

# BENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Chair: Mrs Jane Costigan

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## MINUTES OF MEETING

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022 at St Marys Church

### Present:

Parish Councillors	Clerk	District & County Councillors	Others
Jane Costigan Veronica Parker Kathryn Courtier Danny Green Neal Day Simon Houston James Blackmore	Louisa Thomson	Tony Costigan	Members of the public

### Part I

#### 22.001 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Tim Lipscombe. Simon Houston joined the meeting late, during Public Question Time.

#### 22.002 Confirmation of Minutes – Resolved

The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021, copies previously circulated, **Proposed as a true record by Veronica Parker, Seconded Neal Day and RESOLVED.**

#### 22.003 Public Participation

A member of the public raised concerns regarding the possible development of The Star Inn and requested the Parish Council make strong representation to East Hampshire District Council particularly regarding policy CP16, the requirements which he felt hadn't been met.

A neighbour of Russell House, planning application 24622/023, raised objections to the excessive height of the proposed garage, which they said had already been refused twice previously. The height would severely effect the light of neighbouring properties.

Residents are concerned that having gained permission for the house the developers have submitted several further planning applications for further development on the site which is not how the planning system should be used.

The recent Pond Tidy and how this will be dealt with in future was raised, this will be put on the next agenda.

Jubilee Celebrations – some residents have had a meeting to discuss possible Jubilee Celebrations in the village and have produced a report outlining possible plans. They are attending to ask for formal endorsement and funding from the Parish Council.

#### 22.004 Report from District Councillor

East Hampshire District Councillor Tony Costigan reported that the planning application for The Star Inn would be formally refused the next day. The full asking price offer to purchase and run the pub is still available.

Russell House planning applications, Tony will take up the comments with the planning department.

Autospeedwatch – The Autospeedwatch camera trial in Beech has been very successful and speeding has been dramatically reduced. The next stage is to get the Police to adopt the data. It is something that Bentworth may look at in the future.

#### 22.005 Farnborough Airport/CCA Post Implementation Review

The review has been delayed, this item to be included on a future agenda.

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## 22.006 '20' is plenty

**Proposed Kathryn Courtier, Seconded Simon Houston, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to support the motion:

1. Supports the 20's Plenty for Hampshire County Council campaign.
2. Calls on Hampshire County Council to implement 20mph in Bentworth.
3. Will write to Hampshire County Council to request that the county:  
Makes 20mph the default speed limit on streets throughout Hampshire in places where people live, work, shop, play or learn, leaving 30mph as the exception on those roads, where full consideration of the needs of vulnerable road users allows a higher limit.

## 22.007 Bentworth Platinum Jubilee Event

A group of residents have met to discuss possible celebrations for the Queen's Jubilee and have approached the Parish Council for their support and input.

**Proposed Simon Houston, Seconded James Blackmore, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to endorse the event.

The Council can't consider funding until a grant application has been received.

Clerk to check to see if the Parish Councils insurance will cover the event.

## 22.008 Planning

I) Following District Councillor Costigan's report regarding The Star Inn, Bentworth, council confirm they are aware there might be a further application and they are fully prepared to speak at any EHDC planning committee meeting.

II) Council to consider two planning applications their comments to be forwarded to EHDC.

- a) 26184/026 Trinity Farm, Trinity Hill, Medstead  
Application to determine if prior approval is required for New Agricultural Storage Building  
**Proposed Veronica Parker, Seconded Neal Day, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:**  
*Bentworth Parish Council agree that Prior Approval is required.*  
*We have concerns about the number of barns already on the site, many of which are let to small businesses.*  
*Why has there been an increase in size from the original application and what is the barn it to be used for?*

**Kathryn Courtier left the meeting for the discussion and decision on the next item.**

- b) 24622/023 Russell House, Village Street, Bentworth **OBJECT**  
Replacement dwelling with associated alterations to access, erection of garage with parking and turning space and landscaping following demolition of existing dwelling, garage and storage buildings.  
**Proposed Neal Day, Seconded Danny Green, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:**  
*Bentworth Parish Council OBJECT to this application for the following reasons:*  
*Part of the main house is outside the settlement policy boundary and all permitted development has already been used the Parish Council view is this would be overdevelopment of the site.*  
*The site borders the Conservation area and this development would change the street scene.*  
*The height of the garage is excessive and would affect the neighbours light.*

**Kathryn Courtier rejoined the meeting.**

## 22.009 Speed Indicator Sign (SID) Update

Kathryn Courtier reported:

- For week 16<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022 at Glebe  
Arriving from Medstead toward A339 there were 3110 vehicles; 1366 (43.92%) were exceeding 30mph; 316 (10.16%) were exceeding 35mph and hence ticketable.

Going towards Medstead from A339 there were 3351 vehicles; 1395 (41.63%) were exceeding 30mph; 336 (10.03%) were exceeding 35mph and hence ticketable.

So, 652 ticketable for the week....

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- For week 23<sup>rd</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at Glebe  
Arriving from Medstead towards A339 there were 3389 vehicles; 1471 (43.41%) were exceeding 30mph; 366 (10.80%) were exceeding 35mph and hence ticketable.  
  
Going towards Medstead from A339 there were 3663 vehicles; 1474 (40.24%) were exceeding 30mph; 348 (9.50%) were exceeding 35mph and hence ticketable.  
  
So, 714 ticketable for the week....
- In total 1366 ticketable in the two week period, plenty doing 50mph, but none doing over 60mph.

## 22.010 Councillor Roles

- a) **Broadband/Wedbsite** - Danny Green and Tim Lipscombe
- b) **Finance Advisory Group (FAG)** – Jane Costigan, Veronica Parker and Tim Lipscombe
- c) **Footpaths/Hedges** – Kathryn Courtier, Neal Day and James Blackmore
- d) **Planning Committee** – Veronica Parker, Neal Day, Simon Houston and Danny Green
- e) **Highways/SID/Speedwatch** – Kathryn Courtier, Neal Day and James Blackmore
- f) **Young People/events/Community Engagement** – James Blackmore and Simon Houston

## 22.011 Community Updates

**Neighbourhood Watch** – has been fairly quiet. Beware of email scams pretending to be from family members asking for money. The Police are doing more on the agricultural side and have stopped a number of poachers and hare coursers.

## 22.012 Staffing

Jane Costigan updated that the Clerk, Allison Spyer, has resigned.

## 22.013 Accounts 2021/2022

I)	Receipts	-	none
	Bank balance at 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2022	-	£ 5,508.35

- II) **Proposed Neal Day, Seconded Veronica Parker, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to approve the following payment:

a)	Louisa Thomson – Locum Clerk Salary	£1,014.44
b)	Louisa Thomson – Clerk’s Expenses	£ 79.90
c)	HMRC	£ 297.89
d)	Lamb Brooks LLP	£ 420.00

**22.014 Next Meeting** – Council confirmed the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

## 22.015 Confidential Business

**Proposed Danny Green, Seconded Simon Houston, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:** that members of the public and press are excluded from Part II so matters of a confidential nature can be discussed, “pursuant to Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960”.

## Part II

### 22.016 Staffing Matters

**Proposed Veronica Parker, Seconded Kathryn Courtier, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:** not to advertise the Clerk’s position.

**Proposed Simon Houston, Seconded Kathryn Courtier, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:** to offer the Clerk’s position to the Locum Clerk.

**22.017 Close of Meeting** – The Chair thanked all present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.45pm.

Signed.....  
Chair Bentworth Parish Council

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