BENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Chair: Neal Day

Clerk: Mrs Louisa Thomson
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26th February 2026

Dear Councillor,

You are summoned to attend the **Parish Council Meeting** of Bentworth Parish Council on **Tuesday 3rd March 2026 at 7.30pm, Jubilee Hall, Bentworth.**

Neal Day, 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 3rd February 2026.

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. **Village Questionnaire -** Update on questionnaire responses.

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

10. **Land South of Glebe Field -** Development name update

11. **Village Pond -** Council to approve costs for plants for the pond as follows:

    Plant List with costs from Carbeth Plants:

    Marginal / edge plants (shallow water or wet soil):
    Iris pseudacorus (Yellow Flag Iris) - £14.99 Iris bulb mix 75 bulbs
    Carex species (sedges) - these are already at the edges of the pond
    Juncus (rushes) - £11.99 per 9cm pot
    White Water Mint - £21.99 for 3 x plants
    Caltha palustris (Marsh Marigold) - £13.99 per 9cm pot

    Shallow to deeper water plants:
    Myosotis scorpioides (Water Forget-me-not) - £11.99 per 9cm pot
    Alisma plantago-aquatica (Water Plantain) - £11.99 per 9cm pot

    Oxygenating plants (fully submerged):
    Assorted native oxygenating bunches from RHS - £19.99 per 5 bunches
    Callitriche (Common Water Starwort) from RHS - £19.99 for 5 plants

    If 5 x of each option (apart from the Iris which is probably sufficient with 75 bulbs) that would come to a **total of £559.65**

    Please note, costs from RHS for the submerged plants and these are not available until later in the season.

    This is only a guide, assumed 5 x of each option to be something to start with and to see how the planting regime goes. information could be requested from Wisley Gardens who might be able to offer some advice on plant volumes but the above is a starting point for the budget allocation.

(Note; the Parish Council has received £300 from the Village Fete Committee towards works to the pond.)

12. **Gold Post Box**
    Council to discuss request received to add a plaque to the gold post box in Bentworth to commemorate the Olympic medals of both Peter and Harry Charles.

13. **AutoSpeedWatch and Traffic Calming**
    a) Update
    b) Decide whether to renew the three ASW data licences costing £179 per camera.

14. **Speed Limit Reminder Device –** Report from David Maltby

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

16. **Practitioners Guide** –
    a) Council to review Assertion 10 of the Practitioners Guide
    b) Review and adopt IT Policy
    c) Approve website update costs of up to £240

17. **Accounts 2025/2026**
    Council to approve the following payment and nominate councillor to approve the bank payments.

a)	ASW Carmera licence renewal (if approved in item 13.)	£537.00
b)	Mr R Neville – DVLA applications	£ 10.00

18. **Next Meeting**
    To confirm the date of the next scheduled Council meeting, Tuesday 7th April 2026 at **7pm**, Public Question Time non-agenda items **6.45pm**. **Note the earlier start time** to allow for the Annual Parish Meeting which will follow the Parish Council meeting.

19. **Close of meeting.**