

# BENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF MEETING

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017, 7.30pm, Village School Jubilee Hall, Bentworth

Present:

Parish Councillors	Clerk	District & County Councillors	Others
Veronica Parker (VC) Abbie George Jane Costigan Chris Hurley Abbie George Jenny Lewis Paul Mellish	Allison Spyer		11 Members of the public

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### 24.41 Apologies for absence:

David Hawes, Tony Costigan.

### 24.42 Declarations of interest:

There were no declarations of interest.

### 24.43 Police update:

On the 8<sup>th</sup> of January, it was reported that unknown person(s) drilled a hole in a vehicle on Glebe fields and removed approx. £15.00 - £20.00 of fuel. From a police's point of view, we would like to encourage members of our community to continue to report suspicious incidents (persons or vehicles) and crimes and ensure their houses and properties are kept secure.

### 24.44 Meeting open to the public:

One member of the public responded to item 24.50, Erosion of Holt End Green. He believes the reason for the erosion is the overgrown hedge opposite forcing cars further onto the other side of the road and on occasion driving on the edge of the green. A meeting with Highways the Parish Council and hedge owners was suggested and the PC agreed to address the suggestion while discussing the item later in the meeting. Philip Guest also sent in a letter regarding the issue requesting further consultation with the neighbouring residents before any decision was made.

NG would like to see a restriction of lorries through the village. A survey has recently been undertaken by HCC and the PC are awaiting the official report.

### 24.45 Minutes of the December PC Meeting:

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

### 24.46 Matters Arising:

**Neighbourhood Plan** – VP reported the NP steering committee are drawing up criteria for assessing the current schlaa sites for development of our allocation. All the information from 15<sup>th</sup> Dec meeting will shortly go on the website. NP looking to protect all Green spaces in the

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village. Next round grant applications have been submitted.

**TV Reception** – It was confirmed that the problem seems to have corrected itself.

## 24.47 Church Request for Funding Donation:

AS reported that the Church fund would be grateful to receive a grant of £1000. After discussion the Parish Council agreed to the amount but given in two halves, £500 now and £500 when precept comes in

AS

JL proposed the motion and PM seconded with unanimous agreement from the rest of the council. AS to raise the first cheque.

## 24.48 Trinity Hill Site, Medstead:

JC reported that due to incorrect signage at the Trinity Hill site, lorries have been coming through Bentworth. District Councillor Tony Costigan has spoken with Medstead PC and the contractors and as a result the lorries will no longer use Bentworth as their main route but will instead mostly go through Medstead.

## 24.49 Glebe Field Close Development:

EHDC have notified residents and the PC of their plan to sell off the plot for development. The PC have responded strongly against the proposed development. Several letters from residents have also been sent in objecting to the plans. Until the consultation ends, there is little else to be done.

## 24.50 Holt End Green Erosion:

The PC agreed that a site visit was needed to address the issue, and if the overgrown hedge was the main cause of the problem then the homeowners should be there as well. As the residents are currently away, it was decided to tie the site visit in with the next litter pick in March. The PC will write a letter to the homeowners for when they return.

AS

## 24.51 Purchase of Salt Spreader:

AG agreed to look into the costs of purchasing a salt spreader for the village. AS to add to the next agenda.

AG/AS

## 24.22 Finance:

### (a) Payments for approval

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| • Allison Spyer, Salary          | £600.00 |
| • St Marys, Hall Hire            | £147.00 |
| • Veronica Parker, Survey Monkey | £275.67 |
| • Planet, NP Consultants         | £453.00 |
| • Digitus Printing, NP           | £116.00 |
| • IBoyd M, Wine for open meeting | £143.42 |

### Payments made in month:

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| • Allison Spyer, Salary | £463.80 |
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- Allison Spyer, Expenses £16.20
- HMRC, PAYE £16.20
- Cato Computers £94.91
- Chris Brennan, Dragons Teeth Install £390.00
- Groundwork UK, Grant repayment £615.96

**(b) Receipts:**

- HCC, Traffic Survey Grant £900.00

**(c) FAG Update:**

- Defib – Discussed holding a training session for locals. Date TBC but will go in the villager once decided
- Gates – Highways are going to replace gates and put beige concrete against roads at the village entrances to warn drivers to slow down.
- Asset Reg – AS has completed as much as possible, FAG to fill in the rest. **FAG**
- Participatory Budgeting – The PC voted to have this every other year for £1000
- Furniture on green – Litter pick date needs to be set and will include jet washing the benches and cleaning all the road signs in village.
- District Councillor Tony Costigan has offered the PC a Grant – FAG agreed it should go towards a fence for pond.

**24.53 Village Appearance:**

- PC agreed the next litter pick date for the 25<sup>th</sup> March from 10am until 12pm this will include benches and road signs and will also incorporate the Holt End Green meeting.
- JC raised the issue of one household that had boulders at the edge of their property to discourage people driving on the verge. The boulders have moved and are now in the road. AS to write to the homeowners asking they are moved back. **AS**
- The topic of careless parents parking badly at school drop off and pick up was also discussed. AG will speak to the school. **AG**
- There is a lot of dog mess in the cow field, which is not being picked up. JC will speak to the walkers at the dog day care centre who walk dogs in the field to make sure any mess is collected. **JC**

**24.54 Planning Committee Report:**

26002/041, Hall Place, Holt End Lane, Bentworth, Alton, GU34 5JU

Application of black stained timber cladding to part elevations of existing barn and outbuilding.

**No objection but feel the timber cladding left natural and not painted black would be more appropriate.**

26004/042, Hall Place, Holt End Lane, Bentworth, Alton, GU34 5JU

Listed building consent - application of black stained timber cladding to part elevations of existing barn and outbuilding.

**No objection except colour.**

54261/004, The Coach House, Holt End Lane, Bentworth, Alton, GU34 5JU

Timber clad stud walls to existing entrance canopy.

**No objection but timber cladding to be left natural and not painted black.**

57052, Proposed Agricultural Store, Jenny Green Lane, Bentworth, Alton

Prior Notification for barn for use as an agricultural grain store.

**Objection. Concerns were raised that this second barn is not strictly necessary to the main**

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**farm building only a short distance away. The proposed building is very large and has no proper road access.**

26184/023, Trinity Farm, Trinity Hill, Medstead, Alton, GU34 5LT  
Construction of new lean-to onto side of existing agricultural building.

**No Objections**

## 24.55 Councillors Report:

- **Environment, Pond & Open Spaces** – JL reported that the pond has now filled with water. PC will ask Chris Brennan to dig the excess liner in to the ground to hide it . Bulbs planted round edge are starting to grow. At some point bags of hessian with plants will be dropped in to the pond, the hessian will rot leaving floating plants. Finally several footpaths are to be cut back.
- **Traffic & Highways** – CH has put two requests in to HCC, one to clear grips in village, and the other to clear all the drains.
- **Young People & Families** – Nothing to report.
- **Website** – Nothing to report.
- **Broadband –Communications** – If you are connected to cabinet 12 on the Green, it has now been upgraded.
- **Village Green** - Nothing to report.
- **St Marys School** - Christmas jumper day held at the end of last term raised £127 for save the children. Lime class have been on a visit to Highclere Castle to learn more about the Egyptians. The India generation game afternoon held in January was a huge success with a wonderful range of activities, some amazing art work was produced. Mrs Matharu's bahji's were a real hit and we raised an incredible £179.15 that will help sponsor a girl from Kathryn's mercy home. The girl's football team have been to the Alton tournament, 10 schools played from the Alton cluster, they played five 6-a-side games and came 3rd in their group and 6th overall. New forest child-care can no longer continue due to low uptake, average of only 2 children so is not viable. Other options will be explored to hopefully get another solution set up for September. Ash Wednesday service at St Mary's church 1st march 9.15am 2nd March - world book day Saturday 4th march - community grounds day to help maintain the school grounds, any help would be welcome and appreciated. Sainsbury's are once again doing active kids vouchers, please could everyone collect these for St Mary's they can be dropped into the school office or to Abbie Geore at the Sun Inn.

## 24.56 Other Reports:

- **Community Care –Neighbourhood Watch** – Care group had bingo tea, next meeting date will be in the villager

## 24.57 Correspondence:

- Letter from G Dibley sent to EHDC with Bentworth copied in regarding Glebe Field Close Development.

## 24.58 Cllrs Announcements:

There were no Cllr announcements.

## 24.59 Meetings Forthcoming and Attended:

VP to attend next TAG Farnborough meeting.

**24.60 Date of next Meeting:**

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017 start time of 7.30pm

The Vice Chair thanked all members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.35

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