

BENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING

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

Present:

Parish Councillors	Clerk	District & County Councillors	Others
David Hawes(Chair) Paul Mellish Jenny Lewis Chris Hurley Veronica Parker (Vice Chair) Abbie George Jane Costigan	Allison Spyer		7 Members of the public

ACTION
FOR

23.61 Apologies for absence:

There were no apologies.

23.62 Declarations of interest:

There were no declarations of interest.

23.63 PCSO David Nops update:

Door to door salesmen are still around otherwise all quiet. 101 number is difficult to get through on PCSO Nops advised going on the Hampshire Constabulary website and sending an email if it's non-urgent.

23.64 Meeting open to the public:

No members of the public wished to speak.

23.65 Minutes of the June PC Meeting:

Minutes were deemed to be correct and duly signed. JL proposed and VP seconded with unanimous agreement from the rest of the council.

23.66 Neighbourhood Plan:

- VP reported that several consultants have been selected for interview and the successful candidates should be in place before the end of the month. The NP can't move forward until the consultants are in place

23.67 Jubilee Hall

- School have been given a donation of £500 and a letter of thanks received

23.68 Defibrillator:

- An electrician will be needed to install the cabinet and connected to a power supply. One quote received already is in the region of £500+. AS currently in the process of obtaining two more quotes. AG will has a contact to ask and AS to go back to the cabinet suppliers for a quote.

AS/AG

23.69 Dragons Teeth

- To be discussed later.

23.70 Post Box

- AS has been in contact with Royal Mail who have turned down the request to move the post box at the corner of Jenny Green Lane and Trinity Road. AS to forward all the emails on to Yvonne Collins who has agreed to start up a petition.

AS

23.71 District Councillor Update:

As usual there is not much to report on Bentworth so far as the District is concerned. I have been busy handling the Chawton issues as it looks as if the whole of the Parish Council have resigned. I will be attending the next full EHDC meeting, scheduled for 21st. July. There are funds available through two Grants. Cabinet Community Grants between £1,000.00 and £25,000.00 and also the District Councillors Grants. The former is more interesting, as they have some significant funds available. Applications must be in by 7th. October as the decisions will be made on 17th. November. One area that I can see needs urgent attention is the War Memorial in the Churchyard. Equally there will be other interesting and justifiable

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opportunities. I understand that the defibrillator and its installation is nearing a decision and hopefully this can be completed this evening. I continue to receive and read with interest the Neighbourhood Plan. My thanks to the Committee for its diligence and hard work. You will remember that I recently commented on the grass verges through Bentworth. There are areas throughout the village that are covered by Hants County Council Highways. These are identified by a single metre cut. Originally most of the village was being treated in this way. I spoke to EHDC's contracts team who, after an inspection, confirmed that the grass should be cut back to the hedge line on the verges. The first cut has been completed. I do not believe that it is a great job but I will watch with interest and will report back to the contracts team. In relation to the missing school banners, I have circulated an e-mail received from EHDC regarding this unfortunate incident. The finger is being firmly pointed at Hants County Council Highways. I suspect that the banners have been disposed of by now. I have made some observations on the website that I would ask you to consider. The Village Events calendar reads with great interest, rather disappointingly the photo section is rather out-of-date. From what I can see the photographs from 2012 Jubilee Concert are the only ones on the site. We have had several Village events since then and could we possibly use photos from the Queen's anniversary celebration on the Green, possibly also from the Garden Club or any other community driven scheme that you may think of. It would be nice to see the site updated. In relation to the Parish Councillors, some of the duties are not complete. Mrs. Costigan appears to have none and Jenny's needs to be updated. It looks as if the School Fete was a success, the weather was certainly fantastic, again a great opportunity to have photos on the website. I have been approached by residents when socialising who really do have a keen interest in what is happening on the following items. The pond - when is this project going to start? I understand it is weather sensitive but it has been an ongoing project for far too long. It would be helpful to have a detailed statement in the Minutes from this evening or should we be considering different options? The Dragons Teeth - once again could we bring closure to this project please? The Defibrillator - could this matter be discussed and resolved this evening? Finally, the tree next to the Lynchgate on the entrance to the Churchyard is beginning to overwhelm the beauty of the structure. I do remember it being cut a few years ago, I also understand that the EHDC's Tree Office, Mr. Garside, has regularly refused the felling of it but would readily agree to it being trimmed. The lawn cutting team are doing a great job in the Churchyard, trying to keep up with the growth at this time of the year is well-nigh impossible.

23.72 Dragons Teeth Installation:

Three quotes have been received:

- Brennan Landscapes £390.00
- Vine Landscapes £500.00
- HCC £70.00 per dragons teeth

AS

PM proposed Brennan Landscapes, DH seconded with unanimous agreement from rest of council. AS to inform BL and organise a start date.

23.73 Internal Auditor 2017:

AS has requested a change in the Parish Councils IA for 2017. Eleanor Green from Do the Numbers will come to the house and complete the IA in one afternoon. Bentworth fall into the fee bracket of £185.00 which is cheaper for a more efficient service.

AS

JC proposed the change and VP seconded with unanimous agreement from the rest of the council. AS to send off the agreement letter.

23.74 Finance:

(a) Payments for approval

- Allison Spyer, Salary £360.00
- Allison Spyer, Expenses £16.20
- Fred Moir, APM expenses £56.50
- Matt Smith, Lawn mower petrol £27.81

JC proposed all payments, JL seconded with unanimous agreement from the rest of the council.

(b) Receipts:

- No Current Receipts

(c) FAG Update:

- All points discussed have been covered in the meeting.

23.75 Village Appearance:

- Verges village wide are fairly shabby, AS will write to HCC and CH will speak with his contact at Highways.

AS/CH

23.76 Planning Committee Report:

26814/022, Trinity Farm, Trinity Hill, Medstead GU34

Certificate of lawful development for existing use – The use of the land for the stationing of a mobile home as a dwelling.

No objections but the committee requested that a restriction limiting this home to be the only one allowed as concerns were raised that this could lead to further similar applications on this site.

24622/009, Russell House, Village Street, Bentworth GU34

Detached garage, relocation of access with new gates.

Objection. The proposed building is set too far back on the site and should be re-sited adjacent to the house. The building as proposed is too high at 5.50 metres. We suggest it should be single storey. A restriction should be placed on the site forbidding commercial use of the land.

23.77 Councillors Report:

Environment, Pond, Open Spaces: Pond will be done as soon as there is a week of dry weather. Footpaths - Trinity Farm stiles have now been made safe and a new gate installed. Manure has been washed through the hedge into Jenny Green Lane but it should have been cleared.

Traffic & Highways: Potholes have been marked up for repairs and CH will continue to report all new ones.

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: Race for life was held on 21st June, 100 miles were ran between the pupils with 8 laps of the school field equal to 1 mile. We raised a total of £1239.50 for cancer research. Lime class have put in a lot of effort practicing for their may pole dancing which they performed beautifully at the fete last weekend, while two teams from elder class went head to head in their apprentice 2 ice cream challenge. Elder class are currently busy painting a time line along the main corridor, each designed one of the 15 elements and are enjoying painting it. Due to bad weather sports day had to be cancelled at short notice, this will now be held tomorrow morning (6th June) at 9.15am. 11th July elder and lime class production of 'dazzle' will be held in the hall at 4pm, all welcome. 14th July, open classrooms for parents to look around the classrooms and see the new curriculum for their child next year. 18th July, leavers service will be held in st marys church 9.15am and end of term achievement assembly 19th July at 1.15pm. Jubilee hall will be locked at 4.45 each day for cleaning.

23.78 Other Reports:

Community Care: One member down so FM actively recruiting.

Neighbourhood Watch: Nothing to report

23.79 Correspondence:

- St Marys School, letter of thanks

23.80 Cllrs Announcements:

There were no Cllr announcements.

23.81 Meetings Forthcoming and Attended:

AS to look at HALC courses that might be relevant for the council.

AS

23.82 Date of next Meeting:

Tuesday 6th September 2016

The Chairman thanked all members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 20.10

Signed Date