

# BENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF MEETING

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at St Marys Church

### Present:

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

#### 22.036 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Danny Green.

#### 22.037 Confirmation of Minutes – Resolved

The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022, copies previously circulated,  
**Proposed as a true record by Neal Day, Seconded Kathryn Courtier and RESOLVED.**

#### 22.038 Declaration of Interest

Kathryn Courtier declared an interest in planning items – 24622/023, Russell House.

#### 22.039 Public Participation

A volunteer is needed to take over Neighbourhood Watch.

#### Item 10 – Weight Limit Signage

A member of the public said that lorry drivers don't use lanes unless they have to, the lanes are narrow with speeding cars and overhanging branches. Businesses need lorries and they don't need any other impediment. Signage will put the drivers off even further. Businesses need help not impediment. Signage in Medstead would stop lorries from coming through the village.

Another member of the public said this conversation has been ongoing since 2010. This proposal is for access only and has nothing to do with stopping deliveries and collections for businesses. Foreign operators don't know the area and rely on Sat Nav with brings them through Bentworth. In an independent vote in the community in 2020 90% of voters supported the proposal.

#### 22.040 Report from District Councillor Tony Costigan

The divorce between Havant & Waterlooville and EHDC is underway. EHDC Penns Place office is on the market and EHDC are looking for new premises. EHDC Officers that have been working in Havant will return to Petersfield which should improve service.

Tony Costigan won't be standing for re-election in May 2023, Parish Councillors will be approached to see if they would like to stand.

The Weight Limit proposal is a Hampshire County Council driven initiative. Tony supports the idea of supporting Medstead which can only bring pressure on HCC to bring in weight limits for lorries.

Village Green – The District Council will have already booked its grass cutting for the forthcoming year, Tony will try to get the Green put back on the cutting list however it will only be cut twice a year by the Council.

Autospeedwatch trial in Beech – the information gathered is great but there is no enforcement. Beech are trying to get the Police to adopt the information.

The Star Inn – the buyers are still interested but the seller has put it back on the market at an increased price of £425K which is contradicted by East Hampshire District Council valuation.

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## 22.041 Bentworth Platinum Jubilee Event

**Proposed Neal Day, Seconded Kathryn Courtier, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:** to approve expenditure up to £900 with an application to District Councillor Costigan for grant funding of £500.

## 22.042 Planning

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

**Kathryn Courtier took no part in the discussion or decision for the following planning item.**

- a) 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. (As amended by plans received 11 February 2022.)  
**Proposed Neal Day, Seconded Tim Lipscombe, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: Bentworth Parish Council strongly object to this application and would again reiterate their previous comments:**
- 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 re-joined the meeting.**

- b) 22925/007      Wardies, Holt End Lane, Bentworth      **NO OBJECTION**  
T1-Ash-pollard to below the height of previous pollard point. Lower from 7m, pollard height 4m.  
**Proposed Tim Lipscombe, Seconded Kathryn Courtier, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:** Bentworth Parish Council has no objection.

**Proposed Tim Lipscombe, Seconded Kathryn Courtier, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to suspend Standing Orders so member of the public can speak on the next item.**

A member of the public said one of the residents of Glebe Fields is a contract gardener and voluntarily cuts the grass and he might be approached to join a rota for cutting the grass on the green.

**Proposed Kathryn Courtier, Seconded Tim Lipscombe, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to reinstate Standing Orders.**

## 22.042 Village Green

**Proposed Veronica Parker, Seconded Kathryn Courtier, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:** not to pay a contractor to cut the grass and to encourage the residents to set up a voluntary rota.

## 22.043 Weight Limit Signage

**Proposed Kathryn Courtier, Seconded Simon Houston, RESOLVED:** (Neal Day abstained) to support Medstead Parish Council in lobbying for a 7.5 tonne vehicle weight limit in the Medstead area (including Bentworth).

## 22.044 Precept

**Proposed James Blackmore, Seconded Neal Day, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:** for Tim Lipscombe to complete the article for The Villager to explain the increase in the precept.

## 22.045 Annual Parish Meeting

Council agreed the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm, venue to be confirmed.

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## 22.046 Speed Indicator Sign (SID) Update

Kathryn Courtier reported, report provided by David Maltby.

For week 13th March to 20th March 2022 at Wellers

Going towards Medstead from A339 there were 5271 vehicles of which 2933 (55.64%) were exceeding 30mph, with 887 (16.84%) exceeding 35mph and hence ticketable, with 1 banable at 68mph.

from Medstead towards A339 there were 4829 vehicles of which 2030 (42.04%) were exceeding 30mph, with 567 (11.74%) exceeding 35mph and hence ticketable.

So, 1454 ticketable for the week, with 1 banable.

For week 20th March to 27th March 2022 at Wellers

Going towards Medstead from A339 there were 5139 vehicles of which 2913 (56.68%) were exceeding 30mph, with 940 (18.29%) exceeding 35mph and hence ticketable, with 1 banable at 61mph.

Arriving from Medstead towards A339 there were 5032 vehicles of which 2206 (43.84%) were exceeding 30mph, with 623 (12.38%) were exceeding 35mph and hence ticketable.

So, 1563 ticketable for the week, with 1 banable.

In total for the two-week period, 3017 were ticketable and 2 banable doing >60mph

For week 27th March to 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2022 at Denyers

Going towards Medstead from A339 there were 5595 vehicles of which 2898 (51.80%) were exceeding 30mph, with 951 (17.0%) exceeding 35mph and hence ticketable, with 2 banable at 61 and 63 mph.

Arriving from Medstead towards A339 there were 5250 vehicles of which 3082 (58.70%) were exceeding 30mph,

with 1119 (21.31%) exceeding 35mph and hence ticketable, and 2 were banable 60mph & 73mph

So, 2070 ticketable for the week, with 4 banable.

For week 3<sup>rd</sup> April to 10th April 2022 at Denyers

Going towards Medstead from A339 there were 5694 vehicles of which 2893 (50.81%) were exceeding 30mph,

with 972 (17.07%) exceeding 35mph and hence ticketable, with 1 banable at 65mph.

Arriving from Medstead towards A339 there were 5481 vehicles of which 3050 (55.65%) were exceeding 30mph,

with 1045 (19.07%) exceeding 35mph and hence ticketable.

So, 2017 ticketable for the week.....

In total for the two week period 4087 ticketable, with 5 banable doing >60mph

## 22.047 Community Updates

**Community Care** – There have been six trips so far this month with many more expected next month for COVID boosters.

**Neighbourhood Watch** – Reports of a white pick-up loitering in the village, otherwise fairly quiet.

## 22.048 Asset Register

Pond fencing needs to be removed and Speedwatch signs need to be added.

## 22.049 Internal Auditor

Clerk to get auditor details from Hampshire Association of Local Councils website and bring quotations to the next meeting.

## 22.050 Accounts 2021/2022

**Proposed Neal Day, Seconded James Blackmore, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to approve the following payment:

a) Louisa Thomson – Clerk's Salary March 2022	£ 372.78
b) Louisa Thomson – Clerk's Expenses March 2022	£ 63.74
c) HMRC	£ 315.55
d) Hampshire Association of Local Councils	£ 270.67
e) T Hayes – bentworthparishcouncil.org domain renewal	£ 19.12

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**22.051 Next Meeting** – Council confirmed the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022.

**22.052 Close of Meeting** – The Chair thanked all present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.47pm.

Signed.....  
Chair Bentworth Parish Council

3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022