

BENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING

Tuesday 7th March 2017, 7.30pm, Village School Jubilee Hall, Bentworth

Present:

Parish Councillors	Clerk	District & County Councillors	Others
David Hawes (Chair) Abbie George Jane Costigan Chris Hurley Jenny Lewis	Allison Spyer		5 Members of the public

ACTION
FOR

24.41 Apologies for absence:

Veronica Parker & Paul Mellish

24.42 Declarations of interest:

There were no declarations of interest.

24.43 Police update:

There was no police update this month.

24.44 Meeting open to the public:

- Overgrown hedges throughout the village was brought up by a member of the public and will be discussed later in the meeting under village appearance.
- Beige tarmac at the edge of the village edge has been agreed by HCC as this is the best way to remind traffic they are entering a village and to slow down.
- The survey undertaken many years ago for the area round school /church parking lot was raised. AS to see if the results can be tracked down.
- Litter-pick 25th March – Can PC contact EHDC to give the green light to dispose of the bags of waste at the refuse centre in Alton. AS to contact TC.
- Finally Nigel Griffiths thanked David Hawes for Chairing the meeting dressed as Sergeant Pepper for charity.

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24.45 Minutes of the February PC Meeting:

A few minor typos need to be corrected and the mins will be signed at the April meeting.

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24.46 Matters Arising:

Neighbourhood Plan – DH read out an update from Boyd MCleary as below:

The Steering Committee has, following the well-attended Public Meeting on the 15th December 2016, published in the March issue of The Villager an emerging vision and objectives for the NP; comments have been invited. The Steering Committee are currently working on site selection criteria, which it will use to help assess the five SHLAA sites. The clerk to the council working together with the Steering Committee has been successful in applying for a second tranche of grant from the department of Communities and Local Government. Finally the Parish Council we able to sign off the Public meeting minutes as being correct, a copy of which should be available on the website.

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School Parking – AG has had a word with the school asking teachers and parents to be a bit more considerate and the message has been passed on.

24.47 Purchase of Salt Spreader:

AG has been researching salt spreaders and gave her recommendations to the PC with associated costs. JL raised concerns over who was liable if someone fell after the roads had been salted and who would operate the machine. It would need to be the responsibility of one nominated person. TC is taking it up with EHDC to see if the whole village can be salted rather than just parts of the village by the district council, negating the need for the PC to buy their own machine. PC agreed to wait for his response before committing to a purchase.

TC

24.48 Green Space at the Glebe:

Ongoing – PC will update at a future meeting.

24.22 Finance:

(a) Payments for approval

• Allison Spyer, Salary	£440.40
• Planet, NP Consultants	£195.00
• HMRC, PAYE	£39.60

Payments made in month:

• HCC, Traffic Survey	£900.00
• Toolboxdigital, Website	£25.00
• PCC St Marys, Grant	£500.00

All payments were proposed by AG and seconded by CH with unanimous agreement from the rest of the Council.

(b) Receipts:

- No current receipts

(c) FAG Update:

- No FAG Update this month

(d) Bank Reconciliation:

The PC reviewed the reconciliation for the third quarter and approved.

24.53 Village Appearance:

- Hedges throughout the village are becoming overgrown and protruding into the roads. TC has been to speak with some of the homeowners who believe the hedges contribute to traffic calming. After speaking with TC some have agreed to cut the hedges back and those that do not will receive a letter from the PC requesting they do so.
- Glebe Field Bus Stop – Window has been broken, DH will speak to his contact re fixing.

24.54 Planning Committee Report:

54261/005, The Coach House, Holt End Lane, Bentworth, Alton, GU34 5JU.

Listed building consent - Timber clad stud walls to existing entrance canopy.

No objections

29810/002, Thedden Farm, Wivelrod Road, Bentworth, Alton, GU34 4AT
Extension and alteration to existing barn to form a new dwelling, part demolition of existing building.

Deferred to a future meeting

24.55 Councillors Report:

- **Environment, Pond & Open Spaces** – JL reported that after hedge cutting down Jenny Green Lane, the hedges have been stuffed with bags of dog excrement. VP has also collected and disposed of over 40. After talking to one of the walkers for 'Training for Dogs', the advice to them has been to collect the mess in the biodegradable bags and leave them in the hedge. This is not acceptable. AS to put together a letter for DH to sign. AS to also contact local authority and find out what the legal standing is. JL also reported that while the pond is holding water but the edge is still so wet the liner can't yet be dug in. DH has put in an application to TC for £1000 for a new fence for the pond. Rangers will cut back some of the footpaths in May.
- **Traffic & Highways** – CH has had a meeting with VP, CH and Julian Lewis about the drains, which are blocked. HCC have agreed to clear drains but PC have to dig out any ditch's as they are considered to be on common land which is no longer their responsibility. PC will need to hire a machine to do the work JL to talk to her contractor.
- **Young People & Families** – Nothing to report.
- **Website** – Nothing to report.
- **Broadband** –
- **Communications** –
- **Village Green** - Nothing to report.
- **St Marys School** – Year 5 have been on a music trip to amery hill, collected by their mini bus. They started off learning the samba drums which were very noisy and great fun. Each smaller group was led and supported by ex st Marys pupils which made this really special. The whole school have taken part in a safer internet day. Year 3 are off to east meon sustainability centre 15th -17th march. 21st march will be bring your dad to school day. 31st march is the next generation game, the theme is toys. The school eco warriors have a very exciting project under way with 'Bentworth bird watch' . With help from mr Evans and mr Kempton they have a tv monitor in the library area linked to a bird box and are keeping fingers crossed a bird chooses this home. Once again please save any active kids vouchers and drop them into the school office or the Sun inn

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24.56 Other Reports:

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

24.57 Correspondence:

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24.58 Cllrs Announcements:

There were no Cllr announcements.

24.59 Meetings Forthcoming and Attended:

24.60 Date of next Meeting:

Tuesday 4th April 2017 start time of 7.30pm

Sergeant Pepper thanked all members for their attendance and closed the meeting at

8.10

Signed Date