

# BENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF MEETING

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019, 7.30pm, Village School Jubilee Hall, Bentworth

Present:

Parish Councillors	Clerk	District & County Councillors	Others
David Hawes (Chair) Veronica Parker Jenny Lewis Abbie George Chris Hurley	Allison Spyer		8 Members of the public

		ACTION FOR
27.16	<b>Apologies for absence:</b> Paul Mellish & Jane Costigan	
27.17	<b>Police update:</b> PC Katie Morning was in attendance and advised that there have been a few break-ins to outside sheds etc so residents should think about lighting. However there have been just two incidents in the past three months. There was a discussion about the speeding issue and KM advised that she would be happy to offer a police presence at peak time on the main road through the village every once in a while.	
27.18	<b>Declarations of interest:</b> There were no declarations of interest.	
27.19	<b>Minutes:</b> The minutes had a small typo and will be signed off at the next meeting.	
27.20	<b>Matters Arising:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Neighbourhood Plan</b> – On behalf of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee, Boyd McCleary stressed that the deadline for comments on the EHDC Draft Local Plan was 19th March, when the six-week Consultation Period concluded. He noted that the Draft Local Plan and accompanying proposals covered issues like the Settlement Policy Boundary, the rural economy, education, health and transport infrastructure, on which the Parish Council might wish to comment. The Steering Committee had publicised these issues and provided details of the proposed changes to the Settlement Policy Boundary and had received some comments from parishioners. The Steering Committee plans to submit comments to EHDC and would welcome input/endorsement from the Parish Council. The Chairman of the Parish Council welcomed the way in which the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee was keeping parishioners involved. He agreed that it would make sense for the Parish Council to</li></ul>	

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	<p>comment on wider issues such as traffic, on which parishioners had expressed concerns and where the Parish Council had recently become involved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Village Handyman</b> – Came &amp; Co has confirmed that Bentworth are covered insurance wise. VP has written an advert that will go into the next copy of the Villager.</li> <li>• <b>Jubilee Tree</b> – AS has sent in an invoice and is awaiting payment.</li> </ul>	
<b>27.21</b>	<p><b>District Councillor Update:</b> There was no DC update.</p>	
<b>27.24</b>	<p><b>Traffic Management Sub Group</b> Update attached as appendix 1.</p>	
<b>27.27</b>	<p><b>Finance:</b></p>	
<b>(a)</b>	<p><b>Payments for approval:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allison Spyer, Salary £463.80</li> <li>• HMRC, PAYE £16.20</li> <li>• Allison Spyer, Expenses £41.39</li> </ul> <p>JL proposed all payments and VP seconded with unanimous agreement from the rest of the council.</p>	
<b>(b)</b>	<p><b>Receipts:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No current receipts</li> </ul>	
<b>(c)</b>	<p><b>Current Account Balance:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The balance of current account is £13,410.75</li> </ul>	
<b>(d)</b>	<p><b>FAG Update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PCC Grant Application – The PCC have asked for £500 which is the whole of the Parish Council’s grant budget. The application will be discussed at the next FAG meeting and a decision will be made at the April meeting.</li> </ul>	
<b>27.28</b>	<p><b>Village Appearance:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Litter pick, April 13th</li> <li>• Noticeboard on the Village Green has been re-varnished. With thanks to Cllr Chris Hurley for doing that.</li> <li>• Volunteers for the Village Fete required which will be held on Sat 6<sup>th</sup> July</li> </ul>	
<b>27.29</b>	<p><b>Planning Committee:</b> 31048/019, St Marys Primary School, Church Street, Bentworth, Alton, GU34 5RE. Re: Proposal: T1 - Yew - Crown lift to 2.5m (over play ground), 5m (over road), prune branches from play equipment with a clearance of 2m and prune branches away from cables running through the crown and sever ivy.</p>	

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	<p>T2 - Yew – Fell T3 - Elder – Fell</p> <p>This matter was covered at some length. It was felt in the case of T1 that insufficient consideration had been given when sizing the new adventure playground. Therefore having to gain permission in a retrospective manner due to the close proximity of the tree to the equipment was not the correct procedure. T2 in the planning application had no expert supportive documentation other than it was declining and therefore should be felled. The council instructed a tree surgeon to carry out an examination of all three trees. Based on his report the unanimous decision was to OBJECT to the planning application. It was also felt before any other application are reviewed the EHDC Chief Tree Officer should visit the site.</p> <p>24779/008, Ash Meadow Barn, Ashley Road, Bentworth, Alton, GU34 5RH. Re: Proposal: Prior notification - Agricultural barn for storage No Objection.</p>	
27.30	<p><b>Councillors Report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Environment, Pond &amp; Open Spaces</b> – EHDC will come in and cut back footpaths if needs be. Pond is full and the occasional duck visits and the Snowdrops look lovely.</li><li>• <b>Traffic &amp; Highways</b> – Lots of potholes not being fixed.</li><li>• <b>Young People &amp; Families</b> – Nothing to report.</li><li>• <b>Website</b> – Ad has been placed to find someone to look after the website.</li><li>• <b>Broadband</b> – Nothing to report</li><li>• <b>Village Green</b> - Nothing to report</li><li>• <b>St Marys School</b> - The curry and Quiz night was hugely successful and really well supported by the community. Mrs Ayres passes on her thanks. In February Mrs Ayres received a letter personally signed by Damian Hinds and Nick Gibb recognising the exceptional performance in writing throughout the school. Early years, phonics and key stage 1 results were fabulous and the writing outcomes for key stage 2 last year were in the top 1% of all schools in the country. Mrs Ayres is extremely proud of this achievement. As part of the next phase in resilience and positive mental health work, a school dog is being introduced to St Marys- Charlie, a 4 year old cockerpoo is slowly being intergrated into the school day. Charlie has enjoyed a first morning in school, tail didn't stop wagging. Many risk assessments have had to be completed, much advise sought and insurance purchased to be able to have Charlie on site. This does not mean any other dogs can be on the school site before or after school. Book week this week, with world book day Thursday 7th March - keep your eyes peeled for plenty of dressing up. Friday 8th March - the generation game, theme "stories" April 4th - Easter service 9.15AM everyone welcome. Oak, Ash and Lime classes are all now full with waiting lists, a great sign that St Marys is meeting the needs of the community and gives the school financial stability and strength. St Mary's is thriving!</li></ul>	

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27.31	<b>Other Reports:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Community Care</b> – Nothing to report</li><li>• <b>Neighbourhood Watch</b> – Same scams as usual, please be wary.</li></ul>	
27.32	<b>Correspondence:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ivals Farm</li></ul>	
27.33	<b>Cllrs Announcements:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• There were no Cllrs announcements.</li></ul>	
27.34	<b>Meetings Forthcoming and Attended:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Local Plan Meeting at Liphook</li><li>• Local Plan Meeting at EHDC</li></ul>	
27.35	<b>Date of next Meeting:</b> Next meeting will be held on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2019 DC thanked all members for attending and closed the meeting at:	<b>8.18pm</b>

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

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## **Appendix 1**

**Bentworth Parish Walk through regarding potential Community funded Traffic Measures.**

**Date - Tuesday the 26th of February. Time 9.30am.**

**All Subcommittee Councillors attended - Veronica Parker, Jane Costigan, Chris Hurley (part), Jenny Lewis (part) and David Hawes.**

**Area covered from 30mph limit on Station Road continuing along Village Street to the 30mph limit on Holt End Lane. Plus Drury Lane.**

### **What are 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.

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.

The County Council receives regular communication from Parish and Town Councils for measures that are not directly linked to safety. These may include measures aimed at lessening the impact of motorised traffic or changes intended to improve quality of place.

Measures such as village entry 'gates' or more decorative village place name signs can help visually enhance an entrance to a village. Informal 'courtesy crossings' for pedestrians can highlight the most suitable place at which to cross the road whilst traditional timber finger post signs can provide a more sympathetic choice to standard highway signage within rural villages. Works to de-clutter traffic signage, the installation of cast iron style decorative bollards, and small scale engineering measures to improve accessibility are further examples of the changes that may be suitable. 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.

Community groups, including Town and Parish Councils, who are interested in funding traffic measures for their local area should make initial contact with the Traffic Management team via [traffic.management@hants.gov.uk](mailto:traffic.management@hants.gov.uk). Engineers will be able to provide advice on the suitability of measures along with an estimate of costs. The suitability of any measures requested through this

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initiative will be considered in line with the Traffic Management Policy -

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/2014-traffic-management-policy.pdf>

The following are examples of the measures that could be considered as part of this initiative –

- Village entry 'Gate' features
- Enhanced speed limit 'Gateway' signs
- Traffic signs and road markings
- Informal pedestrian crossing points
- Enhanced village nameplates
- Sign rationalisation and de-clutter
- School advisory 20mph speed limit signs
- Bollards/posts to prevent footway/verge overrun
- Electronic Speed Limit Reminder (SLR) signs
- Traditional finger-post signs
- Safety slogan wheelie bin stickers

*The subcommittee decided that the main areas of interest and likely to be accepted by EHDC Traffic Management Scheme were as follows from the above list:-*

- Traffic signs and road markings
- Sign rationalisation and de-clutter
- Electronic Speed Limit Reminder (SLR) signs - please see addendum
- Safety slogan wheelie bin stickers
- Plus potentially one mini roundabout

Looking down towards the A339 on Station Road. The requirement for an SLR is a minimum of unrestricted line of sight within a 30mph limit of 90 metres. Positioning in the area shown facing towards the A339 would fulfil that requirement.

Again on Station Road. Positioning in the area of the junction with Drury Lane in the direction of the grain store. The requirement for an SLR is a minimum of unrestricted line of sight within a 30mph limit of 90 metres.

Potential sighting of mini roundabouts at the junction of Station Road and Drury Lane and also at the junction of Well Lane and Station Road.

General signage, bollards and street furniture requires attention. In some instances it is redundant, not in a good condition and should be taken out, were not necessary, replaced or refurbished.

Other sites for the installation of SLR points are the straight in front of Denyer Cottages and the straight before that on Holt End Lane that fulfil the Highways criteria. As shown in the photographs below.

Plus an SLR point along Drury Lane.

Above to be submitted to the Subcommittee for discussion, finalisation and submission to Highways.

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## Appendix 2 – Community Funded Initiative Pamphlet



# CFTMI Pamphlet (1).pdf

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## Appendix 3 – Temporary Signing Policy & Guidance



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