimed during April. Highways maintenance – the clerk advised in order to move the telegraph poles from locations in Warboys Road, permission is needed from EDF & a suitable alternative location is to be legally approved ahead of any move. A cost of approximately £5,000 per pole is charged to move. The Chairman offered to obtain a land registry search to find out who the land owners are and to identify where the boundary is. The clerk advised that CCC would consider an application for funding for such a project to provide a safe footpath accessible to all in the village. The clerk advised that the request to install a kerb edge along Warboys Road is unlikely to happen due to the narrow road. She advised that CCC will only fund urgent works and do not have any funding for new projects. It was agreed for the clerk to speak with CCC Highways and ask for prices for white lines to allocate footpaths and if any savings can be made by the work being done alongside other jobs in the area. The clerk has received complaints from residents advising cars are avoiding the speed humps along Warboys Road and using the verge instead. The clerk has raised with CCC Highways who will look at installing bollards to stop this. Anglian Water inspected the damaged pots earlier and arranged for the necessary repairs to be made. Mr Brian Paynter advised that they have promised to send the data showing the properties linked to the pots this week. General village - nothing new to add. Defib – The total cost for the defib and cabinet is £1139.00. The clerk is to raise a cheque and put the order in. A formal agreement is to be drawn up for the village hall committee. CCTV – A site meeting to agree an install date has been arranged for Monday 15th May. Further details will be shared in due course. The clerk is to draw up a legal agreement between the parish council and Darren Tomkins. Mr Tim Ward is to speak to Mr Gil Boyd about the signs in Fenton. SID – The Chairman sent the detail to the clerk last week to obtain permission from Balfour Beatty. Subject to their approval for the larger unit an order will be placed. The lead time is approximately 3-4 weeks. It was agreed for the first location to be in Fenton.

Next meeting: 14th June 2017