

Fenny Bentley Parish Council

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Minutes of Fenny Bentley Parish Council Meeting

9 July 2026 at The Coach & Horses, Fenny Bentley at 7 pm

COUNCILLORS PRESENT:

Ken Croft
Charlie Miller
Steve Wright
Dennis Stone
Ben Woodroffe

ALSO PRESENT:

5 Members of the Public
Brenda Kirkham (Parish Clerk)

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Miller welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were no apologies

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

The Chair declared an interest as a relative of the Clerk. .

3. INVITED COMMENTS FROM COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS, POLICE AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A member of the public raised concerns about a field entrance on to the A515 just before the bridge north of the village, stating that there was very limited visibility when vehicles were turning out. Concern was also raised about a track at the top of the entrance to Brookwood Farm, the track was adjacent to the road and the digging out may have caused stability issues for the road particularly during heavy rain. A tree has not been cleared from the pavement. Clerk to raise these matters with the Peak Park and Derbyshire Highways, also request that Cllr Nick Adams visit the site.

The storage unit in the field next to Valley View had been removed but there was still a lot of rubbish left on the site. Clerk to contact Peak Park and request that the owners be asked to tidy up the area.

There was no update available on the Firs Wood enforcement, it was noted that there is still a caravan in the woodland. **Action: Clerk**

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 12 MAY 2026

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 12 May 2026 were agreed and signed as a true record of that meeting.

5. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

6. UPDATE ON PLANNING MATTERS AND PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THIS MEETING

A planning application for Ravenscliffe Farm had not raised any objection from Councillors.

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7. INSTALLATION OF THE PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER ADJACENT TO THE A515 AND PLANS FOR THE OFFICIAL OPENING

The installation of the bridge is to go ahead on Sunday 26 July, some additional works would need to be done before the bridge could be fully opened. The Parish Council has already approached ex-County Councillor Simon Spencer about opening the bridge. However, it was understood that there were other stakeholders who wished to be involved in the opening. Clerk to contact the County Council. **Action: Clerk**

8. HIGHWAY & PLANNING MATTERS – FLOODING/POTHoles/TRAFFIC/BRIDGE

A515 is looking good after resurfacing, road will be closed for tarmacking and white lining in due course.

9 DATA FROM THE SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE

The sign has now been adjusted. Data from the sign to be circulated to Councillors. **Action: Cllr Miller**

10. VILLAGE MOWING

It was agreed that local contractor Shaun Rose be contracted to do the village mowing. Hedges down the school path need to be cut. Clerk to obtain quote for tidying up the area around the shed and also replacing the fence at the side of the path which is unstable. The gate at the bottom of the School field was also very unstable, Cllr Croft to raise this matter with the School Governors. **Action: Cllr Croft & Clerk**

11. FINANCIAL REPORT AND ADMINISTRATION

a) FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The balance in the Council bank account was £5,936.23.

b) ITEMS FOR APPROVAL AND PAYMENT AT THIS MEETING

The Council resolved to pay the following items:

Item for Payment	Amount
Derbyshire ALC Ltd	210.00
S Rose	100.00
HMRC	61.20
Clerk's Salary - May	81.73
Clerk's Salary - June	106.73
Clerk's Expenses	58.13

12. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

All items had gone out by email. The Clerk had nothing further to report.

13. COUNCILLORS COMMENTS & OBSERVATIONS

- The fence along the footpath at the side of No 1 Ashes Lane was in need of repair as was the hedge lower down the footpath. Clerk to speak to the owner. **Action: Clerk**
- It was reported that access to garages was often blocked during School drop off and pick up. Clerk to write to School and request that parents park considerately and use the Coach & Horses wherever possible.
- A Councillor raised the question of whether a memorial could be erected on the ground near the shed to commemorate the village residents who had died in the 2 world wars, Clerk to contact DCC Estates Department to ask if this would be possible. **Action: Clerk**
- Clerk was asked to pass on congratulations to everyone who had created such a good Village Day event on Saturday 4 July.

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21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be held in October, date to be confirmed.