BENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Mrs Louisa Thomson
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Neal Day - Chairman, Nikki White – Vice Chairman, Veronica Parker, Scott Neville and Simon Lane

Minutes of Meeting Tuesday 3rd October 2023

Parish Councillors	Clerk	District & County Councillors	Others
Neal Day - Chair Scott Neville Nikki White Simon Lane	Louisa Thomson		Members of the public

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME
A members of the public told the Parish Council who they believed owned the land at Holt End.

23.111 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Apologies were received and accepted from Veronica Parker.

23.112 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
Signed as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 5th September 2023. **Proposed by Nikki White, Seconded by Scott Neville. UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED Signed by Chairman Neal Day.**

23.113 LITTER PICK
The litter pick is arranged for Saturday 21st October 2023 meeting at 10am on the village green. Clerk to put a notice on the noticeboards and ask John Stockdale to circulate.

23.114 SPEED CAMERA APPLICATION
i) Update from Scott Neville

- East Hampshire District Council have confirmed receipt of the speed camera application.
- Hampshire County Council have completed the review of SSO licenses and are now accepting applications, Scott will complete the application.
- A new requirement of using the AutoSpeedWatch cameras is to have an active Speedwatch group, Beech currently don't have a Speedwatch group and have asked if they can merge with Bentworth **Proposed Nikki White, Seconded Scott Neville, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:** for Beech to join with Bentworth SpeedWatch and use the equipment.

Proposed Scott Neville, Seconded Nikki White, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to suspend Standing Orders so a member of the public can address the Parish Council.

David Maltby collects the data from the Speed Indicator Device and produces a monthly report queried why this information couldn't be used rather than pay for a survey by Hampshire County Council.

David was informed that unfortunately Hampshire County Council require a survey to be carried out using their equipment.

Proposed Nikki White, Seconded Scott Neville, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to reinstate Standing Orders.

ii) **Proposed Simon Lane, Seconded Nikki White, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:** to spend up to £800 on a Hampshire County Council traffic volume and velocity survey if it will speed up the AutoSpeedWatch camera application.

23.115 ACCOUNTS 2022/2023
Proposed Nikki White, Seconded Scott Neville, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: the end of audit notice should be published on the noticeboard and website for a period of one month, until 20th October.

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23.116 ACCOUNTS 2023/2024

Proposed Nikki White, Seconded Simon Lane, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: To approve the following payment:

a)	Louisa Thomson – Clerk Salary September 2023	£476.73
b)	Louisa Thomson – Clerk's expenses September 2023	£ 12.22
c)	HM Revenue & Customs	£148.80
d)	DCK Payroll Solutions – Payroll monthly processing	£ 36.36
e)	Hampshire Association of Local Councils – Councillor training The Knowledge & Core Skills – Nikki White & Simon Lane	£235.20
f)	LLP BDO – External accounts review	£252.00
g)	St Mary's Bentworth Primary School – Hall hire	£150.00

23.117 **Councillor Updates**

i) Asset Review

Neal Day updated that Councillors had carried out a review of the condition of the assets.

- The seat around the tree on the green needs repairing, the repairs are going to be carried out by a volunteer.
- Several of the benches on the green and the main noticeboard need some repairs, Simon Lane is getting quotations for the work.

ii) Glebe Fields

The area of grass at Glebe Fields which is owned by East Hampshire District Council wasn't cut when all the other grass around the village was cut recently, Scott Neville is following this up with District Councillor Tony Costigan.

Community Updates

Community Care – Is getting busier with 7 trips last month and 6 trips already booked for October. The group are looking for one / two volunteers, they have spoken to someone who may be interested.

Neighbourhood Watch – Nothing to report in Bentworth however there has been an increase in break ins in Four Marks and Medstead.

23.118 **Speed Indicator Device (SID) / SpeedWatch**

Report from David Maltby.
SID Report for 10 September to 24 September at Denyers

Vehicles Recorded	24,062
31-35mph	8,167
36-40mph	2,639
41-45mph	561
46-50mph	130
51-60mph	42
61-70mph	4
71-80mph	1

So,
Exceeding 30mph 11,544 or 47.98% of recorded vehicles
Exceeding 35mph 3,377 or 14.03% of recorded vehicles

We had 4 vehicles exceeding 60mph in this period:
3 travelling towards Medstead: on Wednesday 13th September at 00:06 at 74mph; Thursday 14th September at 22:24 at 70mph; and Friday 15th September at 23:13 at 64mph. And 1 travelling towards A339 on Saturday 23rd September at 20:12 at 64mph.

Year to date:
Exceeding 35mph 37,268

I have also attached a document that summarises all of the SID data gathered from all the sites since beginning of November 2021 through to 24th September 2023, and I have provided the statistics for each direction, as you can see speeding is much the same for both directions.

regards
David

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23.119 **Next Meeting** - confirm the date of the next scheduled Council meeting, Tuesday 7th November 2023.

23.120 **Close of meeting –** The chairman thanked all present and closed the meeting at 8pm

Signed……

Chair Bentworth Parish Council
7th November 2023