

BENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Chair: Mrs Jane Costigan

Clerk: Louisa Thomson
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MINUTES OF MEETING

Tuesday 4th October 2022 at St Marys Church

Present:

Parish Councillors	Clerk	District & County Councillors	Others
Jane Costigan - Chair Neal Day – Vice Chair Kathryn Courtier Tim Lipscombe	Louisa Thomson	Tony Costigan	Members of the public

22.108 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Veronica Parker, James Blackmore, Simon Houston and Danny Green.

22.109 Confirmation of Minutes – Resolved

The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 6th September 2022, copies previously circulated, Proposed as a true record by Tim Lipscombe, Seconded Kathryn Courtier and RESOLVED.

22.110 Community Care

Busy at the moment, eleven trips each month for the last two months. They have one new member but still need one further member for next year.

22.111 Neighbourhood Watch

Be aware of a new scam asking for address and bank details so an energy subsidy can be sent.

Tim Lipscombe declared an interest in the following item and took no part in the discussion or decision.

22.112 Farnborough Noise Group

LT

Proposed Kathryn Courtier, Seconded Neal Day, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: the Clerk will sign the petition calling for local MPs to get involved with the planned airspace review on behalf of the Parish Council.

22.113 North Hampshire Downs – Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)

LT

Proposed Neal Day, Seconded Kathryn Courtier, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: the Clerk will write to MP Damien Hinds, County Councillor Mark Kemp-Gee and District Councillor Tony Costigan supporting the principle of an "Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty" for the North Hampshire Downs.

22.114 Speed Indicator Sign (SID) Update

TL & KC

Tim Lipscombe, Kathryn Courtier and David Maltby will meet with the Speedwatch team and draft a letter/speeding report to be sent to the Police and Crime Commissioner, MP Damien Hinds and County Councillor Mark Kemp-Gee for the Council to approve at the November meeting

Kathryn Courtier reported, report provided by David Maltby.

SID Data from Denyers 11th September to 25th September

Total Traffic in both directions 23,131

31-35mph 8272

36-40mph 2557

41-45mph 602

46-50mph 142

51-60mph 31

61-70mph 2

71-80mph 1

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22.115 Hampshire Association of Local Councils – AGM and Annual Conference

No Councillors are able to attend.

22.116 Protocol for reporting at meetings (Annex to Standing Order No. 3 (I))

Proposed Tim Lipscombe, Seconded Neal Day, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: to adopt the Protocol.

22.117 Council Website Hosting

TL & ND

Proposed Neal Day, Seconded Kathryn Courtier, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: For Tim Lipscombe and Neal Day to sort out the Parish Council website hosting spending up to £100.

22.118 Accounts 2022/2023

I) Summary of Receipts and Payments for the 2nd Quarter Ended 30th September 2022 were Presented to Council detailing bank reconciliation as follows:

Quarterly Receipts (EHDC Precept payment)	£6,500.00
Quarterly Payments	£2,616.86

Bank Current Account Balance: £8,320.94

II) **Proposed Neal Day, Seconded Kathryn Courtier, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to approve the following payment:

a) Louisa Thomson – Clerk’s Salary September 2022	£ 456.86
b) Louisa Thomson – Clerk’s Expenses September 2022	£ 4.14
c) HM Revenue & Customs	£ 104.20
d) Hampshire ALC – Knowledge & Core Skills training	£ 235.00
e) Hampshire ALC – Finance for Councillors training	£ 72.00
f) St Mary’s Bentworth – Jubilee picnic hire & cleaning	£ 35.00

22.119 Report from District Councillor

The waste collections were disrupted as representatives from a competitor approached drivers offering a pay rise if they left Norse and went to work for them, which many did, this had a knock-on effect. East Hampshire District Council have separated from Havant Borough Council and have taken on the Norse contract and offered a pay rise and end of year bonus to recruit drivers, driver numbers are now back up.

East Hampshire District Council are moving out of Penns Place and moving to The Barn which is owned by EHDC.

A number of EHDC staff are still working from home and their production is very good.

The planning enforcement team is back in Penns Place and are very busy.

Speeding – Beech Parish Council are working hard with the police and the AutoSpeedWatch information shows a high volume of repeat offenders. The police are keen for other parishes to get the cameras and to try to get the law changed so the information can be acted on by the police.

The Star Inn has been sold, not sure whether it will be a pub or residential.

22.120 Meeting Date

Confirm the date of the next scheduled meeting is Tuesday 1st November 2022.

22.121 Close of Meeting – The Chair thanked all present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.40pm.

Signed.....
Chair Bentworth Parish Council

1st November 2022