

FENNY BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Unapproved Minutes a Parish Council Meeting held on

Wednesday 14 January 2026 at 7.00 pm in the Dining Room at the Coach & Horses, Fenny Bentley

Present: Cllrs: C Miller (Chair); K Croft, D Stone, S Wright, and 6 Members of the Public. Clerk: Mrs B Kirkham.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

Cllr Miller welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr Everitt.

2. Declaration of Interests

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

3. Invited comments from County & District Councillors and members of the public

Members of the public raised concerns about the following:

What is happening with the outstanding planning matters in the village namely: the container and caravan near Fenny House Farm; the Firs Wood planning which was refused. Clerk to follow up these matters with the Peak Park Planning Board.

What is happening with the building plot on Ashes Lane? Following excavation works there is now water running from the site. Clerk was asked to raise this matter with the Peak Park and also with Cllr Nick Adams.

Vehicles were parking on the grass verges outside the bungalows on Ashes Lane as a result the grass verge had become muddy and the area looked very untidy; the garden wall of bungalow No 4 had been in need of repair for nearly 2 years. Clerk to contact Platform Housing.

The potholes on Ashes Lane were getting worse but the water issues on the Lane needed to be resolved. Rubbish had been left near the path between Ashes Lane/School Close. Clerk to report as fly tipping.

Action: Clerk

4. Approval of Minutes of meeting held on the 25 November 2025

The Council resolved to accept the minutes of the last meeting held on the 25 November 2025 as a true record of that meeting.

5. Matters Arising from the last meeting

The Clerk reported that following guidance from NALC the Parish Council does have discretion powers to support the repairs to the Church if the Council decided to do so.

6. Planning Application NP/DDD/1125/1197 Land off Ashes Lane, Fenny Bentley – proposed local needs dwelling and associated access.

The Council resolved not to object to the application. However, several concerns were raised by Councillors and residents:

- As there is already planning permission for 4 local needs houses on a site opposite this site, is there really need for another property?
- There was some concern about the impact of the development on the landscape in a conservation area next to the church
- The parking provision on the plans is insufficient and there was some concern as to whether this would lead to cars being parked on Ashes Lane

- There was some concern about the disruption which may be caused during development at a time when to site opposite is also being developed.
- What evidence is there from the District Council for housing need, will it be low cost? Will it involve a housing association or sold on the open market?
- Has a section 106 clause been drawn up by the Peak Park?

Action: Clerk

7. Update on other planning matters

The Peak Park Enforcement Officer had contacted the Clerk to say they would be investigating the new driveway at Brookwood Farm, a report should be received within 6 weeks.

8. Highway & Planning matters – flooding/potholes/traffic/bridge

These matters were raised under public speaking.

9. Data from the Speed Indicator Device

Speed indicator device has now been turned to face the opposite direction. Data has been downloaded and will be available shortly.

10. Financial Report & Administration:

a) Budget and Precept for 2026/27

The Council resolved to accept the budget as circulated and further resolved to set a precept of £3,600 for the financial year 2026/27. **Action: Clerk**

b) Financial Statement

The balance in the current account was £3,926.38.

c) Items for approval and payment at this meeting

The Council resolved to approve payment of the following items:

Derbyshire County Council	50.00
HMRC	61.40
Clerk's Salary - November	81.53
Clerk's Salary - December	106.73
Clerk's Expenses (including web hosting)	380.95

11. Clerk's Report & Correspondence

The Clerk reported that representatives from the Police and other organisations would be attending the monthly Coffee Morning on Saturday 18 April, further information to be circulated in due course.

12. Councillors Comments & Observations

- The grit bin on Ashes Lane was empty. Clerk to report. **Action: Clerk**
- The 50-mph sign near Bentley Brook on the junction B5056 was on the ground. Clerk to report. **Action: Clerk**

13. Date of Next Meeting

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday 12 May at 7 pm.

Signed.....

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