BENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Mrs 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 5th December 2023

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

Part I

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME
A member of the public queried which planning compliance issues the Parish Council are chasing with EHDC, they are Trinity Farm, Red Fields Farm and St Mary's House.

23.136 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
Signed as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 7th November 2023. **Proposed by Nikki White, Seconded by Scott Neville, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED Signed by Chairman Neal Day.**

23.137 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
Christmas Tree battery – Council confirmed there are two batteries this year so will be much easier to manage the recharging.

23.138 SPEED CAMERA APPLICATION
Update from Scott Neville
Still waiting for the Section 176 license from Hampshire County Council, EHDC wont progress the camera application until this is in place.

23.138 PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER
The Parish Council Newsletter has been printed and will be distributed over the weekend.

23.139 CHRISTMAS TREE
i) **Proposed Veronica Parker, Seconded Nikki White, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:** To approve £210 for the purchase of the Christmas tree.
ii) The Christmas tree will be erected on Saturday 8th and decorated at 11am on Sunday 9th December, all residents, families and children are invited to help. Veronica Parker will send an invitation to John Stockdale for distribution.

23.140 ACCOUNTS 2023/2024
I) Summary of Receipts and Payments for the 2nd Quarter Ended 30th September 2023 were Presented to Council as follows:

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD on 01/07/23	£20,993.78
ADD Total Receipts	£ 7,405.75
LESS Total payments	£ 2,589.52
Balance Carried forward 30/09/23	£25,810.01
These cumulative funds are represented by:	
Current Account Balance	£14,725.12
BB Inst Account Balance (Neighbourhood CIL)	£11,084.89
	£25,810.01

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

a)	Louisa Thomson – Clerk's Salary November 2023	£476.73
b)	Louisa Thomson – Clerk's expenses November 2023	£ 6.75
c)	DCK Payroll Solutions – Payroll monthly processing	£ 36.36
d)	Society of Local Council Clerks membership renewal (shared with Beech)	£ 74.00
e)	Scott Neville – Newsletter printing	£ 33.40
f)	Veronica Parker - Christmas Tree	£210.00

23.141 **Councillor Updates**
Noticeboard repair – Simon Lane has now received two quotations for the repairs and is chasing a third.

23.142 **Community Updates**
Community Care – Undertook 3 trips last month and have nineteen members with a possible additional member after Christmas. The Christmas lunch will be held on the 16th December at the Sun Inn, 14 invitations were given and 13 have accepted, this has been funded by a grant from District Councillor Tony Costigan.

Neighbourhood Watch - Nothing to report for Bentworth. The Alton Herald contained an article regarding the high level of crime in Alton.

23.143 **Speed Indicator Device (SID) / SpeedWatch**
Report from David Maltby.
SID Report for 19 November to 3 December at Wellers
Traffic numbers are a little low for this period due to roadworks.

Vehicles Recorded	18,609
31-35mph	5,513
36-40mph	1,424
41-45mph	294
46-50mph	56
51-60mph	8
61-70mph	0
71-80mph	0

So,
Exceeding 30mph 7,295 or 39.20% of recorded vehicles
Exceeding 35mph 1,782 or 9.58% of recorded vehicles

Year to date:
Exceeding 35mph 46,432

At the November Parish Council meeting Councillor Parker requested that November's SID Report was sent to the local Police. I can confirm that this was done.
regards
David

23.144 **Next Meeting** - confirm the date of the next scheduled Council meeting, Tuesday 6th February 2024.

23.145 **Confidential Business**
Proposed Veronica Parker, Seconded Simon Lane, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: that members of the Public and Press are excluded from the meeting for Part II so matters of a confidential nature can be discussed.
(Veronica Parker left the meeting.)

Part II

23.146 **Clerk's Salary**
i) **Proposed Nikki White, Seconded David Eyyre-Brook, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:** to approve the Clerk's pay increase in line with the recent Local Government Association pay agreement, to be back dated to 1st April 2023 to be paid with December 2023 salary.

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ii) **Proposed Scott Neville, Seconded Simon Lane, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:** to approve payment of the clerk's salary in accordance with her contract and including salary increase.

23.147 **Close of meeting –** The chairman thanked all present and closed the meeting at 8.10pm

Signed……

Chair Bentworth Parish Council
6th February 2024