

BENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING

Tuesday 6th December 2016 7pm, Village School Jubilee Hall, Bentworth

Present:

Parish Councillors	Clerk	District & County Councillors	Others
David Hawes (Chair) Abbie George Jane Costigan Veronica Parker	Allison Spyer	Mark Kemp-Gee	7 Members of the public

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24.20 Apologies for absence:

Chris Hurley, Jenny Lewis & Paul Mellish

24.21 Declarations of interest:

There were no declarations of interest.

24.22 PCSO David Nops update:

PC Nops reported that as usual all has been quiet in the village apart from two minor car accidents and some horse mats were stolen from Jenny Green Lane.

24.23 Meeting open to the public:

No members of the public wished to speak.

24.24 Minutes of the November PC Meeting:

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

24.25 Matters Arising:

Neighbourhood Plan – Questionnaires have been sent out and 265 returned which is approximately 60%. The forms are currently being analysed for the open meeting on the 15th December where possible sites may be discussed.

Dragons Teeth – All have been installed apart from five which Jenny Lewis will pick up later in the month

Village Verges – These have been cut with in the 30 mph speed limit however New Copse remains uncut.

JL

24.26 District Cllr Update:

There was no District Councillor report

24.27 TV Reception throughout the village:

At the last meeting a villager asked the PC to discuss the problematic TV reception throughout the village. After a brief discussion the PC agreed that as VP is the communications Cllr she could get in contact with the correct authorities to report and investigate further. The PC also suggested a link on the website so that parishioners can report problems so that the scale of the issue can be measured. AS will speak to Toby Stevens about this.

VP/AS/TS

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24.28 Participatory Budgeting:

The PC discussed the merits of running the scheme every other year rather than every year so that the budget would be bigger and more substantial projects potentially undertaken. VP

JC proposed that scheme runs every other year seconded by AG with unanimous agreement from the rest of the council.

April / May VP will start the process for 2017 / 2018

24.29 Church Request for Funding Donation:

AS read out the letter received from the Church requesting a donation to go towards the various church restoration projects. The Councils initial reaction was that the full council needed to be present to discuss. AS to put it on the February agenda. In the meantime AS to ask the church what their expectation is. AS

24.30 Tag Farnborough:

VP attended a meeting at TAG and gave the following report:

As the TAG proposal will more than likely mean that Lasham airfield will become unusable, the gliding club have a team of 20 people working very hard to limit any damage that might be done. Lasham are very concerned about safety and lack of manoeuvring space. They have so far paused the process, removed one route, involved the CAA and have forced extra consultation with the BGA(British Gliding Association). Lasham have shown an alternative proposal to the CAA. Next steps, Lasham have requested a judicial review and will formally propose their alternative to the TAG proposal. TAG have 600 replies to their consultation and will need to analyse them, the CAA will make a decision in January, there will then be 3 months to put in the judicial review. The legal advice has said that Lasham do have a case and they intend to fight this proposal in court if they have to. Lasham may then come to the local communities, and the BGA to help fund their legal fees.

24.31 Traffic Survey in conjunction with HCC:

County Councillor Mark Kemp-Gee was present at the meeting and reported a joint traffic survey with Bentworth Parish Council to monitor how many HGV's use the village as a rat-run. Three counting points throughout the village will be set up where the lorrie's enter. The survey will commence in January and the data gathered used as evidence to hopefully ban the HGV's from coming through the village in the future. AS to start the grant application with MKG. AS/MKG

24.32 Finance:

(a) Payments for approval

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| • Allison Spyer, Salary | £559.80 |
| • HMRC, PAYE | £40.20 |
| • Allison Spyer, Expenses | £206.93 |
| • Boyd McCleary, Stamps for NP questionnaire | £187.50 |
| • CPRE, Membership | £36.00 |
| • ICO, Data Protection | £35.00 |

- David Hawes, Christmas Tree & lights £66.48

VP proposed all payments and DH seconded with unanimous agreement from the rest of the council.

(b) Receipts:

- No current receipts

(c) FAG Update:

Defib – is now up and running, JL to organise training courses. JL

Broken gate – AS to re-order. AS

Asset Register - AS has now found a costings list and can start work putting one together. AS

Pond - Gardening club has been planting around the pond

B(d) Budget 2017/2018:

DH presented the budget for the coming year and set the precept at £10,000.00. This reflects a 9% reduction. Copy attached as appendix 2. AS

VP Proposed, AG seconded with unanimous agreement from the council. AS to put in the paperwork by January

24.33 Village Appearance:

Flooding by Paddock bend – Ask CH to look into it. CH

Junction of colliers lane – Possible insertion of dragons teeth, need to discuss with Jenny Lewis

The Parish Council would like to say a big thank you to the Gardening Club for planting over the past two weekends

24.34 Planning Committee Report:

Minutes of the last planning meeting attached as appendix 1 as fairly lengthy

24.35 Councillors Report:

- **Environment, Pond & Open Spaces** – MKG three key BOATS 26/27&28 will be subject to TRO's which should ban 4x4's. Motorbikes will be allowed but may be banned during winter months
- **Traffic & Highways –Young People & Families** – Nothing to report.
- **Website** – Nothing to report.
- **Broadband** – Redraw have mast at Lasham and currently seven families have got broadband from them contact Redraw if interested. Cable coming to some of Bentworth in 2017.
- **Communications** - Nothing to report.
- **Village Green** - Nothing to report.
- **St Marys School** - Elder class have visited the natural history museum and were quite excited to be traveling by train. They enjoyed the red zone with the earthquakes and volcanoes. Lime class Topic has been invaders and settlers, they've been learning about the Anglo Saxons and have designed and painted brooches. In Ash class they have had space as their topic, learning about light sources in science and the difference between these and reflectors. Oak class's topic has been winter wonderland. On Thursday 1st December the next stage of the generation game was held, there will be 2 projects. Ewe Matter - this is a real size sheep made from outdoor plastic material which each community will decorate, this could be paint, photos, images etc. The design was worked on and a day will be planned to make after Christmas. The sheep will be for our spiritual garden by our new benches. Benches - designing the backs of the benches Mr Cleaver sculpted. Mrs Dumelow has now started 'ewe matter' with children from all our villages, the designs will be grouped and in the spring the sheep will arrive. Christmas church service 9.30am on Thursday 15th December, everyone welcome.

24.36 Other Reports:

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- **Community Care** – One new driver in the care group and at full quota of 18
- **Neighbourhood Watch** - Nothing to report.

24.37 Correspondence:

No correspondence have been received.

24.38 Cllrs Announcements:

There were no Cllr announcements.

24.39 Meetings Forthcoming and Attended:

No meetings attended

24.40 Date of next Meeting:

Tuesday 7th February 2017 start time of 7.30pm

The Chairman thanked all members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.05

Signed Date

Appendix 1, Planning Applications and the Councils Responses.

25539/012, Ham Farm, Station Road, Bentworth, Alton, GU34 5QY
Prior notification - change of use of agricultural barn to a dwelling.

No objections in principle but concerns were raised about sight lines at exit onto Station Road, condition of access track to the proposed site and environmental concerns regarding ground conditions. The committee would like to see a full planning Application before approving the scheme.

56996, Storage Silo off Haley Lane, Station Road, Bentworth, Alton
Agricultural Prior Notification - agricultural store for storage of slurry and other material applied to land to confer agricultural benefit.

Mindful of Governments policy regarding the importance of agriculture the Council requests EHDC carefully to review the application and to advise it if the development is "permitted development". The Council is concerned that the development proposed would have a "significant impact" on its surroundings. It is to be sited on high ground away from any other development of any kind and the development will involve "slurry and other forms of material" being brought to the site and emptied into the planned tank(s) presumably in lorries or trailers. Due to the capacity of the Silo it is also presumed that it will be used as a holding tank for other locations. Again this will involve more lorry movements within the parish. This will require the development of what is currently a rural track and a turning circle/hard standing for vehicles. Highways need to be involved to assess the impact on this rural community plus the communities of Lasham, Medstead and Four Marks. The Council is concerned about the siting of the proposed development on high ground in rural space which is otherwise undeveloped, its design and external appearance, safety, how the rural track will be developed and the entrance/exit to the rural track from the public road. The Silo's capacity is such that it could be a risk to the immediate environment should the structure fail. There is no provision for a catchment area should this circumstance occur. Again due to the capacity it will be a hazard should someone fall into the Silo. There is no provision to take any safeguarding into account.

Given their concerns, subject to EHDC being satisfied that the proposed development is “permitted development”, the Council recommend that EHDC require "prior approval" as to the siting, design and external appearance of the building, the siting and means of construction of the private way, the siting of the excavation or deposit and siting and appearance of the tank(s) and generally with regard to the proposed development as detailed above”.

29810/001, Thedden Farm, Wivelrod Road, Bentworth, Alton, GU34 4AT

Prior notification of proposed change of use of agricultural building to a single dwelling house and associated building operations under class Q(a) and (b).

No objections in principle to single dwelling but concerns were raised that the scheme showed no bathrooms. Are the rest of the buildings attached to the proposed conversion to remain as agricultural use? Full planning application required before approval of scheme.

Appendix 2, Budget Set for 2017/2018

Clerk gross salary	£6240.00
Clerks expenses	£360.00
Councillors expenses	£51.00
Chairman’s allowance	£75.00
Insurance	£430.00
Grants and donations	£500.00
Training and conferences	£250.00
Hall hire	£450.00
Audit fees	£375.00
Subscriptions (HALC & CPRE)	£250.00
Data protection	£35.00
Participatory budgeting	£500.00
Benches, noticeboard and tables	£100.00
Bus shelter maintenance	£100.00
Laptop maintenance & support	£250.00
Website	£200.00
Pond	£500.00
SUB-TOTAL	£10,666.00

Precept for 2017 / 2018 set at £10,000.00