

# BENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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Clerk: Allison Spyer

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## MINUTES OF MEETING

Tuesday 3 December 2019, 7.30pm, Village School Jubilee Hall, Bentworth

Present:

Parish Councillors	Clerk	District & County Councillors	Others
Jane Costigan (Chair) Veronica Parker (VC) Tony Costigan Callum Knight	Allison Spyer		11 Members of the public

		ACTION FOR
28.16	<b>Apologies for absence:</b> Chris Hurley & Danny Green	
28.17	<b>Police update:</b> PC Nops advised that sheds and garages are being heavily targeted between the hours of ten and two and alarming these buildings is proving to be the only real deterrent. However one arrest has been made recently. PC Nops also reported to the council that as of the new year he has been seconded to a different department and won't be at future meetings. The Parish Council would like to express our thanks for his help and advice over the years.	
28.18	<b>Declarations of interest:</b> There were no declarations of interest.	
28.19	<b>Minutes:</b> The minutes from 5 November 2019 were approved and signed off. Proposed by JC and seconded by CK with unanimous agreement from the rest of the council.	
28.20	<b>Public Section:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Damage to the trees opposite the cricket pitch were discussed. Pictures will be sent to the clerk.</li><li>• Rather than reinstate the white lines down Holt End Lane it was suggested that new lines down either side of the road be implemented making the road look narrower and hopefully slowing traffic down. CK to speak with IJ.</li><li>• The glass on noticeboard is dirty and TC offered to clean it.</li></ul>	CK TC
28.21	<b>Matters Arising:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Grit Bins</b> – HCC will not change the contents or bins until manually emptied.</li><li>• <b>Tree Application</b> – This has been submitted and approved.</li><li>• <b>Village Christmas Tree</b> – Local resident is donating a tree to the village and would like to organise a social event to decorate. The Parish council offered</li></ul>	

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	up their thanks and agreed this would be a lovely idea. Event to be advertised through FB and JS.	JC/JS
28.22	<b>District Councillor Update:</b> EHDC have 125000 trees to plant (the equivalent of one tree per resident). The variety of trees will be mixed. JC to put on FB and website.	JC
28.23	<b>Footpath Redirection:</b> St Marys Head Teacher Jo Ayres was in attendance to explain the schools intention to apply for the rerouting of a footpath that goes through the school field. This obviously poses a security threat to the children of the school and the PC were supportive of the application. St Marys will start the process but it will be lengthy. JA promised to keep PC informed. JA will get official statement from HCC re who is responsible for the up keep of the new paths.	
28.24	<b>Traffic Calming:</b> The Parish Council recently trialled a speed monitoring device in the village and the results were significant, During the week there were 2940 cars passing through the village and 55.5% of them were speeding. There were 1480 of the total exceeding 40mph, 147 exceeding 50 mph and 5 exceeding 60 mph. In light of this evidence and the fact that the majority of cars slowed on approaching the SID, VP proposed that the Parish Council buys it's own equipment and suggested a budget of up to £5000.00. CK seconded the motion and the rest of the council were in unanimous agreement. The device will be sited in different locations around the village and will also be used in conjunction with the SpeedWatch volunteers. JC will email the results to Jo Ayres.	JC
28.25	<b>Finance:</b>	
a	<b>Payments for approval:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Allison Spyer, Salary £439.80</li><li>• Allison Spyer, Expenses £41.39</li><li>• Allison Spyer, PAYE £40.20</li></ul> All payments were approved. Proposed by JC and seconded by CK with unanimous agreement from the rest of the council.	
b	<b>Receipts:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No current receipts</li></ul>	
c	<b>Current Account Balance:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The balance of current account is £15,476.00</li></ul>	
28.26	<b>Village Appearance:</b>	TC

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bench Refurbishment – Bench has gone to Menshed in Alton should be around £130 for material plus a donation of £100. TC to pay out of his DC grants.</li></ul>	
28.27	<b>Planning Committee</b> There have been no planning meetings this month.	
28.28	<b>Councillors Report:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Environment, Pond &amp; Open Spaces</b> – Nothing to report</li><li>• <b>Traffic &amp; Highways</b> – All things discussed at last meeting has been reported</li><li>• <b>Young People &amp; Families</b> – Nothing to report</li><li>• <b>Website</b> – Nothing to report</li><li>• <b>Communications</b> – Nothing to report</li><li>• <b>Village Green</b> - Nothing to report</li><li>• <b>St Marys School</b> – Christmas fair. Christmas service on the 19<sup>th</sup>.</li></ul>	
28.29	<b>Other Reports:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Community Care</b> – Four members have left but four new members have been recruited.</li><li>• <b>Neighbourhood Watch</b> – FB and whatsapp notification groups are expanding and telephone system still in place.</li></ul>	
28.30	<b>Correspondence:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No correspondence received</li></ul>	
28.31	<b>Meetings Forthcoming and Attended:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No meetings to report</li></ul>	
28.32	<b>Date of next Meeting:</b> Next meeting will be held on Tuesday 4 February 2020. JC thanked all those for attending and the meeting was closed at 8.50pm	

Signed ..... Date .....