

BENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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23rd November 2022

You are summoned to attend the **Parish Council Meeting** of Bentworth Parish Council on **Tuesday 29th November 2022 at 7.30pm, St Marys Church, Bentworth.**

Veronica Parker, Neal Day and Tim Lipscombe

AGENDA

Part I

1. **Election of Chairman** (including signing of Declaration of Acceptance of Office)
2. **Election of Vice-Chairman** (including signing of Declaration of Acceptance of Office)
3. **Apologies for Absence.**
4. **Minutes** – To sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 1st November 2022.
5. **Declaration of Interest** – Councillors are reminded of their responsibility to declare any disclosable Pecuniary interest which they may have in any item of business on the agenda no later than when that item is reached. Unless dispensation has been granted, you may not participate in any discussion of, or vote on, or discharge any function related to any matter in which you have a pecuniary interest as defined by regulations made by the Secretary of State under the Localism Act 2011. You must withdraw from the room or chamber when the meeting discusses and votes on the matter.
6. **Public Participation** – Opportunity for the public to speak on **agenda items** in accordance with Standing Orders.
7. **Report from County Councillor**
8. **Report from District Councillor**
9. **Councillor Vacancies** – Update
10. **East Hampshire District Council Local Plan Seminar**
Report from Neal Day.
11. **Medstead and Four Marks Housing Development**
EHDC are possibly considering allocating land in Medstead and Four Marks for the development of up to 1,300 new homes. Which may result in increased traffic through Bentworth. There is an organisation called Stand with Medstead Against Speculative Housing that is organising a petition against the proposals – see <https://www.smashonline.co.uk/> for details.
Council to decide whether to:
 1. Sign the petition on behalf of the Parish Council
 2. Make representation to EHDC to voice any concerns
12. **Website Photo Competition**
Council to decide whether to run a village photo competition with the winning entry appearing on the Parish Council website for the next year and agree a prize for the winner.
13. **Website**
Council to approve expenditure of up to £300 for Toolbox Digital Services to carry out improvements on the website.
14. **Community Updates** – Community Care, Neighbourhood Watch
15. **Speed Indicator Device (SID)** – Update
16. **Action Log** - Update
17. **Accounts 2022/2023**
Council to approve the following payment:
 - a) Louisa Thomson – Clerk Salary November 2022 TBC
 - b) Louisa Thomson – Clerk's expenses November 2022 TBC
 - c) Louisa Thomson – Clerk's Salary December 2022 and January 2023 to be paid in line with clerk's contract, amounts to be confirmed to council at the February meeting.
 - d) HM Revenue & Customs following Clerk's December Salary payment.
18. **Next Meeting**
To confirm the date of the next scheduled Council meeting, Tuesday 7th February 2022.
19. **Confidential Business** – Council to resolve that members of the public and press are excluded from the meeting for Part II so that matters of a confidential nature can be discussed, "pursuant to Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960."

Part II

20. Clerk's Salary

Council to review Clerk's pay in line with the recent Local Government Association pay agreement, to be back dated to 1st April 2022 and paid with December salary.

Part III (To be held in public)

21. Close of meeting.

