

BENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING

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

Present:

Parish Councillors	Clerk	District & County Councillors	Others
David Hawes(Chair) Veronica Parker Jenny Lewis Paul Mellish Abbie George Jane Costigan Chris Hurley	Allison Spyer		16 Members of the public

		ACTION FOR
26.08	Apologies for absence: No apologies	
26.09	Police update: Pc Nops is unable to attend tonight but has sent in the following report. There was a burglary on 21/2/2018 between 1100 & 1400 in Bentworth. A semi-detached house was broken into via the rear window and jewellery stolen, no one was seen and there was no CCTV.	
26.10	Declarations of interest: There were no declarations of interest.	
26.11	Meeting open to the public: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There are building signs cropping up as and when people have work done on their house(s) and a new one has been erected down near New Copse. JC asked if permission should be sought before being put up. AS to find out. There are many signs on the A339 that need to come down now.• Planning meeting for the Star will be in a week or so. AS to check hall is free on the 22nd.	AS AS
26.12	Minutes: The minutes of the meetings held on the 6 th February were proposed as accurate by JL, seconded by JC with the unanimous agreement from the rest of the council who were at the Feb meeting.	

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26.13	<p>District Councillor Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plans for a new sports centre in Alton that have been approved by East Hampshire District Council. The new centre will be built alongside the existing facility to ensure continuous service and will be ready during 2019. EHDC Budget for the coming year has been agreed and signed off. There are currently two fairly controversial planning applications in the village. If anyone would like to make a comment regarding one or the other or both please write to the Planning Officer at EHDC and copy Tony Costigan in on the letter. 											
26.14	<p>Matters Arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Neighbourhood Plan – Please see appendix one as a full report was delivered by Nicky Branch. First Aid / Defib Training – JL still trying to sort out instructor but is hopeful for a date in April. Speed Signs – It was agreed that AS would no longer source and cost speed signs for the village gates as there are sufficient signage there already. 	JL										
26.15	<p>Village Party: DH and JC have met to discuss the possibility of a Village Party. Ideally this will take the form of starting in the day with a series of events for children and culminating in a dinner / dance in the evening. The date of the 30th June was floated as a possibility. Abbie George was co-opted on to the sub-committee as she has close links with the school. There will be further updates at the next meeting.</p>											
26.16	<p>Finance:</p>											
(a)	<p>Payments for approval:</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Allison Spyer, Salary. Bank Transfer, 6.2.2018</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£480.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Allison Spyer, Expenses (new laptop & packages)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£728.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">CPRE, Subs, Chq no 121</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£36.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Alton Men Shed, Noticeboard, Chq no 122</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£150.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">HCC, Jubilee Hall Hire, Chq no 123</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£178.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>All payments were proposed by AG and seconded by PM with unanimous agreement from the rest of the Council.</p>	Allison Spyer, Salary. Bank Transfer, 6.2.2018	£480.00	Allison Spyer, Expenses (new laptop & packages)	£728.00	CPRE, Subs, Chq no 121	£36.00	Alton Men Shed, Noticeboard, Chq no 122	£150.00	HCC, Jubilee Hall Hire, Chq no 123	£178.00	
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(b)	<p>Receipts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No current receipts 											
(c)	<p>Current Account Balance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The balance of current account is £17,606.00 											
(d)	<p>FAG Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> While the audit was reluctantly signed off (some inaccuracies were reported by AS but no contact has been received from BDO), AS will bring it up with her meeting with the Internal Auditor in May. AS confirmed that the Grants policy is on website. Due to the NP potentially costing the council more money, it was 											

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	<p>recommended by the committee that the council hold fire on anymore big capital expenses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Mummers confirmed they will be applying for a grant.• AS has put in a request for £700 to District Cllr Tony Costigan as part of his devolved budget.	
26.17	<p>Village Appearance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The next Litter pick was set for 21st April 2018.• Seat round the oak tree has been looked at for fixing and quotes will be collected soon.• Fencing around the pond JL to source gates for it.	JL
26.18	<p>Planning Committee Report:</p> <p>28289/005, Dairy Cottage, Burkham Lane, Burkham, Alton, GU34 5RS</p> <p>Lawful development certificate proposed - single storey side extension.</p> <p>No Objection</p> <p>24622/015, Russell House, Village Street, Bentworth, Alton, GU34 5RB</p> <p>Two storey extension to side and detached timber framed double garage. Objections on the following grounds:</p> <p>The internal floor area would be increased by approximately 85% which we consider is an over development The proposed elevational treatments and use of flat roofs for the extension are considered inappropriate for a property on the boundary of a conservation area and incompatible with the existing house design. The whole 'streetscape' would be wrong for the village. We are concerned that Planning Permission was recently approved for a large detached garage at the side of the house and this current application includes another new detached double garage. We also note that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There is no mains sewer in this village and therefore the drawings and application form are wrong.• The proposed extension is very close to the west boundary hedge.• The design conflicts with the Draft Neighbourhood Plan and the adopted Parish Plan 2008. <p>56385/003, Bentworth Hall East, Holt End Lane, Bentworth, Alton, GU34 5LA</p>	

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	Installation of 28 solar panels on rear flat roof. No Objection	
26.19	<p>Councillors Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Environment, Pond & Open Spaces – JL nothing to report however some children have been seen throwing items into the pond that could corrupt the lining. JL will draft a letter for the parents and a will also supply some copy for the villager.• Traffic & Highways – On-site meeting with Derek Rawle who is leaving and introduced replacement Kevin Halkings. Has put in a request for potholes and to get the grips fixed• Trees – Nothing to report• Young People & Families – Nothing to report.• Website – JL/PM /TS have met. TS happy to continue to update it, he needs info to go on though from local groups. Will link website to the school. NG will house-keep on a regular basis.• Broadband – Nothing to report.• Village Green - Nothing to report• St Marys School - We are very thankful to Waitrose for supporting our library - £313 towards new books and to Mrs Moore who put the bid together. A family music festival will be held on Saturday 16th June, with bands, story-telling, food and treats as well as arts and crafts. The bins have had to be moved away from the gas tanks, schools have recently been targeted for arson so the combination of bins next to gas tanks was not good. The only option is to use a car parking space which we are aware is not ideal. We are also looking into having a permanent clothing bank, this would be such a great fundraiser for the school. On Sunday 18th March St Mary's is holding another community day to deep clean, both inside and outside jobs - all volunteers very welcome. Yesterday was a fabulous world book day. Some of the School are away on residential this week at East Meon sustainability centre.	JL
26.20	<p>Other Reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Care – Things have been fairly busy, three new members recruited• Neighbourhood Watch – NHW system working well & if you want to be kept informed let John Stockdale have your email address. Make sure everything, including garages, are locked up when you leave your home. Pay attention to strange cars and vans. Pat Corn has plenty of NHW stickers if anyone wants any. AG asked if there is any way to get news out faster such as the old ring round system. It was agreed this could be implemented with some updates.	
26.21	<p>Correspondence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There has been no correspondence.	

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26.22	Clrs Announcements: <ul style="list-style-type: none">There were no Clrs Announcements	
26.23	Meetings Forthcoming and Attended: <ul style="list-style-type: none">None	
26.24	Date of next Meeting: Next meeting will be held on the 3 rd April 2018. DH thanked all members for attending and closed the meeting at:	8.36pm

Signed Date

Appendix One

BENTWORTH PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN Bentworth Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee

The Government has changed the ground rules:

In late January we learned that the government had moved the goal-posts. EHDC briefed representatives of all towns and parishes in the region of changes which were being made at national level through the government's most recent Housing White Paper and subsequent amendments to legislation, National Planning Policy Guidance and National Planning Policy Framework. You may have seen some reporting on this in the national or local press.

The key messages were that:

- There would now be a new legal requirement to review Local Plans and Neighbourhood Plans every 5 years
- EHDC's current Local Plan (which contains the allocation of "about twelve dwellings" for Bentworth) would become out of date in May 2019
- EHDC were therefore launching a review to create a new Local Plan for the area
- This new Local Plan would be adopted in 2020, would run from 2017-2036, but would be reviewed in 2022
- EHDC were required to identify sites for all land uses – not just housing but also business, infrastructure, etc – and would be putting out a call for sites ASAP; this would lead to a new Land Availability Assessment, which would replace the current SHLAA
- There was an expectation that the housing requirement for the District would increase, but the actual figure would not be known until summer 2018

We have subsequently met EHDC bilaterally to discuss the implications for the Bentworth Neighbourhood Plan. They told us that:

- If we proceeded with the Neighbourhood Plan in advance of the new Local Plan, it would have reduced legal force
- They had issued a new call for sites and would alert us if any came forward for Bentworth

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- They could not yet say whether any additional dwellings might be required of Bentworth, nor – if so – how many
- They judged the risk of speculative development relatively low, but could not offer any guarantees
- They would like to work closely with us and suggested it would be advisable for us to develop Bentworth's Neighbourhood Plan in tandem with their development of the new Local Plan (2017-36), so that it accords with and is consistent with the new Local Plan, thus giving it maximum possible force.

The Steering Committee has met to consider these developments and has concluded that it would not make sense to press ahead with the completion of our Neighbourhood Plan regardless. This is primarily because of the uncertainty about how many houses may now be required of Bentworth and whether additional sites will become available, and the reduced force of the Neighbourhood Plan if it is not aligned with the new Local Plan. We have decided that we should continue to work up the narrative of the plan and also the Vision, Objectives and Policies, which are unlikely to be significantly affected by the legal changes. We will continue to review the sites currently in the frame, but will put on hold for now any decision on the allocation of a site or sites for development.

These changes at national government level are completely outside our control and not welcomed by the Committee. We will keep in close touch with EHDC and will continue to keep parishioners posted.

Comprehensive material on the Neighbourhood Plan remains available on the Parish Council website:

<http://bentworthparishcouncil.org/neighbourhood-plan/>

Anyone who would like to contact the Steering Committee can do so by sending us an email at

neighbourhoodplan@bentworthparishcouncil.org