BENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Mrs Louisa Thomson
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Neal Day - Chairman, Nikki White – Vice Chairman, Veronica Parker, Scott Neville, Simon Lane and Tony Costigan

Minutes of Meeting Tuesday 1st August 2023

Parish Councillors	Clerk	District & County Councillors	Others
Neal Day - Chair Veronica Parker Scott Neville Nikki White Simon Lane	Louisa Thomson		Members of the public

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME
Members of the public made the following comments to the Parish Council

- Following on from District Councillor Costigan's comments at the last meeting.
  The village has tried to organise a rota for mowing the churchyard but it's hard to get volunteers, members of the public have been upset by the overgrown graves.
- The Village Green grass has been cut and looks very nice.
- There are trees by the cricket ground that look dead.

23.091 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Apologies were received and accepted from Tony Costigan.

23.092 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
Signed as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 4th July 2023. **Proposed by Nikki White Seconded by Scott Neville. UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED Signed by Chairman Neal Day.**

23.093 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
Planning application 57954/004 – Agricultural Building, Station Road, Bentworth.
There is nothing in the documentation about vehicular access and there have only been two parking spaces per dwelling which doesn't seem enough also concerned about the disposal of sewage from the development which doesn't seem to be adequate.

23.094 PLANNING
Councillors considered two planning application, their comments to be forwarded East Hampshire District Council.

Proposed Nikki White, Seconded Simon Lane, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to suspend Standing Orders so member of the public can comment on the application for St Mary's House.

A member of the public wanted to be certain that the Parish Council realised that in the proposed amended application the extension was larger.

Proposed Veronica Parker, Seconded Scott Neville, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to reinstate Standing Orders.

i) 32860/004 St Mary's House, Church Street, Bentworth **OBJECT**
Single storey front and rear extensions, two-storey rear extension, first floor side extension and minor internal amendments.

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Proposed Veronica Parker, Seconded Simon Lane, UNANIMOUSLY RESOVED to OBJECT.
Bentworth Parish Council object to the amendment on the basis that it probably pushes over the 50% permitted development rule on an already overdeveloped house in the centre of the village which boarders the conservation area.

ii) 57954/004 Agricultural Building, Station Road **PRIOR APPROVAL REQUIRED**

Prior Notification of Change of use of Agricultural Building to up to 3 dwellings Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015

Application to determine if prior approval is required for a change of use of an agricultural building to 4 small dwellinghouses and 1 large dwellinghouse (Use Class C3) and for building operations reasonably necessary for the conversion. This application follows Prior Approval granted under decision dated 24 September 2020 (LPA Ref:57954/001) and is the same as previously approved on 24th September 2020.

Proposed Nikki White, Seconded Simon Lane, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: Bentworth Parish Council agree prior approval for change of use is definitely required.

23.095 GRANT APPLICATION
Request from St Mary's Church for grant funding towards the churchyard maintenance of an initial £1,000 and £500 per annum thereafter.
Clerk to request copies of quotations for the maintenance work and tree survey and enquire if they have any other sources of funding or grant applications available.

23.096 SPEED CAMERA APPLICATION

Proposed Scott Neville, Seconded Simon Lane, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to suspend Standing Orders so members of the public can speak on this item.

Council updated with information regarding changing the existing poles used for the Speed Indicator Sign to new higher poles which would be needed for the AutoSpeedWatch cameras.

Proposed Nikki White, Seconded Simon Lane, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to reinstate Standing Orders.

Scott Neville will complete the application form with help from David Maltby who moves the Speed Indicator Sign and collates the speeding information.

23.097 ACCOUNTS 2023/2024
Proposed Nikki White, Seconded Veronica Parker, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: To approve the following payment:

a)	Louisa Thomson – Clerk Salary July 2023	£476.73
b)	Louisa Thomson – Clerk's expenses July 2023	£ 30.69
c)	DCK Payroll Solutions – Payroll monthly processing	£ 36.36
d)	Hampshire Association of Local Councils – Councillor training	£117.60
e)	Scott Neville – Bentworth PC website hosting	£ 71.86

23.098 **Community Updates**
Community Care – 11 trips were made last month. The annual summer tea party was held last week with food provided by the Community Care members.

Neighbourhood Watch – Agricultural and machinery thefts are on the increase.

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23.099 **Speed Indicator Device (SID) / SpeedWatch**

Report from David Maltby.
SID Report for 16 July to 30 July at Wellers

Vehicles Recorded 20,981

31-35mph	5,921
36-40mph	1,492
41-45mph	317
46-50mph	60
51-60mph	16
61-70mph	1
71-80mph	0

So,
Exceeding 30mph 7,807 or 37.21% of recorded vehicles
Exceeding 35mph 1,886 or 8.99% of recorded vehicles

We had one vehicle doing 63mph travelling towards Medstead at 21:11 on Sunday 16th July.

Year to date:
Exceeding 35mph 28,452

regards
David

23.100 **Next Meeting** - confirm the date of the next scheduled Council meeting, Tuesday 5th September 2023.

23.101 **Close of meeting –** The chairman thanked all present and closed the meeting at 8.15pm

Signed……
Chair Bentworth Parish Council

5th September 2023