BENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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Scott Neville - Chairman, Simon Lane – Vice Chairman, Christian Browning and Sheena Robertson

MINUTES OF MEETING

Tuesday 16th June 2026 at Jubilee Hall, Bentworth

Present:

Parish Councillors	Clerk	District & County Councillors	Others
Scott Neville Simon Lane Christian Browning Sheena Robertson	Louisa Thomson		Members of the public

26.083 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Apologies were received from Sheena Robertson for her late arrival.

26.084 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED
The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 2nd June 2026, copies previously circulated. **Proposed as a true record by Simon Lane, Seconded Christian Browning, RESOLVED and signed by chairman Scott Neville.**

26.085 DECLARATION OF INTEREST
Simon Lane declared and interest in agenda item 10. Village Green Grass Cutting.

26.086 COUNCILLOR UPDATES – Updated action log attached Appendix A.

26.087 PLANNING – Council considered the following planning items, their comments will be forwarded to EHDC.

a) EHDC-26-0463-LBC — Kings Farm, Windmill Lane, Lower Wield — **NO OBJECTION**
Removal of thatch and installation of metal roof.
Proposed Simon Lane, Seconded Sheena Roberton, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: Bentworth Parish Council have no objection to this application.

b) EHDC-26-0476-HSE — The Brambles, Church Street, Bentworth — **NO OBJECTION**
Demolition of existing conservatory and construction of larger replacement conservatory in the same position.
Proposed Sheena Robertson, Seconded Simon Lane, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: Bentworth Parish Council have no objection to this application.

c) EHDC-26-0603-PA3QB — The Old Grain Dryer Station Road, Bentworth
Prior Approval for the proposed conversion of the existing agricultural barn into 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.
Proposed Simon Lane, Seconded Christian Browning, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: Bentworth Parish Council confirm Prior Approval is required, any application for this site needs to go through the full planning process.

d) EHDC-26-0488-FUL — Land North Of Lower Park Farm Abbey Road, Medstead — **OBJECT**
Retrospective creation of six Gypsy and Traveller pitches together with the formation of hard standing, and the erection of six day rooms.
Proposed Simon lane, Seconded Sheena Robertson, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: Bentworth Parish Council objects to this application and agrees with and supports Beech Parish Council's comments, copy attached. And would also raise concerns regarding the sewage on site as according to South East Water the area the site is in has the poorest ground water quality in the Lasham catchment.

Full comments attached Appendix B.

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Proposed Chrisitan Browning, Seconded Simon Lane, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: to suspend Standing Orders to allow members of the public to speak on the next item.

Member of the public confirmed the PCC has been approached regarding finance for a new mower. Council have suggested the applicant also applies to EHDC District Councillor grant.

Proposed Simon Lane, Seconded Christian Browning, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: to reinstate Standing Orders.

26.088 GRANT APPLICATION
Proposed Simon Lane, Seconded Christian Browning, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: to approve grant funding of £300 towards the purchase of a new mower, to be offset against the Neighbourhood CIL if possible.

Simon Lane took no part in the discussion or decision of the next item.

26.089 VILLAGE GREEN GRASS CUTTING
Proposed Christian Browning, Seconded Sheena Robertson, CARRIED: confirm the Village Green will be cut by SJL Contracting @ £90 per cut for 10 cut.

26.078 WEBSITE HOSTING AND EMAILS

a) **Proposed Christian Browning, Seconded Simon Lane, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:** to approve costs of £575.71 for 2 years website hosting.

b) **Proposed Simon Lane, Seconded Sheena Robertson, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:** to increase the website email capacity from 500 to 5,000 per month costing £12.20 per month.

26.091 AUTOSPEEDWATCH AND TRAFFIC CALMING
Council will look into traffic calming options which can be presented to the residents for consultation.

26.092 NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY
This item to be carried forward to the July meeting.

26.093 COMMUNITY UPDATES
Community Care – have two new members.
Neighbourhood Watch – nothing to update.

26.094 ACCOUNTS 2026/27
Proposed Sheena Robertson, Seconded Christian Browning, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to approve the following payments which will be authorised by Scott Neville.

a)	Mrs L Thomson – Clerk's Salary June 2026	£514.13
b)	Mrs L Thomson – Clerk's Expenses June 2026	£ 20.90
c)	HM Revenue & Customs	£341.45
d)	DCK Payroll Solutions Ltd – Monthly Payroll processing	£ 38.28
e)	SJL Contacting – Village Green grass cutting	£ 90.00
f)	Bentworth PCC – Lawn mower grant (approved in item 26.088)	£300.00
g)	Website Hosting (approved in item 26.078)	£575.71

26.095 MEETING DATES

a) A planning meeting will be held on Tuesday 30th June 2026.
b) The next monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday 21st July 2026.

CLOSE OF MEETING – The Chair thanked all present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.23pm.

Signed……
Scott Neville - Chair Bentworth Parish Council

21st July 2026