BENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Mrs Louisa Thomson
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1st Novemer 2023

Dear Councillor,
You are summoned to attend the meeting of Full Council to be held on **Tuesday 7th November 2023 at 7.30pm, Jubilee Hall, Bentworth.**

Neal Day, Veronica Parker, Nikki White, Scott Neville and Simon Lane

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for Absence.**

2. **Minutes –** To sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd October 2023.

3. **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.

4. **Public Participation** – Opportunity for the public to speak on **agenda items** in accordance with Standing Orders.

   Councillor(s) Co-option
   Council currently has three vacancies which may be filled by co-option. Any new Councillor must complete the Declaration of Acceptance of Office before joining the next Parish Council meeting.

5. **Report from County Councillor**
6. **Report from District Councillor**

7. **Planning**
   Council to consider one planning application, their comments to be forwarded to East Hampshire District Council.

34940/009	The Park Lodge, Holt End Lane, Bentworth Extension to existing equine barn to provide a two bed holiday flat with new driveway and construction of an outdoor arena

8. **Grant Application**
   Grant request from St Mary's Church towards the churchyard maintenance of and initial £1000 and £500 per annum thereafter. Council to decide on application.

9. **Climate and Ecology Bill**
   Zero Hour are seeking Bentworth Parish Council support for the Climate and Ecology Bill, which is due for its second reading on 24 November.

   We are writing to ask your council to join the 168 parish & town councils across the UK to support the Climate and Ecology Bill and add your voice to those organisations calling for joined-up action that provides an adequate, commensurate response to the emergency of our natural world, our parks, villages and towns, our landscapes and wildlife.

   We have a draft motion, which you may find useful. If Bentworth Parish Council is supportive, we are asking that after the motion is passed,Bentworth Parish Council issues a press release that it has done so and writes and requests your MP(s) to also publicly support the CE Bill *(if they are one of the 130 that have already done so, please write and thank them for being supporters).*

   The Climate and Ecology Bill, if made law, would ensure that:

   - The threat facing nature is tackled shoulder to shoulder with the climate crisis in a joined-up approach.
   - The Paris Agreement is enshrined into law to ensure that the UK does its real fair share to limit global temperature rise to the most stringent end of the Paris agreement - 1.5°C.
   - The UK takes full responsibility for our entire greenhouse gas footprint by accounting for all of the emissions that take place overseas to manufacture, transport and dispose of the goods and services we import and consume)-
   - The government deliver a climate and nature assembly that is representative of the UK population, working directly with the Government and Parliament to ensure that all voices are heard and that no one is left behind.

   Council to decide whether to support the bill.

10. **Litter Pick**
    The litter pick took place on Saturday 21st October – update.

11. **Speed Camera Application**
    i) East Hampshire District Council speed Camera application, update.
    ii) Agree any further actions / costs.

12. **Parish Council Newsletter**
    Update and agree distribution and printing costs, circa £50.

13. **Budget / Precept 2024/2025**
    Council to review the budget for year commencing 1st April 2024 and set the annual precept.

14. **Accounts 2023/2024**
    Council to approve the following payment:

a)	Louisa Thomson – Clerk Salary October 2023	TBC
b)	Louisa Thomson – Clerk's expenses October 2023	TBC
c)	DCK Payroll Solutions – Payroll monthly processing	£ 36.36
d)	SJ Lane – village green grass cutting	£ 80.00
e)	Hampshire Association of Local Councils – Councillor Finance training	£108.00

15. **Councillor Updates**
    Councillors to update on any ongoing projects.

16. **Community Updates** – Community Care, Neighbourhood Watch

17. **Speed Indicator Device (SID) / SpeedWatch** – Report

18. **Next Meeting** - confirm the date of the next scheduled Council meeting, Tuesday 5th December 2023.

19. **Close of meeting.**