# BENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of Meeting Tuesday 20th February 2024**

| Parish Councillors | Clerk | District & County Councillors | Others |
|---|---|---|---|
| Neal Day - Chair<br>Scott Neville<br>Simon Lane<br>David Eyre-Brook<br>Christian Browning | Louisa Thomson | Tony Costigan | Members of the public |

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME
During public question time it was brought to the Councils attention that a planning notice had been posted regarding the Land South of Glebe Fields, application number 60094. District Councillor Tony Costigan who was present at the meeting confirmed he would contact the planning officer and get back to the Parish Council with an update.

23.164 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Apologies were received and accepted from Veronica Parker and Nikki White.

23.165 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
Signed as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 6th February 2024. **Proposed by Simon Lane, Seconded by David Eyre-Brook, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED Signed by Chairman Neal Day.**

23.166 DECLARATION OF INTEREST
Councillor Christian Browning declared and interest in item 7. Planning application 31123/002.

23.167 REPORT DISTRICT COUNCILLOR
- Speed Cameras – Three AutoSpeedWatch cameras have been allocated to Bentworth by EHDC, Councillor Costigan encourages the Parish Council to purchase a fourth camera.
- '20' is plenty scheme may be implemented soon and the cameras could be used to track this. Parishes will need to apply to take part in the scheme. Drivers could potentially be fined up to £1,000, the fines would be issued by EHDC using the parking ticket system. There is a meeting with the police in March to try to progress this.

**Councillor Chrisitan Browning took no part in the discussion or decision of the following item.**

23.168 PLANNING - Council considered one planning application, their comments forwarded to East Hampshire District Council.
31123/002 Paddock Bend, Holt End Lane, Bentworth
Change of use of redundant stable block to be rebuilt as a 2 No. Bedroom annex.

**Proposed Scott Neville, Seconded Simon Lane, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:**
Bentworth Parish Council have no objection to this application.

23.169 EAST HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL - Draft Local Plan 2021-2040 (Regulation 18 Consultation).
**Proposed Simon Lane, Seconded Scott Neville, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:** that the following comments are submitted to EHDC.

'In principle the draft local plan looks good but on closer inspection it appears there is an excessive housing target placed on Bentworth compared to other similar small villages. Bentworth is a village with no amenities except a part time public house.

Page 330 Settlement Hierarchy and Proposed sites
Why is Bentworth identified in the settlement hierarchy (5) with a score 1
out of 40. it has no amenities except for a part time pub. Lasham which scores 0 on the settlement hierarchy ranking has a pub, industrial park with employment opportunities, a large garden centre offering a restaurant and groceries and a large flying club/airport offering further employment. How can Lasham be a lower rating?
Villages in downland ward have similar amenities to Bentworth but only Bentworth has a housing target. 10 houses for the historic village of Bentworth and zero for the remainder of Downland Ward!

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The draft plan runs to 2040. If signed off in Autumn of 2025 it will have a potential 15-year validity. In the 18 months to finalisation of the plan Bentworth could exceed targets for this local plan if current planningapplications are approved but would not impact further opportunities for development on the proposed sites.

Page 462 of draft plan states there is a funding gap for improvement works associated with St Marys School . New housing development in Bentworth would improve the justification for the allocation of additional CIL funding.
Build Houses in Bentworth to fill a school funding gap?
Most of the children attending Bentworth school don't live in Bentworth but the residents of Bentworth have to pay a price for the school.Few children attending the school live in Bentworth . If children are attending from other areas in east Hampshire why should Bentworth residents be paying for improvements.
Villagers have to put up with traffic from parents driving their children to school.
We already pay a high price for this school.'

23.170 BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE BOROUGH COUNCIL – LOCAL PLAN
**Proposed Scott Neville, Seconded David Eyre-Brooke, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:** that Bentworth Parish Council have no comment to make.

23.171 SPEED CAMERA APPLICATION

i) **Proposed Scott Neville, Seconded Simon Lane, RESOLVED BY MAJORITY (Christian Browning voted against):** Neal Day signs the EHDC speed camera application on behalf of the Parish Council.

ii) **Proposed Scott Neville, Seconded David Eyre-Brook, RESOLVED BY MAJORITY (Christian Browning abstained):** to approve the installation costs provided by Hampshire County Council up to £300.

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| Hold End Lane | - post extension | £ 91.82 |
| Station Road | - post installation | £ 134.14 |
| Camera signs x 2 @ £31.86 | | £ 63.72 |

23.172 BENTWORTH FETE 2024 - This item will be postponed until after 1st April 2024.

23.173 HAMPSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS ANNUAL CONFERENCE – 20th March
**Proposed Simon Lane, Seconded David Eyre-Brook, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:** To approve £75 expenditure if any councillor is able to attend.

23.174 LITTER PICK
The litter pick will take place on Saturday 9th March, meeting on the village green at 10am.

23.175 JUBILEE HALL
**Proposed Scott Neville, Seconded David Eyre-Brook, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:** to hold the Parish Council meetings in the Jubilee Hall for the next 12 months.

23.176 ACCOUNTS 2023/2024

I) Summary of Receipts and Payments for the 3rd Quarter Ended 31st 2023 were Presented to Council as follows:

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| BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD on 01/10/23 | £25,810.01 |
| ADD Total Receipts | £ 35.11 |
| LESS Total payments | £ 3,771.10 |
| Balance Carried forward 30/09/23 | £22,074.02 |
| These cumulative funds are represented by: | |
| Current Account Balance | £10,954.02 |
| BB Inst Account Balance (Neighbourhood CIL) | £11,120.00 |
| | £22,074.02 |

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II) **Proposed David Eyre-Brook, Seconded Simon Lane, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:** To approve the following payments:

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| a) | Louisa Thomson – Clerk's Salary February 2024 | £504.40 |
| b) | Louisa Thomson – Clerk's expenses February 2024 | £ 6.65 |
| c) | DCK Payroll Solutions – Payroll monthly processing | £ 36.36 |
| d) | St Mary's Bentworth E.E. Primary School – Hall hire | £165.00 |

23.177 COUNCILLOR ROLES

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|---|---|---|
| Planning | - | Neal Day |
| Finance | - | Nikki White |
| Highways / Footpaths and Environment | - | Davide Eyre-Brook and Simon Lane |
| School Liaison | - | Simon Lane |
| Communications and Newsletter | - | Scott Neville |

23.178 COUNCILLOR UPDATES
Noticeboard repair – Simon Lane has received three estimates/quotations for the repairs.
Councillor Surgery – To be held at the Jubilee Hall on Saturday 16th March 9.30am – 11am and Saturday 13th April 9.30am – 11am.

23.179 COMMUNITY UPDATES
**Community Care –** The care group undertook 7 trips in the last two weeks.
**Neighbourhood Watch** - Nothing to report.

23.180 SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE (SID) / SPEEDWATCH - Report from David Maltby.
**SID Report for 31 December to 14 January at Wellers Place.**

Vehicles Recorded 18,103

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|---|---|
| 31-35mph | 5,192 |
| 36-40mph | 1,355 |
| 41-45mph | 296 |
| 46-50mph | 50 |
| 51-60mph | 12 |
| 61-70mph | 1 |
| 71-80mph | 0 |

So,
Exceeding 30mph 6,906 or 38.15% of recorded vehicles
Exceeding 35mph 1,714 or 9.47% of recorded vehicles

On Sunday 31st December at 20:12 vehicle travelling towards Medstead at 60mph.
On Monday 8th January at 01:01 vehicle travelling towards Medstead at 63mph.

**SID Report for 14 to 28 January at Denyers.**

Vehicles Recorded 23,631

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| 31-35mph | 8,197 |
| 36-40mph | 2,678 |
| 41-45mph | 595 |
| 46-50mph | 109 |
| 51-60mph | 26 |
| 61-70mph | 1 |
| 71-80mph | 0 |

So,
Exceeding 30mph 11,606 or 49.11% of recorded vehicles
Exceeding 35mph 3,409 or 14.43% of recorded vehicles

On Wednesday 17th January at 19:20 vehicle travelling towards Medstead at 61mph.

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Year to date: Exceeding 35mph 5,123

With regard to the data above from Denyers the number of recorded vehicles (both directions) is the 4th highest in a two week period since start of 2022.
Also the speed numbers above for Denyers are 2-3% higher than for the same period and location in 2023.

Regards
David

23.181 NEXT MEETING - confirm the date of the next scheduled Council meeting, Tuesday 2nd April 2024.

23.182 CLOSE OF MEETING **–** The chairman thanked all present and closed the meeting at 8.30pm

Signed……

Chair Bentworth Parish Council
2nd April 2024