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 5th September 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
Members of the public made the following comments to the Parish Council

- St Mary's Church fundraising group were disappointed but understood that due to the small number of Councillors none were able to join the group.
  Church congregations are getting smaller, and they need the support from groups hiring the church for meetings and activities which is why they are making the alterations. They have raised £100,000 so far but still need to raise a further £150,000 to complete the alterations.
- The Village Pond water level is very low and the area around the pond isn't being maintained.
  Neal Day updated the public that EHDC had carried out investigations into ownership of the pond and had found that it had no registered owner and wasn't therefore the Parish Councils responsibility.
- The Green at Holt End – who owns this and who's responsibility is it to maintain it?
  The Clerk will contact District Councillor Tony Costigan to confirm ownership.
- The road through Bentworth was signed closed but nothing happened.
- Two Ash trees by the cricket ground appear dead.
  Clerk to contact EHDC to see whose responsibility they are.

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

23.103 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
Signed as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 1st Augsut 2023. **Proposed by Nikki White, Seconded by Scott Neville. UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED Signed by Chairman Neal Day.**

23.104 PLANNING
Councillors considered one planning application, their comments to be forwarded East Hampshire District Council.

49657/003 Carton House, Redwood Lane, Medstead **NO OBJECTION**
Replacement dwelling following demolition of existing dwelling and domestic store.

Proposed Nikkie White, Seconded Scott Neville, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:
Bentworth Parish Council have no objection to this application.

23.105 SPEED CAMERA APPLICATION
Update from Scott Neville

- The speed camera application deadline was the 1st September 2023.
- The existing camera poles in the village don't meet the criteria for these cameras therefore new poles would need to be installed.
- Three sites have been identified that meet the criteria.

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- Hampshire County Council aren't approving any new licences at the moment and Hampshire Constabulary haven't responded to our request.
- The application has been submitted to EHDC with explanations for the missing information.

23.106 ACCOUNTS 2023/2024
Proposed Nikki White, Seconded Simon Lane, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: To approve the following payment:

a)	Louisa Thomson – Clerk Salary August 2023	£476.73
b)	Louisa Thomson – Clerk's expenses August 2023	£ 9.09
c)	DCK Payroll Solutions – Payroll monthly processing	£ 36.36
d)	SJ Lane – village green grass cutting	£160.00
e)	East Hampshire District Council – Election Fees	£ 95.00

23.107 **Community Updates**
Community Care – Only 5 trips were made last month. One member has recently left, the group needs a replacement.
Neighbourhood Watch – Nothing to report.

23.108 **Speed Indicator Device (SID) / SpeedWatch**
Report from David Maltby.

SID Report for 13 August to 27 August at Glebe

Vehicles Recorded 12,728

31-35mph	4,133
36-40mph	959
41-45mph	211
46-50mph	33
51-60mph	11
61-70mph	3
71-80mph	0

So,
Exceeding 30mph 5,350 or 42.03% of recorded vehicles
Exceeding 35mph 1,217 or 9.56% of recorded vehicles

We had 3 vehicles exceeding 60mph; 2 travelling towards A339 on Thursday 17th August at 23:29 and Saturday 19th August at 00:45 respectively. And 1 travelling towards Medstead on Saturday 19th August at 00:06

Year to date:
Exceeding 35mph 31,883
regards
David

23.109 **Next Meeting** - confirm the date of the next scheduled Council meeting, Tuesday 3rd October 2023.

23.110 **Close of meeting –** The chairman thanked all present and closed the meeting at 7.45pm

Signed……

Chair Bentworth Parish Council
3rd October 2023