



Parish: Fenton
Meeting title: Annual General Meeting
Date and time: Thursday 1st May 2025 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 14 members were present

AGM/01/25 Welcome and Apologies for absence **Action**
Apologies were received from Kim and Wendy, 6 Allen Road, Cara, Mandalay, Alasdair Morrison, George and Jackie and Tony Gelsthorpe.

Declarations of Interest

None

AGM/02/25 Minutes of the previous meetings
The minutes from the previous meeting were read and agreed

AGM/03/25 Matters arising
AGM/01/24. Mr Doney has compiled a list of all residences in Fenton and if the address has internet connection and whether the residents are on the WhatsApp or Fenton Friends Groups. It is 95% complete and so far only two residences have been found to have no internet connection
AGM/05/24. Treasurer confirmed new mandate authorised
AGM/07/24. Adoption of the updated Fenton Parish Constitution and Finance Regulations 2024 confirmed
AGM/09/24 No funding was found to be available and the cost would have to be found within the village funds – Meeting of 7th October 2024 did not take place
AGM/13/24 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. He explained to the meeting that following conversations with a previous resident of Drake Cottage that a sump into which the culvert drains was discovered and cleaned out. This had not been done for over 12 years. Mr Street explained that the dyke behind the houses in Allen Road was full of silt and also needed cleaning out. It was explained that this ditch was the sewage dyke for the whole village. The responsibility for clearing it out was the internal drainage board but that lapsed when Anglian built the sewage works. **Now the ditch should only carry surface water and the responsibility for keeping it clear/free flowing reverted to the riparian owners of the houses in Allen Road that back onto the dyke.**

AGM/04/25 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/05/25 Confirmation of the Clerk and Treasurer posts
Mr Doney explained that the posts of Clerk and Treasurer did not have to be elected annually. The posts were offered to any member wishing to be considered but there were no takers. Mr Doney was willing to carry on as Clerk and Mr Ian Taylor was willing to continue as Treasurer and both were voted in unanimously.

AGM/06/25 Clerk’s Communications received and updates
Mr Doney confirmed that all communications received, mostly via email, are shared on the village social media sites and the most important ones are kept on the Fenton Village website. Also, when asked, a notice is also placed on the Village Notice Board. Such an example is the Mayoral and Local elections. NHT Public Representative Survey 2024-1049625, which covered the state of our local roads, street lighting, pavements, public transport and many other local topics was completed and can be viewed the village website.

AGM/07/25 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 unanimously will now be made available to read on the Village website. Following the approval of the accounts the AGAR 2024/25 was signed by the Chair. Mr Taylor explained that he had received instructions that it was no longer necessary to display the AGAR on the village notice board, putting a copy on the village website was all that was required. A vote of thanks to the Parish Meeting was made by Mrs Mason for supporting the Church. Mrs Mason was thanked for auditing the accounts.

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AGM/08/25 Setting the level of the Precept

Discussions were held about dropping the Precept Level to £500 - £600 if the village was not spending its funds on projects. It was decided to keep the Precept Level to £1000 with the aim of funding the following projects:

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1. White Village Entrance Gates. The gates have been installed in all the surrounding villages.
2. Speed Restriction Stickers for bins – Main Street and Manor Close only.
3. Investigate the cost of clearing the dyke behind houses in Allen Road

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AGM/09/25 Traffic Calming

Having agreed that this project is currently not supportable from grants and village funds it will be shelved for the present.

AGM/10/25 Defibrillator Monthly checks

Following an alert from both our supplier and The Circuit Mr Doney tested our defibrillator and reported no error. ZOLL has received field reports on the Powerheart G5, where after normally scheduled self-tests the AEDs have displayed Error Code (EC) 501 and cannot deliver lifesaving therapy. This failure mode is likely due to exposure to humidity outside the device's published specification. The field notification is intended to alert users of this specific error code, the importance of storing their device within stated environmental ranges, and to continue to visually inspect their device readiness on a periodic basis. 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. Mrs Jane Rawlins agreed to redistribute the code for the Defibrillator Container throughout the village as there were many new residents since its installation. Mr Doney explained that following receipt of stickers from The Circuit, a QR code had been fitted to the outside of the box and a returns information label on the defibrillator. The code can also be obtained by phoning the ambulance service as the defibrillator is registered with The Circuit

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AGM/11/25 Planning Applications

Application No: S24/1751 **Applicant:** Mr Alasdair Morrison
Proposal: Rebuilding of upper section of rear chimney stack
Location: Old Hall , Main Street, Fenton, Lincolnshire, NG23 5DE
App Type: Listed Building Consent **Approved**

Application No: S24/1015 **Applicant:** Mr G Fearn
Proposal: Change of use of part of former agricultural building to 6 dwelling units
Location: Barn Adjacent To The Willows, Main Street, Fenton, Lincolnshire, NG23 5DE
App Type: Prior Notification Part 3 Class Q **Prior Notice Approved Conditionally**

Application No: S24/2063 **Applicant:** Miss Loren Cahill
Proposal: Application for a Lawful Development Certificate regarding a change of use of a residential dwelling house (Use Class C3) to a care home
Location: Latte Lodge , Pump Lane, Fenton, Lincolnshire, NG23 5DF
App Type: Lawful Development (Proposed) **Refused**

Application No: S25/0253 **Applicant:** Miss Hannah Breen
Proposal: Change of use of residential dwelling (Use Class C3) to a children's residential home for 4 children (Use Class C2).
Location: Latte Lodge , Pump Lane, Fenton, Lincolnshire, NG23 5DF
App Type: Full Planning Permission **Withdrawn**

A vote of thanks was proposed for Mr Doney who organised a village survey for applications S24/2063 and S25/0253 feeding the results of survey to SKDC. The survey was completed by 31 households

AGM/12/25 Brandon Wood Clay Pigeon Shoot Update

Mr Dave Rawlins, in his position as Chairman, Brandon Wood Clay Shooting Residents Association explained to the meeting that despite the conclusions and formal decisions the Shoot continued to ignore the planning constraint and shoot when it wants.

Following the rejection of Planning Application S20/0098 on 17/Nov/2022, SKDC resumed enforcement action pursuant to enforcing Mr. Crane's Planning Permission S00/0471/71. This involved a yearlong investigation by Matthew Johnstone, Enforcement Officer, and consultation with "the legal team".

An Enforcement Notice was finally served on Mr. Crane on 14/Dec/2023, following extensive legal advice, and was immediately appealed. SKDC entered into secret negotiations to form a Statement of Common Ground with the Appellant but not the Rule 6 party.

On 13/Aug/2024 Mr R Merrett Bsc (Hons) DipTP MRTPI an Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State stated that the notice is found to be a Nullity, indicating poor legal advice in its drafting or incompetence by SKDC.

No further action will be taken in connection with the appeals. In the light of this finding the Local Planning Authority should consider reviewing the register kept under section 188 of the 1990 Act as amended.

Since the collapse of the appeal the Association understands that Mr. Crane is to be invited to submit a third planning application, a situation that has now existed for seven years.

The meeting asked Mr Rawlins, in his capacity as Chairman, Brandon Wood Clay Shooting Residents Association to get the press involved.

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AGM/13/25 AOB

Mr and Mrs Street informed the meeting that they were retiring from delivering the Newsletter. A vote of thanks for their years of doing this was passed by the meeting. Mrs Jane Rawlins volunteered to take over.

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There being no other business the meeting was closed at 20.05.



Graham Doney)
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Signed: David Rawlins (Chair)

Date 5th May 2025