

BENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING

Tuesday 3rd April 2018, 7.30pm, Village School Jubilee Hall, Bentworth

Present:

Parish Councillors	Clerk	District & County Councillors	Others
Veronica Parker Jenny Lewis Paul Mellish Abbie George Jane Costigan	Allison Spyer		5 Members of the public

		ACTION FOR
26.08	Apologies for absence: David Hawes & Chris Hurley	
26.09	Police update: PC Nops was in attendance but had nothing to report in Bentworth. However beauty spots are likely to be targeted so don't leave handbags in cars when out dog walking. There was nothing to report on the recent burglary in Bentworth. Alton are having a spate of pick-pocketing so please beware. PC Nops also recommended taking the code off the defib.	
26.10	Declarations of interest: There were no declarations of interest.	
26.11	Meeting open to the public: JC asked if the drain by New Copse could be cleaned as the road is now flooding when it rains. AG to speak to highways.	AG
26.12	Minutes: The minutes of the meetings held on the 6 th March were proposed as accurate by JL, seconded by PM with the unanimous agreement from the rest of the council.	
26.13	District Councillor Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Deferred until the APM	
26.14	Matters Arising: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Neighbourhood Plan – All parishioners are encouraged to view the next Villager Magazine as Boyd McCleary has placed an article in it briefing everyone on all the recent developments.First Aid / Defib Training – JL approached several instructors and waiting to hear back regarding dates and times.	JL

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PB Update – Tony Brooking held a meeting to discuss the film club, subsequently people have been tasked with actions such as looking at licensing and discussing the best days to hold it with the school. There will be a practice run through soon. In the mean-time another venue has been offered and will be discussed. 	
26.15	<p>Village Party: Deferred until next meeting. In the mean-time if members of the council have any suggestions regarding the planned party please email the rest of the members to discuss online. AG was asked to join the sub-committee at the last meeting but advised that she now does not have the time.</p>	ALL
	<p>PC Frequency of Meetings: It was put forward that the Parish Council reduce the number of meetings from ten to six per annum. All the councillors were supportive of the suggestion. JC proposed the motion and JL seconded it. There was unanimous agreement from the rest of the council. AS to suggest the best months to have them based around the parish calendar.</p>	AS
26.16	Finance:	
(a)	<p>Payments for approval:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allison Spyer, Salary. Bank Transfer, 3.4.2018 £463.80 • Allison Spyer, Expenses Bank Transfer 3.4.2018 £71.53 • HMRC, PAYE Bank Transfer 3.4.2016 £16.20 • HALC, Subs. Chq No 127 £243.00 • Planet, Planning Consultants. Chq no 128 £879.00 • St Marys School, Trim Trail Grant. Chq no 129 £250.00 • Paul Mellish, Training expenses. BT 5.4.2018 £20.20 <p>All payments were proposed by AG and seconded by PM with unanimous agreement from the rest of the Council.</p>	
(b)	<p>Receipts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EHDC, DC Grant £700.00 • EHCD, DC Grant £350.00 	
(c)	<p>Current Account Balance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The balance of current account is £17,199.00 	
(d)	<p>FAG Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant Policy – AS confirmed this is now on the website. • Beige Tarmac – This will be done at some point however it is currently not a priority for Hampshire Highways. • Register of Members Interests – Link from the website to the documents is now online. 	

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	<p>Grant Applications: Bentworth PC have been in receipt of two grant applications, both from the school. One application is for £250.00 to go towards the trim trail repairs, the second is for £500 to go towards new chairs for the hall. The Finance Advisory Group recommended that the first application for £250 be approved but the second one for £500 be declined. The parish council budget £500 per annum to offer as grants and it was felt it would be unfair to give the full yearly amount to one application. The motion to approve the trim trail and decline the chairs was proposed by JC, seconded by PM with unanimous agreement from the rest of the council. AS raised a cheque for the school and inform the school governors of the council's decision.</p>	AS
26.17	<p>Village Appearance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bench around the tree. JL is currently obtaining quotes to fix it but EHDC have given a grant of £350 • Stella trying to get group together to do some planting around pond. JL has got some rails to replace the broken ones, and also looking at gates to install. • At the last meeting AG asked CH if a local farmer can cut back part of his hedge that is over hanging. CH approved the work. However on reflection the hedge cutter will not be enough as the branches are too thick. AS to email CH and ask him to address the issue once he returns. 	AS
26.18	<p>Planning 55077/002, 1 Denyer Cottages, Holt End Lane, Bentworth, Alton, GU34 5LB Single storey conservatory to the rear, following demolition of existing lobby. No Objection</p>	
26.19	<p>Councillors Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment, Pond & Open Spaces – Nothing to report as all the footpaths are too wet to walk • Traffic & Highways – Some potholes have been filled and not all very well. AG will speak to HCC rep. • Trees – Nothing to report. • Young People & Families – Nothing to report. • Website – PM has a list of alterations and will email everyone with the updates • Broadband – VP has requested another meeting with Glen Pacey but received no response so far. • Village Green - Nothing to report • St Marys School - Community day organised for 18th March was cancelled due to snow, I'm sure a new date will be arranged in due course. Elder class have done their bike ability training. Oak class have had a trip to Alice Holt forest. Each class has taken part in a drama workshop this last month. St Mary's has teamed up with Astra recycling and now have a recycling bank in the car park year-round for clothing, shoes, handbags, belts and home textiles to generate vital funds for the school. The PTA raises money for every kilo donated and 100% of what's raised goes to the School. 	AG PM

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	Summer term begins 16th April 27th April wear red day in aid of cardiac rehab Saturday 16th June - family music festival, more details to follow	
26.20	Other Reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Care – No update• Neighbourhood Watch – It was agreed that a new 'phone tree' is required as the old phone list is now obsolete. JC will ask PC to work on it for the council.	JC/PC
26.21	Correspondence: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There has been no correspondence.	
26.22	Cllrs Announcements: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There were no Cllrs Announcements	
26.23	Meetings Forthcoming and Attended: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PM, Planning Framework• JC, Core Skills• PM, Esso Pipeline. There is a proposed new pipeline that will either run south of Beech or cross into Medstead. If the first installation goes ahead there will be no affect to Bentworth, however if the second installation route goes ahead there may be minimum disruption as it goes in but there after would not be visible. Esso will confirm in September which route they will take.	
26.24	Date of next Meeting: Next meeting will be held on the 1 st May 2018 and will be the APM & AGM. VP thanked all members for attending and closed the meeting at:	8.25pm

Signed Date