

BENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING

Tuesday 5th February 2019, 7.30pm, Village School Jubilee Hall, Bentworth

Present:

Parish Councillors	Clerk	District & County Councillors	Others
Veronica Parker (Chair) Jenny Lewis Jane Costigan Abbie George Chris Hurley	Allison Spyer (via phone)		6 Members of the public

		ACTION FOR
27.16	Apologies for absence: David Hawes & Paul Mellish	
27.17	Police update: PC Nops was not in attendance and sent no report.	
27.18	Declarations of interest: CH declared an interest in item 27.27 (d) as he has submitted the application for the Bell Ringers grant.	
27.19	Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on the 4 th December 2018 were proposed as accurate by JC and seconded by AG with unanimous agreement from the rest of the council that were in attendance at the meeting.	
27.20	Matters Arising: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Neighbourhood Plan – Update attached as appendix 1	
27.21	District Councillor Update: There was no DC update.	
27.22	Village Contractor: After a brief discussion it was agreed to advertise for a Village handyman / woman to take on some of the smaller jobs around the Village. A salary of £10 - £15 per hour was proposed depending on experience. JC proposed the motion and JL seconded with unanimous agreement from the rest of the council. VP will draft an advert for the Villager and AS to check with Came and Company and check contactor insurance.	VP/AS

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27.23	<p>Website: PM has been looking into the website costings. The initial cost of updating the website will be a few hundred pounds and thereafter £70-£80 to maintain. It was discussed that one of the younger more tech savvy village residents might like to take the website on. In the meantime DH is to speak with TS about handing it over.</p>	
27.24	<p>Traffic Management Sub Group The minutes from the first TMSG are attached as appendix 2</p>	
27.25	<p>Election Process: Time table for the approaching election is attached as appendix 3</p>	
27.26	<p>Jubilee Tree Error: Bentworth Parish Council paid for the new Oak Tree on the green in error and will be seeking a refund in due course. AS to issue EHDC with an invoice for £200.00</p>	
27.27	<p>Finance:</p>	
(a)	<p>Payments for approval:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allison Spyer, Salary £559.80 • HMRC, PAYE £40.20 • Allison Spyer, Expenses £54.83 <p>JL proposed all payments and AG seconded with unanimous agreement from the rest of the council.</p>	
(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 £16,300.00 	
(d)	<p>FAG Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VP confirmed that grit bins have been refilled but only with a small amount and it was put directly on top of the rock-hard salt already in there. • AS confirmed that the film club have opened their bank account and received the first PB payment. • Two grant applications have been received this month. The Church Bell Ringers applied for £150. AG proposed the application is approved and JL seconded with unanimous agreement from the rest of the voting council (CH abstained). The Citizens Advice Bureau applied for £300, after discussion the PC decided this was too high and it was suggested that £100 be offered instead. CH proposed the reduced amount and JL seconded, there was unanimous agreement from the rest of the council. AS to raise both payments. 	AS
27.28	<p>Village Appearance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The PC discussed the recent Christmas decorations and have agreed to plan them much earlier for 2019. A few suggestions were put forwards and 	DH

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	<p>various residents will be approached for their input. DH will report back once discussions are underway.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are a couple of properties in the village that have overgrown hedgerows or tree branches that need trimming. AS to write to the homeowners requesting attention. • JL will write copy for the Villager requesting dog owners pick up their dogs mess and dispose of it properly. 	<p>AS</p> <p>JL</p>
27.29	<p>Planning Committee: CASE NO: 54660/002, RE: PROPOSAL: Prior Approval - Change of Use from Office Use (ClassB1(a) to a Dwelling house (Class C3). The Workshop, Jenny Green Lane, Bentworth, Alton, GU34 5GG NO OBJECTIONS</p>	
27.30	<p>Councillors Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment, Pond & Open Spaces – The pond railings have been removed, will wait and see if people want them replaced. A third quote for the fencing if it is to be replaced has been received for £1700.00. The Jenny Green Lane closure for 4X4's has gone through and we are now waiting for permission to close the gates. • Traffic & Highways – Many of the potholes that were filled have now re-opened. CH will re-report them • Young People & Families – Nothing to report. • Website – Discussed earlier • Broadband – Nothing to report • Village Green - Nothing to report • St Marys School - 	
27.31	<p>Other Reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Care – Nothing to report • Neighbourhood Watch – Same scams as usual, please be wary 	
27.32	<p>Correspondence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No correspondence has been received to date. 	
27.33	<p>Cllrs Announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were no Cllrs announcements. 	
27.34	<p>Meetings Forthcoming and Attended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report 	
27.35	<p>Date of next Meeting: Next meeting will be held on the 5th March 2019 VP thanked all members for attending and closed the meeting at:</p>	<p>8.45pm</p>

Signed Date

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Appendix 1

Bentworth Parish Neighborhood Plan

East Hampshire District Council (EHDC) have published a new draft Local Plan for 2017-36, which proposes the concentration of future development in Whitehill & Bordon, a new settlement at Northbrook Park (near Bentley) and in the northern part of the district along the A31 corridor. The draft proposes a reduction in the minimum of number of dwellings required of Bentworth to six (all of which already have planning permission), compared with the previous allocation of “about twelve”. EHDC propose to make no new allocations to the parish and indeed propose not to take forward the allocation of the site on the corner of Church Street and Ashley Road (which we have known as site BTW001). We and other parishes with emerging Neighborhood Plans are, however, encouraged to go beyond the minimum requirement to meet such local needs as we identify.

The EHDC plan is still a draft and will not be finalised till 2020. Formal consultations are being held from 5th February to 19th March, during which period open meetings are being held across the district:

Bentley Memorial Hall	Friday 15 th February	15:30 – 20:30
Medstead Village Hall	Friday 8 th March	15:30 – 20:30
Alton Maltings	Friday 15 th March	15:30 – 20:30

Parishioners are encouraged to attend.

Other developments in the context of the draft Local Plan are that:

- Four landowners in Bentworth responded to EHDC’s most recent call for sites;
- EHDC propose some changes to the settlement Policy Boundary of Bentworth

We are following developments closely and will keep parishioners informed, consulting further as necessary. If parishioners plan to respond to the EHDC consultation, we would encourage them to copy us in at neighbourhoodplan@bentworthparishcouncil.org

Anyone interested in looking at the draft Local Plan can find this and all associated documents on the EHDC website: <https://www.easthants.gov.uk/localplan>

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Appendix 2

Traffic Management Sub-Group

On the morning of the 12th of November 2018 a site meeting was held in the parish between the BPC, HCC and Highways to ascertain what options the PC had with regard to Traffic Management. The following notes were taken from that meeting and information later supplied by Highways.

"Ongoing reductions in highway funding have resulted in the County Council having to scale back some of the work previously delivered as part of the annual traffic management programmes. Limited budgets now mean Highway Authority funded traffic measures can only generally be considered at locations where accidents resulting in personal injury have occurred.

Community Funded Traffic Measures - The County Council is looking to introduce a new initiative to provide an opportunity for Town and Parish Councils, along with local community groups, to be able to fund a range of traffic measures that fall outside the scope of County Council funding.

More complex schemes such as alterations to speed limits, the implementation of lorry controls and other vehicle movement restrictions are not to be included within the scope of the Community Funded Initiative. Such measures can have wider implications on surrounding areas and would require the making of legal Traffic Orders, a lengthy process that is relatively costly, with current County Council policy limiting such changes to those that address a proven safety problem. Traffic calming schemes would also fall outside the scope of the initiative for similar reasons".

The scope was outlined as per the notes above. We then went thorough the 10 options provided by HCC for the Community Funded Initiative.

- Village Gate Entry Features - These features enhance the entrance to a village and are most effective when installed to coincide with the start of a village speed limit and a place name sign. Has the potential to influence traffic speeds. Flexible design to suit different environments, verge widths and village preferences. Low maintenance materials can create a prominent and passively safe feature. It was agreed that this option had already been implemented and no further changes or updates were required.

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Appendix 3

Election – Timetable of Proceedings

- Publication of Notice of Election Tuesday 26 March 2019
- Receipt of Nominations 4:00 pm Wednesday 3 April 2019
- Withdrawal of Candidate 4:00 pm Wednesday 3 April 2019
- Appointment of Election Agents 4:00 pm Wednesday 3 April 2019
- Publication of Notice of Election Agents 4:00 pm Wednesday 3 April 2019
- Publication of Statements of Persons Nominated 4:00 pm Thursday 4 April 2019
- Last Date for Registration Friday 12 April 2019
- Receipt of Postal Vote Applications 5:00 pm Monday 15 April 2019
- Publication of Notice of Poll Wednesday 24 April 2019
- Receipt of Proxy Vote Applications 5:00 pm Wednesday 24 April 2019
- Appointment of Poll and Count Agents Thursday 25 April 2019
- First Day to Issue Replacement Lost Postal Ballot Papers Friday 26 April 2019
- Last Day to Issue Replacement Spoilt or Lost Postal Ballot Papers 5:00 pm Thursday 2 May 2019
- Receipt of Emergency Proxy Vote Applications 5:00 pm Thursday 2 May 2019
- Day of Poll 7:00 am to 10:00 pm Thursday 2 May 2019
- Return of Election Expenses Thursday 6 June 2019