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MINUTES OF MEETING

Tuesday 2nd July 2024 at Jubilee Hall, Bentworth

Present:

Parish Councillors	Clerk	District & County Councillors	Others
Neal Day Nikki White Scott Neville Simon Lane David Eyre-Brook Christian Browning	Louisa Thomson		Members of the public

24.027 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Veronica Parker and District Councillor Tony Costigan.

24.028 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – Unanimously Resolved
The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 4th June 2024, copies previously circulated. **Proposed as a true record by David Eyre-Brook, Seconded Scott Neville and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED and signed by chairman Neal Day.**

24.029 DECLARATION OF INTEREST
Councillor Simon Lane declared and interest in agenda item 9. Iii) Planning application 24152/009 – Greensleeves, Village Street, Bentworth.

24.030 COUNCILLOR REGISTER OF INTEREST FORM
Councillors were reminded to check all the information in their Register of Interest Form is up to date and if necessary send amendments to the Monitoring Officer at EHDC.

24.031 VILLAGE FETE - No further funding required.

24.032 PLANNING - Council considered four planning applications their comments are forwarded to EHDC.

i) 24622/025 Land to the South of Russell House, Village Street **NO OBJECTION**
Formation of a ground source heat pump and pipeline; with associated earthworks.
Proposed Scott Neville, Seconded Nikki White, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: Bentworth Parish Council have no objection to this application.

ii) 30684/003 Hopbine Cottage, Ashley Road **NO OBJECTION**
Single storey side and rear extension
Proposed Nikki White, Seconded David Eyre-Brook, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: Bentworth Parish Council have no objection to this application.

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

iii) 24152/009 Greensleeves, Village Street **NO OBJECTION**
Listed Building Consent for renovations and alterations to ensure structural stability and improve insulation standards of the existing cottage together with a modest single storey garden extension to the rear
Proposed Scott Neville, Seconded Nikki White, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: Bentworth Parish Council have no objection to this application.

iv) 24528/017 Crossways, Trinity Road **NO OBJECTION**
Conversion of existing linked barns to a single residential dwelling
Proposed Nikki White, Seconded Scott Neville, RESOLVED BY MAJORITY (Neal Day voted against): Bentworth Parish Council have no objection to this application.

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24.033 WEBSITE RENEWAL
Proposed Nikki White, Seconded David Eyre-Brook, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: to renew Bi-Annually costing £575.71 per 2 years = £287.85 per year.

24.034 ACCOUNTS 2024/25
Proposed Simon Lane, Seconded Nikki White, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to approve the following payments:

a)	Louisa Thomson – Clerk Salary June 2024	£493.80
b)	Louisa Thomson – Clerk's expenses June 2024	£ 4.14
c)	HMRC – April, May and June	£201.60
d)	DCK Payroll Solutions Ltd – Payroll processing	£ 36.36
e)	SJL Contracting – Village Green grass cutting April, May & June	£240.00
f)	Hampshire County Council – speed sign posts	£305.50
g)	Charlie Phillips – Fete expenditure	£240.02
h)	Scott Neville – SiteGround Hosting Ltd	£ 33.59
i)	Neal Day – Chairman's allowance Annual Parish Meeting Refreshments	£ 77.29
j)	Scott Neville – SiteGround Hosting Ltd 2 year renewal	£575.71

24.035 AUTOSPEEDWATCH
a) Scott Neville updated
- the camera posts had been installed, the cameras were up and had been registered with AutoSpeedWatch.
- Scott Neville will be a co-ordinator for AutoSpeedWatch.

b) AutoSpeedWatch Policy
Proposed Nikki White, Seconded Scott Neville, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: to adopt the Beech ASW Policy until September when this will be reviewed.

24.036 SPEED INDICATOR SIGN – Report from David Maltby

SID Report for the Wellers between 16 June and 30 June.

	Total (both directions)
Vehicles Recorded	18,282
31-35mph	4,978
36-40mph	1,217
41-45mph	233
46-50mph	36
51-60mph	6
>30mph	6,470 (35.39%)
>35mph	1,492 (8.16%)

Over 50mph

Tues 18 June 57mph 05:24 Southbound

Fri 21 June 52mph 10:01 Northbound

Fri 21 June 52mph 17:56 Southbound

Sat 22 June 55mph 00:24 Northbound

Sun 23 June 51mph 10:48 Southbound

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Thur 27 June 51mph 23:58 Southbound

Sun 30 June 54mph 01:56 Southbound

David

24.036 COUNCILLOR UPDATES

- Planning – Glebe Fields application
  There will be a planning meeting to deal with this on Tuesday 9th July at 7.30pm
- Action Log – will be moved to the start of the agenda.
- Simon Lane
  i. Two broken styles have been replaced with kissing gates by the landowners.
  ii. Simon will contact Alton Ramblers about footpath maintenance.
  iii. Simon has contacted HCC regarding the Ash Tree on the Village Green and is waiting for a reply.
  iv. Two dead trees by the Cricket Ground have been reported to HCC.
  v. The repairs to the noticeboard are due to be carried out in August/September.
- Nikki White – Successful Litter Pick, more litter pickers needed. 8 @ £8.99 = £71.92. This will be included on the next agenda for approval.
- David Eyre-Brook – Potholes have been reported on the HCC website by Councillors and members of the public.
- Christian Browning – Village Pond
  i. Confirmed with the Land Registry the land is unregistered
  ii. Two companies have looked at replacing the liner, so far received a quotation from one company for £32,200 which doesn't include refilling / replanting etc.
  iii. Hopefully will be able to get two further quotations.
  iv. Christian will be looking into possible grant funding.
- Neal Day – The school are creating a Sensor Room and are looking for volunteers to help decorate and set up the room.

24.037 COMMUNITY UPDATES

i) COMMUNITY CARE
9 trips last month which is about average.
Summer Tea Party will be held on 17th August
EHDC grant application completed requesting funding for the Christmas lunch.

ii) NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH
A school care assistants' car was broken into and the contents riffled.
There has been an increase in burglaries in Four Marks and the Four Marks end of Medstead.

24.038 NEXT MEETING
The next scheduled council meeting will be held on Tuesday 3rd September 2024 at 7.30pm, Public Question Time 7.15pm.

CLOSE OF MEETING – The Chair thanked all present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.45pm.

Signed……
Chair Bentworth Parish Council

3rd September 2024