BENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Louisa Thomson
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Scott Neville - Chairman, Simon Lane – Vice Chairman, Christian Browning and Sheena Robertson

MINUTES OF MEETING

Tuesday 2nd June 2026 at Jubilee Hall, Bentworth

Present:

Parish Councillors	Clerk	District & County Councillors	Others
Scott Neville Simon Lane Sheena Robertson	Louisa Thomson	Hampshire County Councillor Antonia Cox	Members of the public

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

Members of the public raised the following items with the councillors:

- Thanks to the council for arranging to have the grass cut at the junction of Jennie Green Lane.
- The sign on the green directing to the Church and School, the letters have rubbed off, Simon Lane will look and update.
- The mower the volunteers use to cut the church yard is broken, would the Parish Council consider grant funding for a new mower. Following receipt of a completed grant application form this will be included on the next agenda for decision.
- Road closed signs are displayed, unsure which roads are being resurfaced and where, Scott Neville checked the Hampshire Highways website and updated.
- Some of the hedges in the village are encroaching on the highway. The hedges shouldn't be cut until after July because of nesting birds. Scott Neville will put an article in The Villager reminding residents to keep their hedges trimmed.

26.069 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Chrisian Browning.

26.070 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED
The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 5th May 2026, copies previously circulated. **Proposed as a true record by Simon Lane, Seconded Sheena Robertson, RESOLVED and signed by chairman Scott Neville.**

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

26.072 COUNCILLOR UPDATES
Simon Lane – Broken styles have been logged with Hampshire County Council for repair, Simon will chase.
Sheena Robertson – Will contact Hampshire Highways regarding possible traffic calming measures.

26.073 GDPR – GENERAL PRIVACY NOTICE AND PRIVACY NOTICE FOR STAFF
Proposed Simon Lane, Seconded Sheena Robertson, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to adopt.

26.074 COUNCILLOR ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES
Scott Neville – Website; Speed Cameras; Litter Pick
Simon Lane – Footpaths; Village Maintenance; School Liaison; Noticeboard Repairs
Sheena Robertson – Road Safety; Defibrillator; Christmas Tree
Christian Browning – Pond

Highways / Potholes; Finance and Planning & Development will be dealt with by all Councillors.

26.075 PLANNING - A retrospective planning application has been lodged for the traveller site at the junction of Medstead Road and Wivelrod Road.

26.076 VILLAGE FETE – The Village Fete Committee have decided to run the event themselves.

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26.077 VILLAGE GREEN GRASS CUTTING – Postponed to the next meeting.

26.078 AUTOSPEEDWATCH - Scott Neville updated

- The conspicuously kit has been added to the third camera.
- The percentage of people traveling at over 35 mph is lower.

26.079 SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE – Report from David Maltby
SID Report for Wellers between 10 to 24 May.

Total (both directions)

Vehicles Recorded	15,427
31-35mph	4,821
36-40mph	1,069
41-45mph	178
46-50mph	25
51-60mph	8
61-70mph	0
>30mph	6,101(39.59%)
>35mph	1,280(8.30%)

No 60mph and over.

26.080 COMMUNITY UPDATES
Community Care – carried out 13 trips last month, they have one new member and a two others expressing an interest in joining.
Neighbourhood Watch – nothing to update.

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

a)	Mrs L Thomson – Clerk's Salary May 2026	£513.93
b)	Mrs L Thomson – Clerk's Expenses May 2026	£ 14.13
c)	St Mary's Benworth CE Primary School – Hall Hire	£ 30.00
d)	DCK Payroll Solutions Ltd – Monthly Payroll processing	£ 38.28
e)	Hampshire ALC – Councillor training C Browning & S Robertson	£288.00

26.082 MEETING DATES

a) Meetings will be kept on Tuesdays, to be reviewed when new councillors join.
b) The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th June 2026.

CLOSE OF MEETING – The Chair thanked all present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.03pm.

Signed……
Scott Neville - Chair Bentworth Parish Council

16th June 2026