BENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING

Tuesday 3rd December 2024 at Jubilee Hall, Bentworth

Present:

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
Members of the public raised the following items.

- If the police won't adopt the AutoSpeedWatch camera information could they be used as an intelligence tool to track vehicles used in burglaries etc.
- There hasn't been a report from the County Councillor for some time.

24.088 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED
The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 5th November 2024, copies previously circulated.
Proposed as a true record by Simon Lane, Seconded Nikki White and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED and signed by chairman Neal Day.

24.089 RESPONSE TO PUBLIC QUESTION FROM LAST MONTHS MEETING
Neal Day read a statement from the Parish Council, attached Appendix A.

24.090 COUNCILLOR UPDATES AND ACTION LOG

- Clerk - having checked with the Hampshire Association of Local Councils any styles and kissing gates provided or funded by the Parish Council, the maintenance is the Parish Councils responsibility unless agreed otherwise by the landowner. Council need to identify which this applies to.
- Nikki White - the Christmas Tree will be delivered by the end of the week and new battery-operated lights have been purchased which are rechargeable.
- Christian Browning – is waiting for quotations to plant and turf the pond edges.
- Simon Lane updated on behalf of Scott Neville - Parish Council Newsletter has been printed and will be distributed by hand by Councillors.

24.091 PLANNING
Council reviewed two planning applications; their comments are forwarded to EHDC.

a) 32322/004 Jockeys, Holt End Lane **NO OBJECTION**
Single storey extension and dormer window to rear.
Proposed Nikki White, Seconded Simon Lane, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: Bentworth Parish Council has no objection to this application.

b) HCC/2024/0535 **NO COMMENT**

- **Variation of Conditions 13 (Noise monitoring scheme) and 15 (Removal of plant, buildings, structures, hard standings and haul roads) of Planning Permission BDB/64542**
- **Installation of a new oil storage tank at Weston Common, Humbly Grove Oilfield**
- **Variation of Conditions 2 (Hours of working) and 3 (Restoration) of Planning Permission 17/00289/CMA**
- **Variation of Conditions 1 (Exportation of oil by tanker) and 17 (Removal of plant, buildings, structures, hard standings and haul roads) of Planning Permission 17/01340/HCC**
- **Variation of Conditions 1 (Exportation of oil by tanker) and 17 (Removal of plant, buildings, structures, hard standings and haul roads) of Planning Permission 17/01917/CMA**
- **Variation of Conditions 9 (Removal of plant, buildings, structures, hard standings and haul roads) and 14 (Noise monitoring procedure) of Planning Permission BDB/55931**

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- **Variation of Conditions 2 (Removal of the gas turbine electrical generator units), 3 (Noise suppression scheme) and 6 (External wall paint colour) of Planning Permission BDB48339**
- **Variation of Conditions 1 (Exportation of oil by tanker) and 17 (Removal of plant, buildings, structures, hard standings and haul roads) of Planning Permission 26326/014**
- **Variation of Conditions 2 (External materials) and 3 (Cessation of the use and removal of post control building) of Planning Permission BDB/68298**
- **Variation of Conditions 2 (Retention of plant, buildings, structures, hard standings and haul roads) and 11 (Vehicular parking and turning) of Planning Permission 11/01156/CMA**
- **Variation of Conditions 26 (Restoration), 2 (Siting, design, external appearance and access to above ground structures, discharged on 14.04.2005), Condition 21 (noise monitoring scheme, discharged on 14.04.2005) and the removal of discharged pre-commencement Conditions 1 (Submission of method of working), 23 and 24 (Bat investigation) and 25 (Written archaeological scheme of investigation) of Planning Permission RFBZ/001/0031C.**

Humbly Grove Oilfield, The Avenue, Lasham Hampshire GU34 5SY

The Council has received the above 11 planning application, details of which can be viewed on the Development Management website at:
https://planning.hants.gov.uk/Planning/Display/HCC/2024/0535

Proposed Nikki White, Seconded Simon Lane, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: Bentworth Parish Council has no comment.

24.092 JUBILEE NOTICEBOARD

Nikki White updated Council – following receipt of a new condition report and quotation. **Proposed Nikki White, Seconded David Eyre-Brook, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:** subject to the work details to approve the quotation up to £1,200 excluding VAT.

24.093 AUTOSPEEDWATCH CAMERAS

a) Update from Councillor Simon Lane on behalf of Scott Neville –

- The camera on Station Road has been re-aligned and is recording vehicles again.
- The camera on Holt End Lane appears to be fine, but because of the short day (and the devices are only solar powered) they are missing the rush hour traffic at the start and end of the day so low volumes are expected.
- In October there were 5 vehicles recorded on Holt End Lane doing over 40mph, vehicle registrations have been confirmed.
- In October there were 37 vehicles recorded on Station Road doing over 40mph, vehicle registrations have been confirmed.
- The suggestion has been received to purchase the auto speed watch solar boosting pack, which is a n extra solar panel to help provide more power to the units, these are £112 each. However, for these to be useful we will need to get the post extensions in place (as they will be too low).
- There is an extra tilt adaptor which costs £36.65 and might make the camera more effective on Station Road, but I suggest we get the pole extensions first.
- Regarding the proposed camera on Trinity Road, I have identified what I believe to be a suitable site based on the distances required for the cameras to work (direction of Medstead to A339). However, as you might expect I don't have 100% recall on the details of the East Hampshire District Council AutoSpeedWatch usage policy and the Hampshire County Council Street Clutter Policy, which the site must comply with to use the cameras. I will try to re-reasd these policies to confirm the sites compliance and then will complete the S176 paperwork for submission to HCC, at this point the Parish Council will need to pay for the S176 licence at the standard cost.

b) **Proposed Nikki White, Seconded Simon Lane, RESOLVED (Christian Browning voted against):** To approve the expenditure of up to £220 for the purchase of extension poles and fixings for the ASW cameras.

c) Council to decide where to install the third ASW camera – this item to be deferred to the February 2025 meeting.

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24.094 ST MARY'S BENTWORTH C.E PRIMARY SCHOOL
Proposed Simon Lane, Seconded David Eyre-Brook, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:
Following letters received from the school children about a possible hedgehog crossing, Council to approved expenditure for the purchase: hedgehog house @ £22; 2 bat boxes £21.99 and 2 bird boxes £12.99.

24.095 PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER
The third issue has been printed and will be hand delivered by Councillors over the next week.

24.096 SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE – Report from David Maltby
SID Report for Denyers between 3 Nov and 17 Nov.

	Total (both directions)
Vehicles Recorded	23,369
31-35mph	7,461
36-40mph	2,342
41-45mph	548
46-50mph	111
51-60mph	16
>30mph	10,478 (44.84%)
>35mph	3,017 (12.91%)

24.097 COMMUNITY UPDATES
a) Community Care – 10 trips last month, they have full capacity of volunteers.
b) Neighbourhood Watch – there have been thefts from vehicles in Alton and Four Marks and burglaries from more remote houses.

24.098 ACCOUNTS 2024/2025
i) Summary of Receipts and Payments for the 2nd Quarter Ending 30th September 2024 were presented to Council as follows:

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD on 01/07/24	£ 22,154.71
ADD Total Receipts	£ 11,092.25
LESS Total payments	£ 3,672.26
Balance Carried forward 30/09/24	£ 29,574.70

II) **Proposed Nikki White, Seconded Simon Lane, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:** the following payments are approved and bank authorisation will be carried out by Councillor Neal Day.

a)	Louisa Thomson – Clerk Salary November 2024 (including backpay)	£641.75
b)	Louisa Thomson – Clerk's expenses November 2024	£126.55
c)	DCK Payroll Solutions Ltd – Payroll processing October 2024	£ 36.36
d)	SJL Contracting – Green waste disposal from Village Pond	£ 63.00
e)	WRA Welling Associates – Christmas Tree (Paid)	£230.00
f)	N Day – Chairmans allowance Christmas drinks	£ 16.74
g)	S Neville – Newsletter printing	£ 59.59

24.099 NEXT MEETING
The next scheduled council meeting will be held on Tuesday 4th February 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 8.20pm.

Signed……
Chair Bentworth Parish Council

4th February 2024