BENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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Neal Day - Chairman, Nikki White – Vice Chairman, Veronica Parker, Scott Neville, Simon Lane, Christian Browning and David Eyre-Brook

MINUTES OF MEETING

Tuesday 3rd June 2025 at Jubilee Hall, Bentworth

Present:

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NON-AGENDA ITEMS
Members of the public asked if there was any update regarding the mobile home site on Jennie Green Lane.
Neal Day responded that the matter was still with the courts.

Members of the public mentioned the long grass on the verge at the end of Jennie Green Lane which is making it difficult to see when pulling out.
Neal Day will report it on the Hampshire Highways website.

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

25.053 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED
The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 6th May 2025, copies previously circulated and corrected.
Proposed as a true record by Nikki White, Seconded Christian Browning and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED and signed by chairman Neal Day.

25.054 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
The new owner of The Star Inn introduced themselves and explained their planning application and how they and their daughter are looking forward to living in Bentworth.

A member of the public raised various issues regarding the Parish Council which were noted.

COUNCILLOR CO-OPTION
Council currently has one vacancy.

Proposed David Eyre-Brook, Seconded Nikki White, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: that Sheena Robertson of The Park Lodge, Bentworth is co-opted to join the council.

25.055 COUNCILLOR UPDATES AND ACTION LOG UPDATE
Neal Day – The Parish Council newsletter will be delivered in the next couple of weeks.

David Eyre-Brook

- The Council needs to look at other ways to get feedback from the residents, possibly a form on the website.

- Hampshire highways have scheduled repairs to some of our roads following the reporting of potholes on the Hampshire highways site.

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25.056 PLANNING
Council considered three planning applications, their comments are forwarded to East Hampshire District Council.

a) EHDC-25-0423-FUL Gaston Cottage Holt End Lane **NO OBJECTION**
Agricultural building with associated hard standing following removal of menage.
Proposed Scott Neville, Seconded Nikki White, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: Bentworth Parish Council has no objection to this application.

b) EHDC-25-0325-HSE Stable Cottage, Bentworth Hall Holt End Lane **NO OBJECTION**
Demolition of domestic glasshouse and replacement with outbuilding providing workshop, home office and fitness room, all ancillary to Stable Cottage
Proposed Nikki White, Seconded David Eyre-Brook, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: Bentworth Parish Council has no objection to this application.

c) EHDC-25-0207-FUL The Star Inn, Church Street **SUPPORT**
Conversion of former Public House to a dwelling (C3 Use) together with a single storey rear extension with associated external changes, parking and gardens
Proposed Scott Neville, Seconded Nikki White, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: Bentworth Parish Council supports this application.

25.057 LAND REGISTRY SEARCH
Proposed Nikki White, Seconded David Eyre-Brook, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: to approve expenditure up to £30 to carry out land registry searches.

25.058 NEWSLETTER

Proposed Simon Lane, Seconded Nikki White, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to suspend standing orders to allow members of the public to speak.

Members of the public comments noted.

Proposed Simon Lane, Seconded Scott Neville, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to reinstate standing orders.

The newsletter production will be reviewed before the next issue.

25.059 AUTOSPEEDWATCH
Update from Scott Neville

- 1020 vehicles were recorded in May at over 40mph in the 30mph zone.
- The Parish Council are starting to write to companies of repeat speeder vehicles.
- Hampshire County Council have moved the post at the Holt End Lane to site the third camera. The Parish Council are waiting for the licence from HCC before the camera can be installed.
- The Police and DVLA are not acting, EHDC ASW group including Tony Costigan and Tony Ransley from Beech PC have met with the Police and Crime Commissioner who was initially supportive.
- It may be possible to apply to DVLA for drivers details however the DVLA don't like sharing the information.
- Yellow strips on the cameras make them more visible.
- A vehicle recorded at 50mph has no tax or MOT, Scott will investigate reporting to the DVLA.

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25.060 SPEED LIMIT REMINDER SIGN

Report from David Maltby

SID Report for Denyers between 20 April and 4 May.

	Total (both directions)
Vehicles Recorded	15,576
31-35mph	6,494
36-40mph	2,055
41-45mph	433
46-50mph	74
51-60mph	14
61-70mph	0
>30mph	9,070(58.23%)
>35mph	2,576(16.54%)

25.061 COMMUNITY UPDATES
Community Care – no update, a very quiet month.
Neighbourhood Watch – a gentleman was seen wondering in someone's garden but left before he could be questioned.

25.061 ACCOUNTS 2025/26
Proposed Nikki White, Seconded Simon Lane, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to approve the following payments which will be bank authorised by Neal Day.

a)	Louisa Thomson – Clerk's Salary May 2025	£505.12
b)	Louisa Thomson – Clerk's expenses May 2025	£ 21.54
c)	DCK Payroll Solutions Ltd – Payroll processing February & March	£ 38.28
d)	Home-Start grant approved at the May meeting	£200.00

25.062 MEETING DATES
Confirm the date of the next scheduled meeting is Tuesday 1st July 2025.

CLOSE OF MEETING – The Chair thanked all present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.20pm.

Signed……
Chair Bentworth Parish Council

1st July 2025