BENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Louisa Thomson
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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 September 2024 at Jubilee Hall, Bentworth

Present:

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

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The following matters were raised by members of the public:

- Village Pond – There will be an update from Councillor Christian Browning at the October meeting.
- NPPF Consultation which closes on 24th September – the Parish Council will be holding a separate meeting for this on the 19th September.
- Ash Tree on Village Green – The tree may be unsafe, Councillor Simon Lane has contacted EHDC and asked for their advice.

24.039 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Christian Browning and District Councillor Tony Costigan.

24.040 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED
The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 2nd July 2024, copies previously circulated. **Proposed as a true record by Nikki White, Seconded Simon Lane and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED and signed by chairman Neal Day.**

24.041 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
The Parish Council was thanked for it's support of the Village Fete.

24.042 COUNCILLOR UPDATES

Neal Day

- The Grain Store, Station Road planning application has gone to appeal, EHDC have objected to the application and are waiting for the government decision.
- Councillors Day, Parker and Lane helped paint a room in the school which will be used as a calm sensory room for children. This was a joint project with Alton Rotary and is part of a bigger project from Alton Rotary to aid children in school.

Simon Lane

- Alton Ramblers will be helping clearing undergrowth from the footpaths around the parish and reporting any large obstructions. The landowner will then be contacted to assist with the removal.
- Two trees by the cricket pitch are dead and need removing. Hampshire CC will be contacted. the trees are on their land.
- Ash Tree on Village Green - A photograph and report has been sent to EHDC.
- Village Green Noticeboard – The contractor can't carry out the work any longer. The second contractor will be contacted to see if they are able to carry out the work and if their quotation has changed.
- Councillor Surgery – this will take place next month, date to be confirmed.

Nikki White

- Litter Pick – another litter pick will be carried out later in October.

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24.043 GRANT APPLICATIONS

Proposed Nikki White, Seconded Veronica Parker, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to suspend Standing Orders so members of the public can address council on this item.

Proposed Veronica Parker, Seconded Simon Lane, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to reinstate Standing Orders.

Proposed Simon Lane, Seconded David Eyre-Brook, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: to approve the following grant payments from the proceeds of the Village Fete.

a)	Bentworth St Mary's PTA – Landscaping projects	£1,100
b)	Bentworth Community Care Group – Tea party funding	£ 200
c)	The Villager – funding towards producing the monthly magazine	£ 100
d)	Bentworth Cricket Club – ongoing operating costs	£ 450
e)	Bentworth Fete Committee	£ 600

Proposed Simon Lane, Seconded David Eyre-Brook, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: to approve the following grant payment from the Neighbourhood CIL fund.

St Mary's Church (Bentworth PCC) – Churchyard maintenance £ 700

24.044 WEBSITE UPGRADE

Proposed Nikki White, Seconded Veronica Parker, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: to approve the cost of £30 payable to Toolbox Digital to carry out the website upgrade.

24.045 AUTOSPEEDWATCH

a) Update from Scott Neville
- The ASW cameras have been operating for over a month.
- 36 vehicles have been identified speeding with 4 vehicles with other issues such as no road tax or MOT.
- Police and Crime Commissioner Donna Jones has agreed to meet with District Councillor Tony Costigan and Beech Parish Councillor Tony Ransley to discuss what will happen with the data.
- The possibility of issuing fines using the Public Space Protection Order is still being pursued by District Councillor Tony Costigan.
- Bentworth has two possible ASW volunteers.
- The hedge around the camera on Station Road needs trimming.

b) **Proposed Scott Neville, Seconded Simon Lane, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:** to adopt the new ASW Policy and Volunteer Declaration. This will be made available on the Parish Council website.

c) **Proposed Veronica Parker, Seconded Scott Neville, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:** to reduce the ASW camera trigger point to 40mph.

24.046 LITTER PICK

Proposed Scott Neville, Seconded David Eyre-Brook, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: to approve the purchase of eight new litter pickers costing £8.99 each.

24.047 SPEED INDICATIOR DEVICE - Report from David Maltby

SID Report for the Wellers between 11 Aug and 25 Aug.

	Total (both directions)
Vehicles Recorded	18,507
31-35mph	4,986
36-40mph	1,333
41-45mph	303
46-50mph	47
51-60mph	5

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>30mph                6,674 (36.06%)
>35mph                1,688 (9.12%)

Over 50mph
Wed 14 Aug 51mph 18:19 Northbound
Sat 17 Aug 57mph 20:01 Northbound
Mon 19 Aug 52mph 00:14 Southbound
Tue 20 Aug 50mph 18:13 Southbound
Thu 22 Aug 51mph 05:58 Northbound
Fri 23 Aug 50mph 05:58 Northbound
Fri 23 Aug 51mph 16:28 Southbound
Sat 24 Aug 50mph 14:18 Northbound
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24.048 COMMUNITY UPDATES

a) COMMUNITY CARE – nine trips where made in August. They also held a tea party and quiz.
b) NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH
- A property in Bentworth has had a large number of paving slabs stolen in broad daylight.
- There have been a large number of burglaries in Four Marks and Medstead.
- The post box on the track to Jenny Green Lane has been stolen.

24.049 ACCOUNTS 2024/25

I) Summary of Receipts and Payments for the 1st Quarter Ending 30th June 2024 were presented to Council as follows:

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD on 01/04/24	£20,013.54
ADD Total Receipts	£ 7,358.85
LESS Total payments	£ 5,217.68
Balance Carried forward 30/06/24	£22,154.71

II) **Proposed Nikki White, Seconded Veronica Parker, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to approve the following payments:

a)	Louisa Thomson – Clerk Salary August 2024 (Paid)	£ 493.80
b)	Louisa Thomson – Clerk's expenses August 2024	£ 12.42
c)	DCK Payroll Solutions Ltd – Payroll processing July & August	£ 36.36
d)	Hampshire ALC – Finance Training David Eyre-Brook	£ 57.60
e)	SJL Contracting – Village Green grass cutting July & August	£ 160.00
f)	Bentworth St Mary's PTA	£1,100.00
g)	Bentworth Community Care Group	£ 200.00
h)	The Villager	£ 100.00
i)	Bentworth Cricket Club	£ 450.00
j)	St Mary's Church (Bentworth PCC)	£ 700.00
k)	Bentworth Fete Committee	£ 600.00

24.050 NEXT MEETING

There will be an additional meeting on Thursday 19th September. The next scheduled council meeting will be held on Tuesday 1st October 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 8.16pm.

Signed……
Chair Bentworth Parish Council

1st October 2024