

FENNY BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Unapproved Minutes a Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 25 November 2025 at 7.00 pm in the Dining Room at the Coach & Horses, Fenny Bentley

Present: Cllrs: C Miller (Chair); K Croft, A Everitt, D Stone, S Wright, Cllr Edwards-Walker (DDDC) and 2 Members of the Public. Clerk: Mrs B Kirkham.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

Cllr Miller welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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

A member of the public expressed his concern that Platform Housing were not prioritising the allocation of properties to local people, he felt that people with local connections to the area should be given priority; the resident stated that his sister had been trying to secure a property in School Close which had been vacant for over a year. The resident was going to set up an online petition. The Parish Council resolved to support this initiative.

The resident thanked people who had attended the two-minute silence in Church on Remembrance Sunday; resident had approached the British Legion regarding having something in the village to commemorate the fallen of 2 world wars.

Resident asked what plans were in place to mark the opening of the footbridge. At present the Parish Council did not have any plans in place, but this would be dealt with nearer the time of completion.

Cllr Edwards-Walker stated that the District Council could possibly lose the right to deal with planning applications if more than 10% of their decisions are overruled.

Cllr Edwards-Walker also stated that he would be leaving the area in March/April 2026.

4. Approval of Minutes of meeting held on the 15 July 2025

The Council resolved to accept the minutes of the last meeting held on the 15 July 2025 as a true record of that meeting.

5. Matters Arising from the last meeting

All matters arising were on the agenda. **Action: Clerk**

6. Update on Planning Matters and Planning Applications for consideration at this meeting

Concerns about activity at Brookwood Farm, as no planning application had been brought to the attention of the Council. Clerk to raise this matter with the Peak Park. **Action: Clerk**

7. Update on the pedestrian bridge over the river adjacent to the A515

It was understood that the bridge would be completed in late Spring 2026; the Council were disappointed that the village were having to wait once again for the completion of this facility.

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

The County Council had issued some additional funding for road maintenance. There were concerns about the condition of Ashes Lane particularly following the recent heavy rain. The condition of the

whole of the main road, through Fenny Bentley was considered dangerous. Clerk to report to County Highways. **Action: Clerk**

9. Data from the Speed Indicator Device

The downloading of data from the sign was to be done in early December. **Action: Cllrs Wright & Croft**

10. Financial Report & Administration:

a) Approval of the updated Asset Register

The Council resolved to approve the asset register as circulated, this would now be published on the website. **Action: Clerk**

b) Approval of the new Standing Orders for 2025

The Council resolved to approve the standing orders as circulated, this would now be published on the website. **Action: Clerk**

c) Review and Approval of the Council's Risk Management Policy and Risk Management Scheme

The Council resolved to accept the policy and scheme with no alterations.

d) Approval of the Council's IT Policy

The Clerk reported that it was now a legal requirement for Parish Council's to have an IT policy. The Council resolved to accept the IT policy as presented, this would now be published on the website.

Action: Clerk

e) Financial Statement

The balance in the current account was £4,837.26.

f) Items for approval and payment at this meeting

The Council resolved to approve payment of the following items:

J S Marriott	80.00
Landscape Maintenance Services (2 invoices)	201.60
HMRC	63.20
Community Heartbeat Trust	198.00
Clerk's Salary - July	79.11
Clerk's Salary - August	92.01
Clerk's Salary - September	106.73
Clerk's Salary - October	81.73

11. Clerk's Report & Correspondence

All correspondence had been sent out by email. Peak Park Local Plan Review documents were made available to Councillors and members of the public. It was noted that Fenny Bentley could possibly have up to 10 new houses.

12. Councillors Comments & Observations

- Following a meeting in the Church regarding the future of the Church. It was noted that the Church needs an active PCC, a Church Warden and improved attendance at church services. It was asked if the Parish Council could provide financial support to the Church. Clerk to look at the latest guidance. **Action: Clerk**

13. Date of Next Meeting

Next meeting will be held in Tuesday 27 January at 7 pm.

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