

BENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING

Tuesday 5th April 2016 7.30pm, Village School Jubilee Hall, Bentworth

Present:

Parish Councillors	Clerk	District & County Councillors	Others
David Hawes Paul Mellish Jenny Lewis	Allison Spyer		9 Members of the public

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23.19 Apologies for absence:

Chris Hurley, Veronica Parker, Abbie George

23.20 Declarations of interest:

There were no declarations of interest.

23.21 Resignation of Tony Costigan:

DH announced the resignation of Cllr Tony Costigan. A notice of vacancy has been posted giving the parish residents 14 working days to lobby EHDC for a bi-election for the two seats now available. If no bi-election is called the Council may co-opt candidates that volunteer.

23.22 PCSO David Nops update:

PCSO Nops attended the meeting and reported that while Bentworth has been quiet, surrounding villages have not been so lucky. In particular garages and out buildings are being targeted so be vigilant. The police advice is to extend alarms to garage or park cars in front of them. He also suggested that residents might like to look into obtaining an Auto License Plate Camera in village which automatically recognises license plates and stores the information. An initiative in Four Marks is currently underway which the PC will keep an eye on with interest.

23.23 Meeting open to the public:

Maria Fordyce requested an amendment to item 23.07 in February's meeting. MF would like the minutes to reflect that she asked the Parish Council if any council member had another set of keys to the Jubilee Hall not including the set most recently handed in. All Cllrs present at the meeting stated they did not. MF would like the fact that 3 keys were then returned the next day noted.

23.24 Minutes of the February / March Meeting:

Deferred until May

23.25 Matters Arising:

- Documentation Review – On-going

(a) Neighbourhood Plan:

- DH reported that the next meeting of the Steering Committee will take place on Wednesday 6th April. AS is in discussion with Came & Company to make sure all actions of the NPSC are covered by the Parish Insurance. AS and NB (Nicky Branch) have also finalised and submitted the grant application of £3,000.00 to cover the NP costs.

(b) Jubilee Hall

- AS reported the £500 EHDC Grant from Tony Costigan has been received for more adult comfortable chairs for Jubilee Hall. AS to discuss further with St Marys School.

AS/MF/JC

(c) Defibrillator:

- AS met with Maria Fordyce and Peter Banfield to discuss the installation of the Defibrillator. Currently there are two options. Option one is to hire an electrician to run a power supply from the distribution board to the agreed external position. The approximate cost of this is £444 plus vat. A cabinet to house the unit will also need to be purchased which could cost an additional £250. Option two was suggested by JL. She has sourced a cabinet that carries a battery to keep the defib charged and so will only need installing onto the wall. There were no costs available at the time of the meeting for this option.

AS/JL

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DH proposed that the PC allocate £750.00 for the installation and will go with which ever option is More cost effective. JL seconded with unanimous agreement from the rest of the council.

(d) Dragons Teeth:

- DH suggested approaching professional contractors to install the Dragons Teeth and get the job done and dusted; this was agreed by the Council. AS to obtain three quotes

AS

23.26 District Councillor Update:

It has been a quiet time as far as activities in respect of my Downland Ward responsibilities, of which Bentworth forms part of the picture. I have been concentrating on persuading the Parish Clerks to submit applications to use up the grant fund that is available to me. To this end the School and the Parish have benefitted from 20 new adult chairs which hopefully will be in use this evening. I have also assisted other Parish Councillors with different projects. The most prominent subject matter has been the involvement of the devolution bid that EHDC are involved with as we were founder members along with Solent, Havant, Southampton, Eastleigh and the Isle of Wight Councils. We were expecting the bid to be accepted during the last Budget speech. It was not included in the Chancellor's Statement as it would appear that their objections from a small number of Hampshire, Conservative MPs. Whilst this is disappointing, the topic remains intensely political. As such we expect to get the green light within the next few months. It is also positive to report that there has been a 2% reduction in Council Tax and EHDC is the only Council at first or second tier to have reduced its Council Tax. I would like to see a defined time limit for the pond and the dragon teeth to be completed. I am also receiving observations from Bentworth residents that the gate that was damaged in an accident has not yet been replaced; could we please discuss the latest update on its re-instatement. Also, the grant funded a bench for the pond. Could we see that this is purchased and installed as soon as possible. There are a number of road traffic signs that need to be re-instated within the village. I am sure that Chris Hurley is on with this but we do need to report back that these matters are being dealt with.

23.27 Jubilee Hall / St Marys School Invoices:

PC have been invoiced by the school to pay for the call out charge for the unauthorised access on the 17th January of this year and the subsequent change of locks. The call out charge is £50.00 and the change of locks charge £140.00. While the PC feel they should not be held responsible for the lock changes, as a gesture of good faith DH proposed the payments, PM seconded and the rest of the council agreed. AS to arrange the payments.

AS

23.28 Finance:

(a) Payments for approval

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| • Allison Spyer, Salary | £450.00 |
| • Allison Spyer, Expenses | £32.40 |
| • HALC, Levy | £30.00 |
| • HALC, Subs | £198.00 |
| • Dan Luton, Website | £41.75 |

All payments proposed by PM, seconded DH with unanimous agreement from the rest of the council

(b) Receipts:

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| • East Hants District Council | £498.00 |
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(c) FAG Update:

- Deferred until next month

23.29 Village Appearance:

- A member of the public reported concerns regarding the flooding at the corner of Trinity Road. The PC reinforced how important it was to be careful at the junction during bad weather and will look into getting temporary hazard signs that can be quickly installed when needed.
- The next litter pick will be on the 7th May from 10am onwards at the Green.
- The Verge by Summerly is in a bad state. AS to write to the owners requesting that it is put right after building works have been completed.

AS

23.30 Planning Committee Report:

There have been no planning applications in the past month.

23.31 Councillors Report:

Environment, Pond, Open Spaces: Pond was due to be started this week however the rain has stopped progress again, this should hopefully be done by the next meeting. Footpaths along Trinity Farm are being cut out and mending broken stiles. JL has walked some of the byways and is photographing the ones damaged by 4x4s.

Traffic & Highways: No further update

Speed Watch: Trees: No further update

Young people and families: No further update.

Website: No further update

Broadband: No further update

Communications: No further update.

Village Green: No further update.

St Marys School: Our first 'generation game' afternoon was very successful! St Mary's had many visitors from the villages and the children were given a wonderful opportunity to make choices about their learning and share some new skills. The knitting corner was a great hit and the sewing and still life drawing was very popular too, producing some great artwork! We also had some budding architects and engineers who designed a very creative train track. The café served some very tasty delights created by The Sunrise Club and Elder Class worked hard to make sure everyone was well looked-after. Year 3 enjoyed a fantastic residential trip to East Meon Mrs Ayres said the children were independent and enthusiastic and couldn't wait to explain all the places they had explored and everything they had experienced when she visited. The behaviour was exemplary and both Mrs Macey and Miss Baker were very proud of their decision-making and their attitude towards new learning. A big thank you to everyone who came and helped at the community day, it was very much appreciated. Any donations of bird seed for the new feeders would be gratefully received by the PTA. And once again please collect any Sainsbury's active kids vouchers, these can be dropped into the box in the school foyer or left for me at the sun inn. 26 seats left to fill for the curry night

23.32 Other Reports:

Community Care: Nothing to report

Neighbourhood Watch: Nothing to report

23.33 Correspondence:

23.34 Cllrs Announcements:

There were no Cllr announcements.

23.35 Meetings Forthcoming and Attended:

Next meeting AGM and the June meeting will be the APM

23.36 Date of next Meeting:

Tuesday 3rd May and will be the AGM

The Chairman thanked all members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.08

Signed Date