

# PENTLOW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17 JANUARY 2023 AT 7.00 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

1 PRESENT – MISS M DAVIES – CHAIR  
MR D WRIGHT  
MISS R SIMNETT  
MR J CALVER  
MR T BARTLETT  
MRS K HOYE – CLERK

2 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – 1

3 APOLOGIES – THERE WERE NO APOLOGIES

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – NONE WERE DECLARED

5 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 18 OCTOBER 2022  
COUNCILLORS AGREED THESE WERE A TRUE RECORD AND WERE THEREFORE SIGNED BY THE CHAIR  
AS CORRECT.

6 MATTERS ARISING

## VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

CLLR SIMNETT ADVISED THERE WAS NO FURTHER UPDATE.

## REFUSE VEHICLE HIRE

REPORT FROM 12 NOVEMBER 2022

THIS WAS SUPPORTED BY APPROXIMATELY 35 PARISHIONERS WITH 6 TON OF WASTE COLLECTED.

TO CONSIDER NEXT VISIT

COUNCILLORS AGREED THIS SHOULD TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY 25 MARCH 2023, WITH ONE COLLECTION  
POINT AT THE VILLAGE HALL FROM 10.00 AM TO 12.00 NOON. CLLR DAVIES AGREED TO MAKE THE  
BOOKING, THE CLERK WOULD ORGANISE A FLYER TO BE DELIVERED TO ALL HOUSEHOLDS.

## SCHOOL ROAD PLANNING ISSUES UPDATE

NO FURTHER UPDATE HAS BEEN RECEIVED AS, UNFORTUNATELY, THE PLANNING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER  
WHO WAS ASSIGNED THE CASE NO LONGER WORKS FOR BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCIL. THE CLERK WILL  
ENDEAVOUR TO FIND OUT THE NAME OF THE REPLACEMENT OFFICER. THERE ARE STILL TRAFFIC PROBLEMS  
DUE TO THE NUMEROUS DELIVERIES AND COLLECTIONS AND NOISEY MACHINERY ASSOCIATED WITH THE  
MANUFACTURING PROCESS.

## PINKUAH ARMS COMMUNITY ASSET ORDER UPDATE

CLLR DAVIES HAS COMPLETED THE NECESSARY PAPERWORK AND RETURNED IT TO BRAINTREE DISTRICT  
COUNCIL WHO HAVE ADVISED THE NOMINATION HAS BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL. CLLRS DAVIES OFFERED TO  
MAKE FURTHER ENQUIRIES AND REPORT AT THE NEXT MEETING, COUNCILLORS AGREED THAT AN ARTICLE  
SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE NEXT PARISH MAGAZINE INVITING OPINIONS AND COMMENTS FROM  
ANYONE WHO HAS EXPERIENCE OF THE PINKUAH ARMS IN RECENT YEARS, CLLRS DAVIES TO DRAFT THE  
ARTICLE.

- 7 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION  
COMMENT WAS MADE REGARDING LOCAL PUBLIC HOUSES, PARTICULARLY THE HALF MOON AT BELCHAMP ST PAUL, WHICH IS AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF A VILLAGE PUB, ALWAYS BUSY WITH A PLEASANT ATMOSPHERE, GOOD FOOD AND BEER, WHICH IS WHAT THE PINKUAH ARMS COULD BE LIKE, UNDER THE RIGHT OWNERSHIP.
- 8 PARISH CHRISTMAS TREE REPORT  
THE GRAND LIGHTING UP CEREMONY WAS HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2022 AND WAS VERY WELL SUPPORTED BY 22 ADULTS, 3 CHILDREN AND 4 DOGS, PARISHIONERS ENJOYED MULLED WINE WITH MINCE PIES AND AGREED THE TREE WAS THE BEST ONE TO DATE, THERE WAS ALSO A CHRISTMAS TREE ON DISPLAY IN THE TELEPHONE BOX.
- 9 TO DISCUSS FORTHCOMING LOCAL ELECTIONS  
THE CLERK CONFIRMED THE ELECTIONS WOULD TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAY 4 MAY 2023, TO DATE NOTHING OFFICIAL HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCIL, THE CLERK WOULD FORWARD ANY INFORMATION ONCE RECEIVED AND OFFERED TO DELIVER NOMINATION PAPERS TO BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCIL AT CAUSEWAY HOUSE IF COUNCILLORS WERE WILLING TO STAND AGAIN, THE CLERK WOULD PUBLICISE THE ELECTION WHEN THE INFORMATION IS MADE AVAILABLE.
- 10 TO DISCUSS TWENTY'S PLENTY CAMPAIGN  
AFTER DISCUSSION CLLR BARTLETT AGREED TO CONTACT THE CAMPAIGNING COMMITTEE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND REPORT AT THE NEXT MEETING.
- 11 TO DISCUSS THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III  
THE CORONATION IS TO TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY 6 MAY, THE TIME IS TO STILL TO BE CONFIRMED, MONDAY 8 MAY HAS BEEN CONFIRMED AS A BANK HOLIDAY. CLLR WRIGHT ADVISED THAT A LOCAL FARMER MAY BE WILLING TO PROVIDE THE VENUE AND HOST THE CELEBRATIONS, CLLR WRIGHT AGREED TO LIAISE WITH THE FARMER CONCERNED AND REPORT AT THE NEXT MEETING.
- 12 TO DISCUSS COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH GROUP  
CLLR BARTLETT REPORTED NO RESPONSES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED, AS YET, FOLLOWING THE RECENT PUBLICITY ASKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO COME FORWARD, POSTERS HAVE BEEN DISPLAYED ON THE NOTICE BOARD, THE WEBSITE, THE FACEBOOK PAGE AND IN THE PARISH MAGAZINE.
- 13 TO DISCUSS BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCIL PLANNING SYSTEM  
CLLR WRIGHT EXPRESSED CONCERN REGARDING THE AMOUNT OF TIME PARISH COUNCILLORS SPEND ON DEALING WITH PLANNING APPLICATIONS, NO RESPONSE OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT IS EVER RECEIVED FROM THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT AND WHETHER PARISH COUNCILLORS COMMENTS AND CONCERNS ARE REALLY TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT WHEN THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT CONSIDER APPLICATIONS, COUNCILLORS AGREED THE WHOLE SYSTEM IS VERY FRUSTRATING AND SADLY, IT WAS FELT NOTHING COULD BE DONE TO IMPROVE THE PROCESS.
- 14 PREVIOUS PLANNING CONSULTATIONS  
INFORMATION RECEIVED AND RESPONSES RETURNED SINCE THE PREVIOUS MEETING

10-11-22	22/03011/LBC	SKILLETTS FARM	NO COMMENTS
06-12-22	22/03232/HH	LARKSWOOD COTTAGE	NO COMMENTS

15 FINANCE

TO SET 2023 – 2024 PRECEPT

THE CLERK ADVISED THE FIGURES FOR BOTH INCOME AND PROJECTED ANNUAL EXPENDITURE, AFTER DISCUSSION IT WAS PROPOSED TO INCREASE THE PRECEPT BY £1000.00, COUNCILLORS VOTED AS FOLLOWS, THREE WERE FOR THE INCREASE, ONE WAS AGAINST THE INCREASE AND ONE ABSTAINED FROM VOTING, THEREFORE THE PRECEPT WILL BE INCREASED TO £7000.00, THE CLERK WILL COMPLETE THE NECESSARY PAPERWORK AND RETURN TO BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCIL.

CHEQUES PREVIOUSLY APPROVED + SIGNED

CHEQUE 181 – £293.60 – BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCIL – REFUSE VEHICLE  
CHEQUE 182 – £240.00 – PARISH CLERK – ANNUAL SALARY BALANCE  
CHEQUE 183 – £ 73.00 – S.L.C.C. – ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

CHEQUES TO APPROVE + SIGN

CHEQUE 184 – £288.00 – PARISH CLERK – HOME WORKING ALLOWANCE  
CHEQUE 185 – £150.00 – PARISH CLERK – WEBSITE WORK

TO AGREE PURCHASE OF PAINT FOR TELEPHONE BOX

COUNCILLORS AGREED TO £60.00 BEING SPENT ON PAINT, CLLR WRIGHT OFFERED TO PLACE THE ORDER AND CLLR BARTLETT OFFERED TO PAINT THE TELEPHONE BOX WITH A PARISHIONER WHO HAS OFFERED TO HELP WHEN THE WEATHER IMPROVES.

TO AGREE PURCHASE OF LAPTOP AND PRINTER FOR THE CLERK

COUNCILLORS CONFIRMED £500.00 COULD BE SPENT ON THESE ITEMS, THE CLERK AND CLLR SIMNETT TO LIAISE ON WHAT WOULD BE SUITABLE.

16 CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCIL – PLANNING APPLICATIONS – FORWARDED  
BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCIL – OPEN SPACES ACTION PLAN – RESPONDED  
BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCIL – ROUGH SLEEPERS – RESPONDED  
BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCIL – BUDGET PROPOSALS – FORWARDED  
BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCIL – EMERGENCY PLAN UPDATE – RESPONDED  
TWENTY'S PLENTY FOR US – TWENTY'S PLENTY FOR ESSEX – FORWARDED

17 CLERK'S REPORT

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS PAY SCALES WERE RECEIVED IN NOVEMBER 2022.  
BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCIL PLANNING SITE HAS BEEN UNAVAILABLE DUE TO ERRORS IN THE SYSTEM, THEREFORE IT HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE TO CHECK THE MOST RECENT WEEKLY PLANNING LISTS.

18 TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETINGS

TUESDAY 14 MARCH 2023 – 7.00 PM – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – PENTLOW VILLAGE HALL  
TUESDAY 14 MARCH 2023 – 8.00 PM – ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – PENTLOW VILLAGE HALL

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THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.40 PM