

BENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Chair: Mr Tim Lipscombe

Clerk: Louisa Thomson
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MINUTES OF MEETING

Tuesday 4th April 2023 at St Marys Church

Present:

Parish Councillors	Clerk	District & County Councillors	Others
Tim Lipscombe - Chair Nikki White Tony Costigan	Louisa Thomson		Members of the public

23.022 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Veronica Parker and Neal Day.

23.023 Confirmation of Minutes – Resolved

The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 7th February 2023, copies previously circulated, **Proposed as a true record by Tony Costigan, Seconded Nikki White and RESOLVED: signed by Chair Tim Lipscombe.**

23.024 Planning

Council considered one planning application, their comments to be forwarded to East Hampshire District Council.

34143/014

Notification of Footpaths, bridleways or restricted byways - stopping up or diverting application Proposal: T & C Planning Act 1990 Section 257 - Public footpath diversion Site Address: St Mary's Church, Church Street, Bentworth, Alton, GU34 5RE

Proposed Nikki White, Seconded Tony Costigan, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVE: Bentworth Parish Council has no objection to this application and would endorse Rights of Way comments.

23.025 Kings Coronation

- i) Nikki White updated council that most of the day was now planned, the running order still needs to be arranged with people making their way to the Church for songs of praise at 4pm. The aim of the day is to get all the village involved, childrens games/fancy dress etc and prize draw.
- ii) **Proposed Nikki White, Seconded Tony Costigan, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:** to approve expenditure for the event not exceeding £491.00.

23.026 Grant Application

Proposed Tony Costigan, Seconded Nikki White, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: to approve the grant application from Citizens Advice East Hampshire for £150.

23.027 Parish Council Meeting Venue – to be deferred to a future meeting.

23.028 Defibrillator Replacement Battery

Proposed Nikki White, Seconded Tony Costigan, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: to approve expenditure for the purchase of a new battery costing circa £300.

23.029 Website Photo Competition

Entries will close at the end of April. Councillors will review the entries and choose a winner in May.

23.030 Email Accounts

Tim Lipscombe reported that he had sought technical assistance regarding the email spoofing and had implemented a fix which he hopes has solved the problem.

23.031 Councillor Recruitment

Tony Costigan suggested he tried to send something from a District Council level which will be circulated and put on the Parish Council website.

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23.032 Community Updates

Community Care – There were 11 trips in March. One villager who doesn't normally use the service, was extremely grateful for a trip to Basingstoke Hospital. The Care Group did 95 trips in 2022. And held their usual Bingo tea at the end of March. It was held in Wivelrod. 22 people attended the tea, and the food was donated by members of the Care Group. They shall be manning our usual stall at the fete in July:- silent auction, and lucky bags.

23.033 Speed Indicator Sign (SID) / SpeedWatch Update

Tim Lipscombe read report provided by David Maltby.

SID Report for 12th March to 26th March at Denyers

Vehicles:	23,766
31-35mph:	8,136
36-40mph:	2,704
41-45mph:	599
46-50mph:	141
51-60mph:	39
61-70mph:	2
71-80mph:	1

There were 3,486 exceeding 35mph in the two week period, with one vehicle recorded at 73mph on Thursday 23rd March at 07:17 travelling towards the A339, and one vehicle recorded at 65mph on Friday 24th March at 23:02 travelling towards Medstead.

The total recorded exceeding 35mph since the start year including the above is 12,632, and so far this year there have been 5 exceeding 60mph. This is over 1,000 vehicles per week exceeding 35mph since beginning of the year!

If the proposed planning application for 120 houses behind Reads in Medstead is approved, then in my view our traffic problem will only get worse.

Our roads through the village are already in a terrible state and additional construction traffic will only accelerate the deterioration..... does Bentworth have any say in this planning application?

As not only will we get the increase in speeding traffic, there is also the impact on our environment through noise and air quality.

Regards
David

23.034 Action Log – update from Tim Lipscombe.

23.035 Internal Audit 2022/2023

Proposed Tony Costigan, Seconded Nikki White, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: to approve expenditure of £275 plus travel expenses of approximately £15 for the Internal Audit.

23.036 Accounts 2022/2023

Proposed Nikki White, Seconded Tony Costigan, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: to approve the following payment:

a) Louisa Thomson – Clerk Salary February 2023 (Paid)	£484.73
b) Louisa Thomson – Clerk's expenses February 2023 – Speedgun (Paid)	£228.88
c) Louisa Thomson – Clerk Salary March 2023	£484.73
d) Louisa Thomson – Clerk's expenses March 2023	£134.11
e) HM Revenue & Customs – January, February & March	£124.80
f) Citizens Advice East Hampshire – Grant	£150.00

23.037 Next Meeting - Confirm the date of the next scheduled meeting is Tuesday 16th May 2023.

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

Signed.....
Chair Bentworth Parish Council

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