

MINUTES OF MEETING



Parish: Fenton
Meeting title: Annual General Meeting
Date and time: Monday 29th April 2024 at 7.00pm
Location: All Saints Church, Fenton

Officers
'A' denotes absence

Mr Dave Rawlins Chair
Mr Graham Doney Secretary and Clerk to Parish Meeting
Mr Ian Taylor Treasurer

In attendance 22 members were present

- AGM/01/24 Welcome and Apologies for absence** **Action**
Apologies were received from Mark Doney, working, Jean Cooke and John Daubney. Mr Dave Rawlins then went on to thank Mr Doney for all his hard work in taking over as Clerk and sorting things out following the sad passing of Robert and asked that this be recorded in the minutes and for those present to endorse this with a show of hands. Mr Rawlins wondered whether notice of Parish Meetings via hand delivered post should be resurrected. The Clerk will investigate to ascertain those properties without internet connections and alternative ways of publishing Fenton Parish Meeting **GD**
- Declaration of interest**
None
- AGM/02/24 Minutes of the previous meetings**
The minutes from the previous meeting were read and agreed
- AGM/03/24 Matters arising**
AGM/07/23. It was confirmed that all officers of the committee were using the fentonvillage@gmail addresses in accordance with GDPR
AGM/08/23. It was confirmed that the defibrillator checks were being carried out by Mr Doney and reported to the Circuit and on the Fenton website and Social Media.
- AGM/04/24 Election of the Parish Meeting Chairman**
In accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 the Chair of a Parish meeting must be elected annually. Mr Dave Rawlins, the current Chair, offered to carry on as Chair and there being no other candidates, Mr Dave Rawlins was re-elected unanimously
- AGM/05/24 Confirmation of the Clerk and Treasurer posts**
Mr Doney explained why the confirmation of the Clerk and Treasurer's posts was on the agenda. Following the election of a new Treasurer, Mr Ian Taylor, it was necessary to complete a new bank mandate with HSBC, Fenton Parish Meeting bankers. This is a procedure carried out online with the Clerk, as the Responsible Officer, confirming the identity and posts of the Chair and Treasurer. Unfortunately, despite being recorded as the deputy clerk, HSBC would only recognise Mr Robert Boulwood as the Clerk. Mr Taylor explained to HSBC that Robert had passed away on 15 July 2023 and produced a copy of his death certificate as proof. This was accepted but HSBC insisted that a Parish Meeting confirm the new appointments of Mr Graham Doney as Clerk and Mr Ian Taylor as Treasurer and that this is reflected in the minutes. This was put to the vote and Mr Graham Doney was confirmed as Clerk and Mr Ian Taylor was confirmed as Treasurer. The votes were unanimous and the Treasurer could now proceed with getting the new mandate authorised **IT**
- AGM/06/24 Clerk's Communications received and updates**
Mr Doney confirmed that all communication received, mostly via email, as shared on the village social media sites and the most important ones are also put on the Fenton Village website. Also, when asked, a notice is also placed on the Village Notice Board. Such an example is the Police and Crime Commissioner election for the Lincolnshire Police Area
- AGM/07/24 Adoption of the updated Fenton Parish Constitution and Finance Regulations 2024** **GD**
The updated Fenton Parish Constitution and Finance Regulations 2024, updated to enhance the requirements for completing the new bank mandate, were posted on the village social media sites with a quick link to its location on the village website. The amendments were highlighted in yellow.

The meeting voted unanimously to adopt the updated constitution which would now be uploaded to the website

AGM/08/24 Parish Meeting Accounts

The income and expenditure accounts for Fenton Parish were presented by the Treasurer Mr Ian Taylor. Handouts were made available at the meeting and having been approved unamously will now be available to read on the Village website. Mr Taylor explained the rate of interest available on the deposit account, Mr John Cooke pointed out better rates were available elsewhere but it was decided by the meeting to remain, at present, to bank with HSBC. Keep it simple and secure. Following the approval of the accounts the AGAR 2023/24 was signed by the Chair

AGM/09/24 Traffic Calming update and costs

Discussions were started by looking at the letter and graphs received from Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership, which were made available to all parishioners via social media and the village website well in advance of the meeting. The calibrated technical data recording equipment Archer Report did not appear to support funding for speed awareness measures which it was explained could cost between £3500 and £5500 depending on the system chosen. The Clerk had contacted Stubton council as they had recently installed a Speed Awareness System and was inform that it had cost about £3500 but was battery operated so had ongoing costs.

Mr John Cooke proposed that the report from Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership be accepted This proposal was carried by 17 votes for and 5 against.

Following further suggestions of alternative speed reduction measures like White Gates it was proposed that a committee be formed to look into all measures, their viability, their costs and available funding. Mrs Daphne Street, Mrs Cara Clarkson and Mr Ian Mason volunteered to form the committee and work with the Clerk to present their findings to a meeting in October. The date of 7th October 2024 has been allocated for this meeting.

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AGM/10/24 Dog Waste Bins

It was felt by the meeting that the problem of dog waste not being picked up had all but disappeared so it was decided unanimously not to purchase a dog waste bin

AGM/11/24 Setting the level of the Precept

Following the decisions made under item AGM/09/24 it was decided to delay the setting of the level of the Precept until after the report from the Speed Awareness Committee on the 7th October 2024.

AGM/12/24 Defibrillator Monthly checks

Mr Doney confirmed he would continue to carry out the routine checks on the defibrillator and report them back to The Circuit as well as sharing on our Social media and website.

AGM/12/24 Planning Applications

The Clerk had received by letter that the Brandon Wood Clay Shooting had made an appeal to the Secretary of State against an enforcement letter issued by SKDC on 14th December 2023. Mr Rawlins explained this appeal would be held in Grantham over 6 days and he would notify parishioners of the date. He would be attending and invited others to attend if they wanted

AGM/13/24 AOB

1. The Clerk was asked to investigate who is responsible for the draining of the culvert between Corner Cottage and Drake Cottage as the road floods badly following rainfall.
2. It was proposed and seconded that an annual sum of £200 be allocated to Fenton Church for the use of the church for meetings and the upkeep of the Church grounds and the Garden of Remembrance. This was carried unanimously.



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Signed(Chair) Date