

Fenny Bentley Parish Council

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Minutes of Fenny Bentley Parish Council Meeting

12 May 2026 at The Coach & Horses, Fenny Bentley at 7 pm

COUNCILLORS PRESENT:

Ken Croft
Charlie Miller
Steve Wright
Dennis Stone

ALSO PRESENT:

PCSO Elaine Porter
14 Members of the Public
Brenda Kirkham (Parish Clerk)

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Councillor Miller was elected Chair for the forthcoming year.

2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

Councillor Croft was elected Vice-Chair for the forthcoming year.

3. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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

5. CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

The Council had received 4 expressions of interest from people who wished to join the Council. The information received from each candidate had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. After discussion it was unanimously agreed that Ben Woodroffe be accepted on to the Council.

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

Owners of the land near Brookwood Farm explained the work that was going on and their future plans. A resident expressed concern about the field entrance gate near the bridge on to land adjoining Brookwood Farm land, as this was considered dangerous. The owner explained that the old gate had needed to be replaced and the main entrance would be at the top Brookwood Farm drive. A planning application for Brookwood Farm had been submitted to the Peak Park Planning Board, but this fell within Tissington Parish. PCSO Porter asked residents to fill in the survey forms as soon as possible as the feedback was very useful.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 14 JANUARY 2026

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 14 January 2026 were agreed and signed as a true record of that meeting.

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8. MATTERS ARISING

Clerk to check if the grit bin is empty, if it is, then more grit was to be ordered. Action: Clerk

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

There were no planning matters for consideration at this meeting. However, it was noted that there was a planning application in for Brookwood Farm and this would be considered by Tissington Parish Council in due course.

10. PROGRESS ON THE PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER ADJACENT TO THE A515

There was no progress on the installation of the bridge. Former County Councillor Simon Spencer would be asked to cut the ribbon over the bridge once it was installed.

11. FOOTPATHS – MINOR MAINTENANCE GRANT 2026/27

The Council resolved to go ahead and apply for the footpath maintenance grant again for the current year. Action: Clerk

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

The A515 has been marked for resurfacing and this should take place in the next few months. Council were pleased to note that Ashes Lane and School Close had been resurfaced, although one drain outside the bungalows on School Close had not been raised. Action: Clerk

13 DATA FROM THE SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE

The data has been downloaded. The screen needs to be tilted slightly more towards the Ashbourne direction. Action: Cllrs Croft & Wright

14. VILLAGE MOWING

The previous contractor was no longer carrying out mowing. Clerk to obtain quotes for the work and the strimming of the land around the shed. Action: Clerk

15. VILLAGE PLANTERS

The Council resolved that they would pay for the plants to go in the planters. Action: Clerk

16. AUDIT FOR 25/26

a) APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

The Council resolved to approve the annual governance statement.

b) APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTING STATEMENT

The Council resolved to approved the annual accounting statement.

c) APPROVAL OF THE INTERNAL AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Council noted the contents of the Internal Auditor's Report and it was duly approved.

d) APPROVAL OF THE CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION

The Council resolved to approve the Certificate of Exemption.

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17. COUNCIL POLICIES FOR APPROVAL

a) CODE OF CONDUCT

The Council reviewed and approved the Code of Conduct.

b) FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The Council reviewed and approved the financial regulations.

c) STANDING ORDERS

The Council reviewed and approved the standing orders.

d) RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY & RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Council reviewed and approved the risk management strategy and risk management plan.

18. FINANCIAL REPORT AND ADMINISTRATION

a) INSURANCE RENEWAL

The Council reviewed and approved the insurance renewal documents.

b) FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Council had received the annual precept of £3,600 and the footpath grant for 25/26 of £289, this gave a total in the bank of £7,117.77.

c) ITEMS FOR APPROVAL AND PAYMENT AT THIS MEETING

The Council resolved to pay the following items:

ITEM	AMOUNT
Peak Park Parishes Forum	6.00
Zurich Insurance	567.92
Alchemy Systems (Western Ltd)	228.00
DALC Annual Subscription	117.13
HMRC	61.20
Clerk's Salary - January	81.73
Clerk's Salary - February	81.73
Clerk's Salary - March	106.73
Clerk's Salary - April	81.73

19. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

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

20. COUNCILLORS COMMENTS & OBSERVATIONS

Councillors were disappointed that their District Councillor had not resigned his position despite moving to live over 600 miles away. Chair agreed to write a letter asking him to resign; as the Parish Council and residents currently felt that they currently had no representation on the District Council.

21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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