

# BENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF MEETING

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016 7.30pm, Village School Jubilee Hall, Bentworth

Present:

Parish Councillors	Clerk	District & County Councillors	Others
David Hawes (Chair) Jenny Lewis Chris Hurley Abbie George	Allison Spyer		7 Members of the public

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**24.02 Apologies for absence:**

Veronica Parker, Jane Costigan, Paul Mellish

**24.03 Declarations of interest:**

There were no declarations of interest.

**24.04 PCSO David Nops update:**

PCSO David Nops was not in attendance to update.

**24.05 Meeting open to the public:**

Member of the public requested the PC discuss the degrading TV reception throughout the village at the next council meeting in December. The PC agreed, AS to add to the next agenda

AS

**24.06 Minutes of the October PC Meeting:**

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

**24.07 Matters Arising:**

**Neighbourhood Plan** – Boyd McCleary gave an outline of the progress of the NP Steering Committee. They have currently had 13 meetings and been in consultation with Ropley and Medstead. Grant money has been obtained and dedicated planning consultants hired in an advisory capacity. Most recently, the committee have constructed a questionnaire, which has been handed out to residents of Bentworth in the past week, and the initial response is encouraging. The next public meeting is on the 15<sup>th</sup> December whereby the Committee will go over the questionnaire results; this will form the outline of the NP. Next phase will be looking at specific sites. There are five sites under consideration but the sites are not in the public domain at the moment. Once the NP is complete, it will go to consultation. The Parish Council extended its thanks to those residents on the Steering Committee for all the work the team have done, namely: Boyd McCleary, Colin Brooks, Alasdair Pepper, Debbie Rhodes, David Hutley Veronica Parker, Nicky Branch, David Hawes, Peter Egerton-Warbuton & Jean Cornelius .

- **Dragons Teeth** – The dragons teeth have been installed but there are at least five old ones that need replacing, AS to call Dorset Fencing and order, JL can collect in person.
- **Village Verges** – Most of the verges have now been cut except New Copse
- **Tag Farnborough** – VP formulated a very comprehensive response to the consultation on behalf of the PC and AS submitted it in a timely fashion.

AS/JL

**24.08 District Councillor Update:**

No report received from TC

**24.09 Village Pond:**

JL reported that 9000 litres of water have recently been pumped out of the pond and both liners re-laid. JL has been consulting with Stella Strachan from the gardening club who will plan the planting programme for spring next year. SS outlined what the gardening club has planned which includes shrubs at the back and eventually a platform for children to take water samples safely. Safety measure require the area to be equipped with a life buoy and deep water signs which AS is to order ASAP. JL proposed a budget of £750.00 to the gardening club for planting which was seconded by CH with a unanimous vote from the rest of the council. DH then thanked Jenny and Julian Lewis for all their efforts in working on the pond over the

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years.

## 24.10 Participatory Budgeting:

Deferred until next meeting.

## 24.11 Finance:

### (a) Payments for approval

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| • Allison Spyer, Salary                      | £463.80 |
| • HMRC, PAYE                                 | £16.20  |
| • Allison Spyer, Office equipment & expenses | £107.66 |
| • Toolboxdigital, Cloud hosting              | £40.00  |
| • Planet, NP Consultants                     | £825.00 |

JL proposed all payments and AG seconded with unanimous agreement from the rest of the council.

### (b) Receipts:

- No current receipts

### (c) FAG Update:

There has been no FAG meeting this month

### (d) Second Quarter Bank Reconciliation:

AS presented the reconciliation to the full council which was approved. DH prop AG seconded with unanimous agreement from the rest of the council.

## 24.12 Village Appearance:

- Appearance is getting better still need to sort some road signs
- Noticeboard in front of school – DH would like to get a quote to get it re-varnished and doors replaced **DH**
- HCC have stated they are only aiming to cut verges twice a year instead of once a month. AS to enquire if this is correct **AS**
- Litter pick was successful – thanks to Boyd and Jenny for keeping the flower butt nice. Should it be filled with a Christmas tree next month?

## 24.13 Planning Committee Report:

Nothing to report

## 24.14 Councillors Report:

- **Environment, Pond & Open Spaces** – Nothing else to report.
- **Traffic & Highways** – The Parish Council approved the purchase of permanent flood signs, AS to purchase. JL proposed and AG seconded with unanimous agreement from the rest of the Council. CH also reported that SpeedWatch were doing an excellent job but need more volunteers.
- **Young People & Families** – Nothing to report.
- **Website** – Nothing to report.
- **Broadband** – Nothing to report.
- **Communications** - Nothing to report.
- **Village Green** - Nothing to report.
- **St Marys School** - As part on the generation, game the whole school spent two days with Mrs Dumelow researching then building big hotels, she had helped from some fantastic volunteers for this project as well as many donations from parents and friends of the school. Elder class attended 'think safe' at Queen Elizabeth country park with fire safety, southern domestic abuse service, RNLI and Hampshire County council shop smart. Lime class had a fantastic trip to Winchester planetarium learning about the solar system. Ash class have been making clay Stone Age artefacts such as bones, teeth, arrowheads and spears. Oak class took part in a BBC live lesson with presenters of CBeebies show 'show me' they worked with other school across the country who were also taking part to write a story for some cartoon friends. The children were keen to be involved and give suggestions. Mrs Baker tweeted what they thought should be included in the story and these were read out live on screen. Ash class held a cake and biscuit sale in aid of the

RSPCA, they raised a fabulous £53.00. The winning sculpture by Jona Cleaver, designed by Oscar has been unveiled and stands proudly at the school entrance. Just before half term St Marys had a fantastic inspection and were awarded an outstanding categorisation by siams inspector who also happened to be and Ofsted inspector too. We would love any volunteers to hear readers or do gardening with the children.2nd December- Christmas fayre starting at 2.20pm in the jubilee hall, everyone welcome.

**24.15 Other Reports:**

- **Community Care** - Nothing to report.
- **Neighbourhood Watch** - Nothing to report.

**24.16 Correspondence:**

No correspondence have been received.

**24.17 Cllrs Announcements:**

There were no Cllr announcements.

**24.18 Meetings Forthcoming and Attended:**

No meetings attended

**24.19 Date of next Meeting:**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2016 start time of 7pm

The Chairman thanked all members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.27

Signed ..... Date .....