

# BENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF MEETING

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2017, 7.30pm, Village School Jubilee Hall, Bentworth

Present:

Parish Councillors	Clerk	District & County Councillors	Others
David Hawes (Chair) Veronica Parker (VC) Jenny Lewis Paul Mellish Abbie George Chris Hurley Jane Costigan	Allison Spyer		6 Members of the public

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### Apologies for absence:

There were no apologies

### 25.55 Police update:

PC Nops advised that while all is quiet in Bentworth, the same can't be said for Alton. A lot of cars have been broken into and several work vans. Please keep an eye out and report if you see anything. If you have a works van the advice is to take out anything of value overnight.

### 25.56 Declarations of interest:

There were no declarations of interest.

### 25.57 Meeting open to the public:

The blocked drain at Holt End Lane is still causing problems as there is now subsidence under the tarmac eroding the sub-base. CH to address in his update.

There was a discussion around the wording of the September minutes regarding the broadband item. PC agreed to amend the minutes.

### 25.58 Minutes:

September minutes require amendment so will be signed off at the November meeting.

AS

### 25.59 Matters Arising:

**Neighbourhood Plan** – The Steering Committee are close to finalising the assessment of 5 sites. There will be a public meeting towards the end of November where the sites will be presented. All info gathered to date will be uploaded to the website. Proposed date for public meeting still TBC.

**Dog Waste** – All fairly quiet and no new bags left. Still not heard back from dog warden, but the company have been approached officially.

**First Aid / Defib Training** – Currently twenty-three people have expressed interest in taking part. JL will now organise several sessions to accommodate the numbers rather than run only one.

JL

**Risk Assessment** – VP to arrange installation of the correct glass at the Holt End Lane bus stop. Also the glass in the Glebe bus stop will be checked for suitability. Bench seat around

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the Oak tree on the Village Green has broken struts which need to be replaced. Jenny to arrange both notices ref danger and should not be used plus arranging for them to be fixed. AS to check with insurers to see if they advise notification. Bench outside the Red House will also need work.

AS

**Holt End Lane, Dragons Teeth** – PM has spoken to builders re damage on the green but could not see any so the problem may have been rectified. Two ditches on either side completely blocked, would it be possible to dig the two ditches and make it one large one and take the drain out. CH to keep chasing DR. VP has spoken to Chris Brennan regarding installing the dragons teeth and he has agreed to do the work but he is not free until the end of November.

## 25.60 Village Party:

The PC discussed whether or not there should be some form of commemoration to mark the end of World War I. It was agreed that all councillors will think about what might be a suitable celebration for further discussion at the November meeting. AS to include in the next agenda.

ALL/AS

## 25.61 Grants Application Form:

The PC approved the grant application form with one amendment. AS to make the changes and upload to the website.

## 25.62 Finance:

### (a) Payments for approval:

• Allison Spyer, Salary. <b>Bank Transfer 2.10.2017</b>	£463.80
• Allison Spyer, Expenses. <b>Bank Transfer 2.10.2017</b>	£20.88
• HMRC, PAYE. <b>Bank Transfer 2.10.2017</b>	£16.20
• TownsendLITHO, Leaflets. <b>Bank Transfer 2.10.2017</b>	£38.00
• Planet, NP Consultants. <b>Chq 112</b>	£684.00
• BDO, External Auditors. <b>Chq 113</b>	£198.00

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

### (b) Receipts:

• EHDC, second half precept payment	£5000.00
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### (c) Current Account Balance:

- AS reported that the balance of current account as at 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 30,078.00

### (d) FAG Update:

- Deferred until next meeting

## 25.63 Village Appearance:

- Fence and hedge outside Ivalls Farm Cottage is overgrown and is now considered to be a hazard. CH will approach the home-owner and ask them to cut it back. If the request is refused the PC will write a letter and CC MKG. PC
- AS to write to the owners of High View requesting the removal of the shopping baskets that have been placed outside the property to deter drivers turning. The baskets have been flattened several times and can often be found in the road. This is now considered a hazard as well. AS

**25.64 Planning Committee Report:**

No applications have been received.

**25.65 Councillors Report:**

- **Environment, Pond & Open Spaces** – Pond holding water, all plants going in shortly
- **Traffic & Highways** – Chris and Abby both working on highways. HCC repairing potholes quickly with a jet packer
- **Trees** – Nothing to report
- **Young People & Families** – Nothing to report.
- **Website** – Nothing to report.
- **Broadband** – Nothing to report
- **Village Green** - Nothing to report.
- **St Marys School** – Charters estate agents kindly agreed to advertise our open morning - on Monday 8th October- 20 boards are on display outside the homes of volunteers. Last years school council were entered into the "speaks school council awards" for their resilience project work. Their project was selected as highly commendable by the judging panel. If anybody has recently had a clear out of good quality modern children's books or would like to rehome any, these can be donated to the school library. St Mary's is linking with a school in France, children in Lime and Elder class have written letters and made a short film. We are sending a few English books, some uniform and St Mary's candle. It's a large city local authority school which is very diverse. Harvest festival 13th October, St Mary's church 9.15am - all welcome.

**25.66 Other Reports:**

- **Community Care** – £641 raised at recent McMillan Coffee morning so thank you for everyone who attended
- **Neighbourhood Watch** – Noting to report

**25.67 Correspondence:**

- There has been no correspondence.

**25.68 Cllrs Announcements:**

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**25.69 Meetings Forthcoming and Attended:**

- None

**25.70 Date of next Meeting:**

Next meeting will be held on the 7<sup>th</sup> November.

DH thanked all members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.35pm

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