

BENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Chair: Mrs Jane Costigan

Clerk: Louisa Thomson
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MINUTES OF MEETING

Tuesday 1st November 2022 at St Marys Church

Present:

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

Chair Jane Costigan confirmed Danny Green's resignation.

22.122 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Simon Houston.

22.123 Confirmation of Minutes – Resolved

The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 4th October 2022, copies previously circulated, **Proposed as a true record by Tim Lipscombe, Seconded Neal Day and RESOLVED: signed by Chair Jane Costigan.**

22.124 Declaration of Interest

Kathryn Courtier declared an interest in planning item: 24622/024 Russell House.

22.125 Public Participation

Members of the public:

- i) Questioned why the Parish Council would pay for cutting the grass as this should be the responsibility of East Hampshire District Council. Another member of the public suggested contacting the Community Payback Scheme who may be able to help with cutting the grass.*
- ii) Could the Parish Council confirm who owns the Pond area before spending money on the maintenance.*
- iii) Perhaps the residents could prioritise what matters to the community and this could form the Parish Council objectives.*

Council responded that the Village Green is on the EHDC cutting list but this isn't often enough during the summer, volunteers cut it in between but it's hard to get enough people who are willing to go on a rota. They will investigate the Community Payback Scheme.

The Parish Council have put a lot of effort into the pond area, they will contact the water board to see if they will fill the pond and will try to establish ownership of the area.

22.126 Report from East Hampshire District Councillor Tony Costigan

EHDC cut the grass seven times a year which he will ask to be increased to nine, volunteers need to do any extra, it's not up to the Parish Council to pay.

Speeding – Tim Lipscombe will put the report of the meeting with Beech on the website. Tony hopes funding will soon be available to provide AutoSpeedWatch cameras for Bentworth and Froyle and the system will be recognised by the police and will be enforceable.

22.127 Councillor Vacancy - Vacancy notices have been posted.

22.128 Planning - Council considered two planning applications, their comments to be forwarded to East Hampshire District Council.

Kathryn Courtier took no part in the discussion or decision for the next item.

- i) 24622/024 Russell House, Village Street, Bentworth **OBJECT**
Detached garage following demolition of existing store and bin store

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Proposed Tim Lipscombe, Seconded Neal Day, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: Parish Council OBJECT to this application. All the permitted development rights have been used in the application for the house there isn't any permitted development left for this garage application.

Council to write a letter to EHDC to express their disappointment over the handling of applications for Russell House.

- ii) 27099/045 Bentworth Court, Holt End Lane, Bentworth **NO OBJECTION**
Application for consent for Works to trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order:
T1 Tulip Tree – Crown reduce by 1-2 metres to leave height of 10 metres, and canopy spread radius of 3-4 metres. Lateral reduction to commence from approximately 1 metre below defect.

Proposed Kathryn Courtier, Seconded Neal Day, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: Bentworth Parish Council have no objection to this application.

22.129 Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Neighbourhood Portion

Proposed Kathryn Courtier, Seconded James Blackmore, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: to request the sum of £11,032.79 from EHDC to use on future projects.

22.130 Budget and Precept 2023/2024

Council reviewed the budget for 2023/2024. **Proposed Veronica Parker, Seconded Tim Lipscombe, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:** to set the precept at £13,000, the same as last year.

22.131 **Village Grass Cutting** – Council to look into the Community Payback Scheme.

22.132 **Pond Area** – Council to establish ownership, District Councillor Tony Costigan will check with EHDC.

22.133 Action Log

Proposed Tim Lipscombe, Seconded Neal Day, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: to keep an action log of decisions made at meetings.

22.134 Christmas Tree

Proposed Kathryn Courtier, Seconded Tim Lipscombe, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: to buy a Christmas tree for the green up to the value of £150.

22.135 **Litter Pick** – Clerk to confirm details with insurance company.

22.136 **Community Care** – Still need one further member. Currently doing eleven or twelve trips per month.

22.137 **Neighbourhood Watch** – Police are beefing up the rural crime system.

22.138 Speed Indicator Sign (SID) Update

Kathryn Courtier read report provided by David Maltby.

From Denyers 23rd – 30th October (both directions)

Total Vehicles 10,746

36-40mph 1,277

41-45mph 320

46-50mph 88

51-60mph 14

Total over 36mph 1699

Running total for year to date (43weeks)(both directions and includes all SID locations and above)

Total Vehicles 394,844

36-40mph 38,438

41-45mph 7,993

46-50mph 1,758

51-60mph 443

61-70mph 32

71-80mph 5

Total over 36mph 48,669

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22.139 Council Website Hosting - Website hosting migration completed.

22.140 Accounts 2022/2023

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

a) Louisa Thomson – Clerk Salary October 2022	£457.06
b) Louisa Thomson – Clerk’s expenses October 2022	£ 30.19
c) Veronica Parker – Noticeboard keys	£ 19.20
d) Tim Lipscombe – Startup Hosting & upgrade to GrowBig Hosting	£ 69.46
e) Toolbox Digital Services – Website & email maintenance	£177.00

22.141 Close of Meeting – The Chair thanked all present for their attendance and closed the meeting.

Signed.....
Chair Bentworth Parish Council

29th November 2022