BENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING

Tuesday 2 September 2025 at Jubilee Hall, Bentworth

Present:

Parish Councillors	Clerk	District & County Councillors	Others
Nikki White Veronica Parker Scott Neville David Eyre-Brook Christian Browning Sheena Robertson	Annual leave		Members of the public

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
Members of the public addressed the Council, their comments have been noted.

25.071 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Neal Day and Simon Lane and Parish Clerk Louisa Thomson.

25.072 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – Unanimously Resolved
The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 1st July 2025, copies previously circulated. **Proposed as a true record by Scott Neville, Seconded Veronica Parker and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED and signed by chairman Nikki White.**

25.073 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
- Request for clarification of the quotations for the work to the pond.
- Speeding in the village was raised and concern that the money spend on the AutoSpeedWatch cameras in particular wasn't effective and therefore should it be stopped.

25.074 COUNCILLOR UPDATES AND ACTION LOG UPDATE
Action log will be published separately.

25.075 PLANNING - Council considered two planning applications, their comments to be forwarded to EHDC.

a) EHDC-25-0819-HSE — Medstead Grange Farm Trinity Hill — **NO OBJECTION**
Conversion of garage to provide ancillary accommodation.
Proposed Veronica Parker, Seconded Scott Neville, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: Bentworth Parish Council has no objection to this application but request that the new annex should not be allowed to be as a separate entity.

b) EHDC-25-0965-PA3Q2 — Agricultural Building, Station Road
Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed: Change of Use of Buildings on Agricultural Units and former Agricultural Buildings to eight dwellinghouses. The development will utilise the existing structure of the barn, ensuring that the conversion retains the form and scale of the original building.
Proposed Veronica Parker, Seconded Sheena Robertson, UNANIMOUSLY RESOVED: Bentworth Parish Council feel this is an issue for the EHDC planners but would request that a new application is submitted for this.

25.076 GRANT
Decision on the following grant applications is postponed until the October meeting.
a) St Mary's Church, Bentworth – Church Yard Maintenance £600
b) Bentworth Cricket Club – Running costs and updating facilities £500
c) The Rosemary Foundation Hospice at Home £30

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25.077 VILLAGE POND
Council considered two quotations:

a)	Supply pond liner and underlay quotation	£10,734.48 inc VAT
b)	Supply and install pond liner, underlay and water plants	£14,385,98

Proposed Christian Browning, Seconded Veronica Parker, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: in principle the lower quotation should be accepted subject to clarifying the source of funding for the works.

25.078 AUTOSPEEDWATCH
Councillors will meet to consider what options are available and this will be included on the October agenda for decision.
Hampshire County Council to be contacted to find their view.

25.079 DOG FOULING
This appears to be an increasing problem especially around Glebe Fields area.
Proposed Veronica Parker, Seconded Sheena Robertson, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: Dog owners are responsible for disposing of dog fouling. Veronica Parker will write a short article to go in The Villager and circulated on the village email list.

25.080 COMMUNITY UPDATES
a) Community Care – Summer tea party will be held in Wivelrod on Saturday 13th September.
b) Neighbourhood Watch – Be aware of scams, particularly asking for details of your winter fuel payments. The government doesn't do this so it will be a scam.

25.081 ACCOUNTS 2025/26
Proposed Veronica Parker, Seconded Scott Neville, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to approve the following payments:

a)	Louisa Thomson – Clerk's Salary August 2025	£577.99
b)	Louisa Thomson – Clerk's Expenses	£107.59
c)	DCK Payroll Solutions Ltd – Payroll processing August 2025	£ 38.28
d)	Hampshire County Council – ASW camera post installation	£315.59

25.082 CLERK'S SALARY – Noted by Council
The National Joint Council for Local Government Services has agreed rates of pay applicable from 1st April 2025. The Clerk's contract states pay scale of SCP 20, this has increased by 53p per hour, this increase has been backdated to 1st April 2025.

25.083 NEXT MEETING DATE
Confirmed next scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday 7th October 2025.

CLOSE OF MEETING – The Chair thanked all present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.26pm

Signed……
Chair Bentworth Parish Council

7th October 2025