

BENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING

Tuesday 7th November 2017, 7.30pm, Village School Jubilee Hall, Bentworth

Present:

Parish Councillors	Clerk	District & County Councillors	Others
Veronica Parker (Chair) Jenny Lewis Paul Mellish Abbie George Chris Hurley Jane Costigan	Allison Spyer		7 Members of the public

**ACTION
FOR**

25.71 Apologies for absence:

David Hawes

25.72 Police update:

PC Nops was in attendance but happily had nothing to report

25.73 Declarations of interest:

AG declared an interest in item 11, point 3, wine as a thank you for Matt and Murray. As the partner to Matt she felt she may at some point drink some of the wine.

25.74 Meeting open to the public:

No members of the public wished to speak.

25.75 Minutes:

The minutes of the meetings held on the 5th September & 3rd October were proposed as accurate by CH, seconded by AG with the unanimous agreement from the rest of the council.

25.76 Matters Arising:

Neighbourhood Plan – There will be an open meeting on the 28th November. The Steering Committee will show the progress of work undertaken, sites available and summary of affordable housing. They will also present the draft policy. Those in attendance will then be asked to vote on a preferred site.

First Aid / Defib Training – JL currently waiting for training dates and once confirmed will communicate through AS and JS. Due to the high level of interest JL will organise both a morning and afternoon slot. **JL**

Holt End Green & Dragons Teeth – Drain cleaners have been out to Holt End Green and discovered a bung had been left in one of the drains which has seemingly caused all the issues. This has now been removed and hopefully the problems will cease. PM would like to see the 'bridge' between the two ditches dug out so it is one long ditch, which will require a digger. JL will speak with Callum and organise a digger. While Callum volunteered his time before the PC agreed to offer full payment this time around. Finally the Dragons teeth will be going in imminently. **JL**

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25.77 Village Party:

While no firm ideas for an end of World War II party were put forward it was agreed to investigate some dates in June with the school, potentially utilising the field. AG to investigate both 9th and 23rd June 2018 with St Marys School.

AG

25.78 Participatory Budgeting:

After discussion the PC were able to whittle the list of eleven suggestions down to three that will be put to the residents at the open evening on the 28th November. The three selected ideas are:

- A film club to meet once a month
- A red telephone box (AS to investigate full costs further)
- A village party to include all ages

AS

25.79 Parish Council Christmas Dinner:

It was agreed that the Parish Council will have a (self-funded) Christmas dinner at a local pub. The 7th December was unanimously agreed as the preferred date with location to be confirmed later.

25.80 Finance:

(a) Payments for approval:

• Allison Spyer, Salary. Bank Transfer 4.11.2017	£559.80
• Allison Spyer, Expenses. Bank Transfer 4.11.2017	£10.80
• HMRC, PAYE. Bank Transfer 4.11.2017	£40.20
• Came & Co. NP Insurance. Bank Transfer 26.10.2017	£168.00
• Ray Murrell. Bus stop glass. Bank Transfer 29.10.2017	£188.00
• Planet. Planning Consultants. Chq no 114	£360.00
• MJ Visual. Flip Board Chart Hire. Chq no 115	£212.40
• HCC. Jubilee Hall Hire. Chq no 116	£137.00

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

(b) Receipts:

- No current receipts

(c) Current Account Balance:

- AS reported that the balance of current account as at 5th November 2017 £28,219.65

(d) FAG Update:

- First Aid / Defib training is currently in hand with JL
- Bank reconciliation – The FAG approved the 2nd quarter bank reconciliation
- Audit – The audit report was returned with some inaccuracies, AS waiting to hear from BDO before presenting the report to the full PC
- New grants policy has now been set and the application form is on the website to download
- Capital expense
- The asset register is now up to date
- All cllrs need to check their info is correct and up to date. Then will link will be put between website and EHDC
- Contracts template is in order
- Clerk salary review will be completed in the New Year

25.81 Village Appearance:

- **Footpath signage** – It was reported that most of the broken signs have now been fixed or replaced.
- **Pond Report from Stella Strachan** – First an apology that the pond was not planted up in the Autumn as planned but I was ill and unable to do it. We will now plant in the spring which in clay soil is better planting time. The plug plants have grown well in my vegetable patch. We will be buying more plants, oxygenating ones for in the pond, and some dogwood for the back of the pond. I have talked to Laura Bellm about this and she is happy with the choice since it can be razed to the ground if she needs to get at her roof and will happily regrow. We will also be planting more bluebells during the winter. The pond is still not quite full and it seems too low on the right hand side. I hope to get some muscle in to raise this edge. Of the £750 allocated for planting up the pond I have spent £470.00 so far.
- **Thank you to Matt & Murray** – The PC would like to express their thanks to Matt and Murray for mowing the Village Green and keeping it neat throughout the year. DH has requested we buy each six bottles of nice wine as a thank you. JL proposed a £100 budget for this and PM seconded with unanimous agreement from the majority of the council (AG abstained due to her declaration of interest at the beginning of the meeting). DH in his absence was actioned to purchase the wine.

DH

25.82 Planning Committee Report:

29810/004, Thedden Farm, Wivelrod Road, Bentworth, Alton, GU34 4AT

PROPOSAL: Change of use of land and barn to residential use, alterations to existing barn comprising of extension and demolition; associated garaging, turning space and landscaping.

No Objections

25.83 Councillors Report:

- **Environment, Pond & Open Spaces** – JL will walk a footpath connecting Bentworth & Medstead that is apparently overgrown.
- **Traffic & Highways** – Drains cleared, grit bin in Sun Hill needs replacing by HCC and is with them has also reported several potholes. CH off to Australia for one month so AG will look after T&H
- **Trees** – Nothing to report
- **Young People & Families** – Nothing to report.
- **Website** – Nothing to report.
- **Broadband** – Nothing to report.
- **Village Green** - Nothing to report.
- **St Marys School** – This month the whole school will take part in anti bullying week. Elder class have attended 'Think Safe' at queen Elizabeth country park. Ash class had a fabulous day at the sea city museum learning about the titanic disaster. This coming Friday 10th November there will be a remembrance service at 11am in the jubilee hall, everyone is welcome. The next generation game will take place in the afternoon 1.15pm - 3.15pm, this is linked to remembrance and we're keen for some stories of living through war times or periods of conflict and would really like to interview local people about their memories and capture their perspectives. Then hoping to make a film and book for next years focus. Christmas fayre 8th December 2.30pm. Finally...the new chairs are coming.

25.84 Other Reports:

- **Community Care** – FM standing down from Care Group as of next year. The current carers will keep it going but in different format and with the workload being split between several people

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- **Neighbourhood Watch** – Noting to report

25.85 Correspondence:

- There has been no correspondence.

25.86 Cllrs Announcements:

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25.87 Meetings Forthcoming and Attended:

- None

25.88 Date of next Meeting:

Next meeting will be held on the 5th December.

VP thanked all members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.25pm

Signed Date