

BENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING

Tuesday 6th February 2018, 7.30pm, Village School Jubilee Hall, Bentworth

Present:

Parish Councillors	Clerk	District & County Councillors	Others
Jenny Lewis (Chair) Paul Mellish Abbie George Jane Costigan Chris Hurley	Allison Spyer		12 Members of the public

ACTION FOR

25.89 Apologies for absence:

David Hawes & Veronica Parker

25.90 Police update:

PC Nops was in attendance and reported there had been a bad accident on A339 in which three people died and suggested the PC should push the District Council for action. There have been six burglaries in Alton and six in Medstead. The offenders are targeting detached houses with no CCTV mostly and suggest BW install and potentially fund a few CCTV cameras on prominent properties in the village making sure the cameras also cover the roads.

PC

25.91 Declarations of interest:

There were no declarations of interest.

25.92 Meeting open to the public:

- Several members of the public commented upon the suggested speed signs and were against them as they feel there are enough already and would not like to see urbanisation of the village.
- JL confirmed we are getting quotes to fix the bench on the green that is looking tatty.
- Jean Cornelius advised that the drain around New Copse was blocked again, CH will report it. He will also report the pothole by the postbox.

CH

25.93 Minutes:

The minutes of the meetings held on the 5th December were proposed as accurate by PM, seconded by CH with the unanimous agreement from the rest of the council.

25.94 District Councillor Update:

Tony Costigan was not in attendance so there was no DC update.

25.95 Matters Arising:

Neighbourhood Plan – VP was not in attendance to update on the Neighbourhood plan however PM advised the Council that at the last planning meeting the Committee dealt with an application for solar panels on one of the farms. While the Planning Committee had no objection PM advised the NP Steering Committee to include a clause in the plan, that for future applicants a field full of panels would not be welcome.

First Aid / Defib Training – JL confirmed she is still trying to line up dates with the trainer and is

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looking to run three sessions to cover both morning and evenings. As soon as a date has been selected and confirmed the info will be sent out by John Stockdales email and AS will also contact those that expressed an interest.

Film Club Update – Tony Brooking has been asked to organise and he is in the process of doing so. Will need to pay attention to the licensing issues around selling alcohol.

25.96 Village Party:

Deferred until March meeting

25.97 Website Review:

NG and PM will convene a meeting with Toby to discuss who will have access to the site to keep it up-to-date.

PM/NG/TS

25.98 Speed Camera Signs:

After discussion it was agreed that AS should look into purchasing two 'SpeedWatch In Operation' signs to be positioned on both entrance gates to the village. PC Nops advised that he could ask a Colleague to come out with the Speed Gun to target known speeders. PM requested that SpeedWatch spend a morning near Ivalls Farm because now that the fence has been moved back and sight lines improved, speeding has increased. CH agreed to set one up.

AS/CH

25.99 Finance:

(a) Payments for approval:

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| • Allison Spyer, Salary. Bank Transfer, 6.2.2018 | £600.00 |
| • Allison Spyer, Expenses | £10.80 |

Payments made in month:

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| • Frank Greaves, Seat repairs, Chq no119 | £170.00 |
| • Planet , Planning Consultants, Chq no 120 | £822.00 |

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

(b) Receipts:

- No current receipts

(c) Current Account Balance:

- The balance of current account is £18,335.34

(d) FAG Update:

- There have been no FAG meetings.

(f) External Audit Report:

AS has received the External Report from BDO and has contacted them as some of the points in the report are inaccurate. Despite repeated attempts at contact no-one has ever responded. AS has to at some point minute the report but does so reluctantly with the inaccuracies.

- **Risk Assessment not minuted during the year.** Bentworth did have a risk assessment however it fell outside of the Auditors timeline and was discounted.
- **Minutes not signed.** AS disagrees, all minutes have been signed. BDO asked to see a set of minutes to confirm the date of the Risk Assessment, AS was unable to scan and send the signed version due to the scanner not working so emailed across a copy that was not

signed. This is their only basis for making that claim.

- **Standard Information not supplied.** Again AS disagrees all information was sent in accordance with the requirements and the Internal Auditor also viewed it.
- **Amendments to annual return.** Annual return had to be returned and a figure amended.
- **Internal Auditors recommendation.** The IA has made a number of recommendations in respect to the financial systems of the smaller authority. AS confirmed that all the IA's recommendations are being implemented.

26.00 Village Appearance:

- AG asked CH if Bellhanger Enterprises can trim the high hedges at Greensleaves, CH approved. **AG**
- Pink House at Holt End Green, exit is dangerous. Owners would like to install sign saying 'Concealed entrance'. Or a mirror. EHDC do not like mirrors on the verge. Possibly remove one of the hedges. PM to meet with them and discuss options. **PM**

26.01 Planning Committee Report:

29314/004, Oaklands, Station Road, Bentworth, Alton, GU34 5QY

Outline - additional dwelling to rear of existing Oaklands

No Objections

29485/029, Powells Farm, Burkham Lane, Burkham, Alton, GU34 5RP

Potovoltaic panels on land adjacent to Powells Farm

No objections based on the fact that this is to produce electricity for domestic use and only occupies a small area in the corner of a field. We would object for instance if this was the whole field for commercial purposes.

27431/030, Bentworth House, Village Street, Bentworth, Alton, GU34 5RB

Variation of Condition 10 of 27431/025 to allow retention of close boarded fence

No Objections

36313/003, Gardeners Cottage, 2 Drury Lane, Bentworth, Alton, GU34 5RJ

Single storey extension to rear and two storey side extension following demolition of single storey rear extension.

No Objections

26.02 Councillors Report:

- **Environment, Pond & Open Spaces** – JL reported that the pond still holding water and planting is on-going but the area is looking good. There has been no footpath walking as its been too soggy so nothing to report.
- **Traffic & Highways** – Ditches cleared at Trinity Farm. Some of the grips have been done on Trinity road. Ditch at Holt End Road still needs to be dug out. Callum has been approached and will do the work once the ground dries out a bit. Derek Rawle from EHDC who is the village liaison is leaving and CH will meet his replacement. CH has asked him to sort out all the potholes within the village before he leaves and the grips. All are on the list.
- **Trees** – Nothing to report
- **Young People & Families** – Nothing to report.
- **Website** – Nothing further to report.
- **Broadband** – Nothing to report.
- **Village Green** - Nothing to report
- **St Marys School** - The next ' generation game ' cardiac rehab will be held on Friday 23rd February. St Mary's are working with Boyd for the neighbourhood plan and he was visiting the school this afternoon. Poppy appeal raised £267. We are liking to hold a community day to re-paint the Hall, any volunteers are welcome - the date will be available after tonight's PTA meeting. Our swimming squad entered the swimming gala at Alton sports centre and win the small schools competition. The girls football team

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took part in the Alton schools competition. They showed great teamwork, determination and sportsmanship. The boys football team came 3rd in their competition. St Mary's has one of the highest attendance rates in the Alton cluster which is something to be proud of.

26.03 Other Reports:

- **Community Care** – All is well with club Jackie Crawford now the Chairwoman and Jackie Cleaveland the new treasurer. Three new members are on the rosta.
- **Neighbourhood Watch** – Nothing to report however FM has now handed over to Patrick Cornelius.

26.04 Correspondence:

- There has been no correspondence.

26.05 Cllrs Announcements:

- There were no Cllrs Announcements

26.06 Meetings Forthcoming and Attended:

- None

26.07 Date of next Meeting:

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

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

20.18

Signed Date