

BENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING

Tuesday 5th December 2017, 7.30pm, Village School Jubilee Hall, Bentworth

Present:

Parish Councillors	Clerk	District & County Councillors	Others
David Hawes (Chair) Veronica Parker Paul Mellish Abbie George Jane Costigan			5 Members of the public

ACTION
FOR

25.71 Apologies for absence:

Chris Hurley, Jenny Lewis & Allison Spyer

25.72 Police update:

There was no police update.

25.73 Declarations of interest:

There were no declarations of interest.

25.74 Meeting open to the public:

Nigel Griffiths thanked the PC for their efforts over the year. He also requested the 'No Access' signs to Carla / Miller homes are now taken down. PC to ask developers to do so. Finally NG suggested a timeline be set to correct the website issues and suggested an outside company be approached to manage it.

PC

25.75 Minutes:

The minutes of the meetings held on the 7th November were proposed as accurate by AG, seconded by PM with the unanimous agreement from the rest of the council.

District Councillor Update:

Tony Costigan gave a brief update on what's happening at EHDC:
There are £137K worth of grants available from EHDC and we need to come up with a project to put in a claim, a couple of suggested ideas were additional car-parking for the school and a children's play area on the green. AS will add to Feb agenda for further discussion.

EHDC are putting money into commercial businesses and buying shops. They now own several commercial properties that are all yielding at least 6%.

The Sports Centre build is due to start shortly.

25.76 Matters Arising:

Neighbourhood Plan – Thank you to the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee for all the work undertaken to bring the public meeting together. It was agreed the meeting was a resounding success. Query raised by the PC. How does the Parish Council proceed after the Neighbourhood Plan has been accepted? AS to put the question to the Committee.

AS

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First Aid / Defib Training – Deferred

Holt End Green & Dragons Teeth – The dragons teeth at Holt End have been installed. As the left hand side was solid concrete Mr Brennan was asked to leave it for now. Julian Lewis has said he will try to break it up over the winter. PM has spoken to the builders about the mess at Holt End and they have said they will put it right when they have finished.

Village Party – DH and JC have agreed to meet to discuss ideas that will be presented to the PC at the Feb meeting. AS to include on the agenda.

DH/JC/AS

25.78 Participatory Budgeting:

There were seventy-three voting slips returned after the NP open meeting. Results as follows:

- Red Phone Box 19 Votes
- Village Party 22 Votes
- Film Club 32 Votes

The film club will be awarded the money and VP will speak to Tony Brooking about how to make it inclusive and will get a note out in the Villager requesting others get involved.

VP

25.80 Finance:

(a) Payments for approval:

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| • Allison Spyer, Salary. Bank Transfer | £463.80 |
| • Allison Spyer, Expenses. Bank Transfer | £16.40 |
| • HMRC, PAYE. Bank Transfer | £16.20 |
| • Toolboxdigital, Website. Bank Transfer | £25.00 |
| • Groundwork UK, NP refund. Bank Transfer | £5201.60 |
| • Brennan Landscapes, Dragons Teeth, Bank Transfer | £60.00 |
| • Toolboxdigital, Website. Bank Transfer | £17.00 |
| • Stand 4 Ltd. Banner for NP. Bank Transfer | £43.20 |
| • Planet. Planning Consultants. Chq #118 | 99.00 |

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

(b) Receipts:

- No current receipts

(c) Current Account Balance:

- The balance of current account is £20,983.00

(d) FAG Update:

- At the last FAG meeting the only item on the agenda was the budget which is presented below.

(e) 2018 / 2019 Annual Budget:

After VP went through the draft budget line by line, JC proposed the motion to accept it which was seconded by PM. There followed a unanimous agreement from the rest of the Council. A copy of the full budget is attached as appendix 1. The precept will remain the same at £10,000.00

(f) External Audit Report:

Due to the Clerk being unable to attend the report will be deferred to the Feb meeting.

AS

25.81 Village Appearance:

- AG has reported numerous potholes and the give-way sign that has been knocked down, however Highways say the four jobs are complete. AG to contact them again.

AG

25.82 Planning Committee Report:

There have been no planning meetings during the month however there is one now booked for the 12th December.

25.83 Councillors Report:

- **Environment, Pond & Open Spaces** – Nothing to report
- **Traffic & Highways** – As reported in Village appearance
- **Trees** – Nothing to report
- **Young People & Families** – Nothing to report.
- **Website** – The website is currently under review. NG offered his assistance to flag up areas that need updating / changing. This offer was accepted with thanks.
- **Broadband** – Homes linked to Box 8 will no longer get fibre to their properties but to a node in the road. Timescale is sometime in 2019.
- **Village Green** - Nothing to report
- **St Marys School** - Elder class have visited EHDC, they had a tour of the council offices, met a district councillor and held a debate in one of the main chambers. Gardening club were thrilled to harvest their first parsnips, they were a good size and they're going to harvest the rest for Christmas dinner. St Mary's anti bullying week featured in last weeks Alton Herald. The church school council plan a non uniform day on 15th December in aid of Winchester churches night shelter. Sainsbury's active kids purchases have arrived thanks to all the vouchers given. We now have new P.E and huff and puff equipment, tools for gardening club, stop watches, play food and much more. This Friday 8th December, the Christmas fayre is at 2.30pm 19th December at 9.15am Christmas performance 20th December 9.15am Christmas church service. Everyone welcome to all events. End of term 21st December, returning 8th January.

NG

25.84 Other Reports:

- **Community Care** – As of January 2018 the Care Group will have a new Chair-Person, Treasurer & Secretary, it now also boasts an email group and one new member.
- **Neighbourhood Watch** – Hampshire is being targeted by calls requesting card and bank details. Do not give your details out. The tyres of a Bentworth residents car have been slashed whilst on their driveway.

25.85 Correspondence:

- There has been no correspondence.

25.86 Cllrs Announcements:

- There were no Cllrs Announcements

25.87 Meetings Forthcoming and Attended:

- None

25.88 Date of next Meeting:

Next meeting will be held on the 6th February 2018.

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

8.20

Signed Date

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Appendix 1.

BENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL BUDGET FOR 2018/2019

Annual Outgoings:

Clerk Gross Salary	£6500.00
Clerks Expenses	£400.00
Councillor Expenses	£150.00
Chairmans Allowance	£75.00
Insurance	£435.00
Grants & Donations	£500.00
Training & Conferences	£250.00
Hall Hire	£450.00
Audit Fees	£375.00
Subscriptions	£250.00
Data Protection	£35.00
Participatory Budgeting	£500.00
Benches, Noticeboard, Tables & Bus Stop	£1200.00
Laptop & Tech Support	£600.00
Website	£200.00
Pond	£850.00
Contingency (misc items)	£250.00
SUB-TOTAL	£13,020.00
Neighbourhood plan (covered by a grant From Groundworks UK)	£5200.00
TOTAL	£18,220.00
<u>Precept request for 2018 / 2019</u>	<u>£10,000.00</u>