BENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Chair: Neal Day

Clerk: Mrs Louisa Thomson
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27th August 2025

Dear Councillor,

You are summoned to attend the **Parish Council Meeting** of Bentworth Parish Council on **Tuesday 2nd September 2025 at 7.30pm, Jubilee Hall, Bentworth.**

Neal Day, Veronica Parker, Nikki White, Scott Neville, Simon Lane, Christian Browning, David Eyre-Brook & Sheena Robertson

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for Absence.**

2. **Minutes –** To sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 1st July 2025.

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.

5. **County Councillor Report**

6. **District Councillor Report**

7. **Councillor Updates and Action Log Update**

8. **Planning -** Council to consider two planning applications, their comments to be forwarded to East Hampshire District Council.
   a) EHDC-25-0819-HSE — Medstead Grange Farm Trinity Hill, Medstead
   Conversion of garage to provide ancillary accommodation.

   b) EHDC-25-0965-PA3Q2 — Agricultural Building, Station Road
   Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed: Change of Use of Buildings on Agricultural Units and former Agricultural Buildings to eight dwellinghouses. The development will utilise the existing structure of the barn, ensuring that the conversion retains the form and scale of the original building.

9. **Grant Application**
   Council to decide on three grant applications.
   a) St Mary's Church, Bentworth – Church Yard Maintenance £600
   b) Bentworth Cricket Club – Running costs and updating facilities £500
   c) The Rosemary Foundation Hospice at Home £300

10. **Village Pond –**
    a) Update and agree planting / maintenance and volunteers
    b) Update on possible grant funding
       i) Supply pond liner and underlay quotation £10,734.48 inc VAT
       ii) Supply and install pond liner, underlay and water plants £14,385,98

11. **AutoSpeedWatch** - Update

12. **Speed Limit Reminder Device -** Report from David Maltby

13. **Dog Fouling**
    There has been an increase in dog fouling in the village. Council to decide whether to erect signs or contact the dog warden.

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

15. Accounts 2025/2026

Council to approve the following payment and nominate councillor to approve the bank payments.

a)	Louisa Thomson – Clerk's Salary August 2025	£577.99
b)	Louisa Thomson – Clerk's Expenses	£107.59
c)	DCK Payroll Solutions Ltd – Payroll processing August 2025	£ 38.28
d)	Hampshire County Council – ASW camera post installation	£315.59

16. Clerk's Salary

The National Joint Council for Local Government Services has agreed rates of pay applicable from 1st April 2025. The Clerk's contract states pay scale of SCP 20, this has increased by 53p per hour, this increase has been backdated to 1st April 2025.

17. Next Meeting

To confirm the date of the next scheduled Council meeting, Tuesday 7th October 2025 at 7.30pm, Public Question Time non-agenda items 7.15pm.

18. Close of meeting.