# BENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

**Clerk: Louisa Thomson**
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*Neal Day - Chairman, Nikki White – Vice Chairman, Scott Neville, Simon Lane, Christian Browning, David Eyre-Brook and Sheena Robertson*

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**Tuesday 2 December 2025 at Jubilee Hall, Bentworth**

**Present:**

| Parish Councillors | Clerk | District & County Councillors | Others |
|---|---|---|---|
| Neal Day - Chairman<br>Nikki White<br>Simon Lane<br>Scott Neville<br>Christian Browning<br>David Eyre-Brook<br>Sheena Robertson | Louisa Thomson | | Members of the public |

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – NON-AGENDA ITEMS
Members of the public addressed the Council, their comments have been noted on the action log which will be issued as Appendix A.

25.114 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Apologies were received from Councillor Sheena Robertson, for her late arrival.

25.115 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED
The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 4th November 2025 **Proposed as a true record by Simon Lane, Seconded Nikki White and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED and signed by chairman Neal Day.**

25.116 COUNCILLOR UPDATES AND ACTION LOG UPDATE
Action log with updates will be published separately, Appendix A.

Neal Day - Councillors have held an informal interim meeting to progress outstanding Council items. Community Land will be on the next agenda.

David Eyre Brook - New pads have been purchased for the defibrillator.
Simon Lane will contact the school to keep the access to the cabinet clear.

Nikki White – Christmas tree will go up on Saturday 6th December, decorating on Sunday 7th at midday.

Simon Lane – Completed resident survey can be placed in the post box which will be on the pedestrian gate to St Mary's School. The survey will run from the 6th December until the end of January.

Scott Neville – AutoSpeedWatch camera conspicuously kits will be installed soon.

Christian Browning – The Sun will be open at lunchtime on Christmas Day and will be holding a Christmas sing-a-long on Thursday 18th December.

25.117 GRANT APPLICATIONS
a) **Proposed Nikki White, Seconded Simon Lane, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:** to award £250 to The Villager towards its running costs.
b) **Proposed Simon Lane, Seconded Nikki White, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:** to approve the grant application from Alton Ramblers for £50.

25.118 VILLAGE POND – Update from Christian Browning
The survey will be carried out in the spring, a working group should be up and running by Christmas.

25.119 AUTOSPEEDWATCH – Update from Scott Neville
- Hampshire Constabulary won't accept the ASW data, there is a teams meeting scheduled for the 3rd December which will hopefully update further.
- Last month there were no speeders identified going above 40mph past the camera at the cricket club.

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25.120 SPEED LIMIT REMINDER SIGN - Report from David Maltby

SID Report for Denyers between 9 to 23 November.

| | Total (both directions) |
|---|---|
| Vehicles Recorded | 14,606 |
| 31-35mph | 4,599 |
| 36-40mph | 1,146 |
| 41-45mph | 218 |
| 46-50mph | 47 |
| 51-60mph | 15 |
| 61-70mph | 3 |
| >30mph | 6,028(41.27%) |
| >35mph | 1,429(9.78%) |

60mph and higher
Sat 15th November 63mph at 06:04 towards A339.
Mon 17th November 65mph at 23:28 towards Medstead.
Tue 18th November 67mph at 22:34 towards Medstead.

25.121 COMMUNITY UPDATES

a) Community Care – Quiet month with only 6 trips. The festive lunch will take place on Saturday 1st December, thanks to EHDC for funding the event.

b) Neighbourhood Watch – some males have been seen wandering about who disappear when challenged.

25.122 ACCOUNTS2025/2026

**Proposed Nikki White, Seconded Simon lane, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to approve the following payments which will be authorised by Councillor Nikki White.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| a) | Louisa Thomson – Clerk's Salary November 2025 | £519.73 |
| b) | Louisa Thomson – Clerk's Expenses November 2025 | £ 20.02 |
| c) | DCK Payroll Solutions Ltd – Payroll processing November 2025 | £ 38.28 |
| d) | SJL Contracting – Village green grass cutting | £ 90.00 |
| e) | David Eyre-Brooke – Defibrillator pads | £ 79.99 |
| f) | Scott Neville – Newsletter printing | £ 56.75 |
| g) | The Villager Parish Magazine – Grant (If approved in item 8.) | £250.00 |
| h) | Alton Ramblers – Grant (If approved in item 8.) | £ 50.00 |
| i) | Information Commissioner – Data Protection Fee renewal | £ 52.00 |
| j) | Neal Day – Refreshments Chairmans Allowance | £ 19.59 |

December Payments.

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|---|---|---|
| a) | Louisa Thomson – Clerk's Salary December 2025 | £519.53 |
| b) | HM Revenue & Customs | £324.65 |
| c) | DCK Payroll Solutions Ltd – Payroll processing December 2025 | £ 38.28 |

25.113 NEXT MEETING DATE - Confirmed next scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday 3rd February 2026 with an additional Planning meeting on Tuesday 6th January 2026.

CLOSE OF MEETING – The Chair thanked all present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 7.53pm

Signed……
Chair Bentworth Parish Council

3rd February 2026