BENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Meeting Tuesday 6th February 2024

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

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME
During public question time the question of the pond ownership was raised. The Parish Council have been asked to look through the old minutes, it is thought that research had been carried out by the Parish Council many years ago which established the Parish Council owned the village pond.

23.148 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Apologies were received and accepted from Nikki White.

23.149 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
Signed as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 5th December 2023. **Proposed by Scott Neville, Seconded by Veronica Parker, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED Signed by Chairman Neal Day.**

23.150 REPORT DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

- Speed Cameras – Three AutoSpeedWatch cameras will be coming to Bentworth.
  Cameras are being distributed to villages.
  The data gathered from the cameras in Beech is useful, the police are becoming more interested with a view to being able to issue fines, up to £100, at District level, but the police need to approve. The revenue would go to EHDC.
  There are concerns about vandalism to the cameras when fines start to be issued.
- Potholes – Hampshire County Council are working on potholes, they need to be reported on the Hampshire County Council website and not by phone.

23.151 PLANNING
Council considered five planning applications, their comments forwarded to East Hampshire District Council.

i) 31048/021 St Marys Primary School, Church Street, Bentworth **NO OBJECTION**
Tree 1. Yew. Crown lift Church yard tree to 5m back to boundary over school grounds, grassed area. Tree 2. Yew. Crown lift Church yard tree to 5m back to boundary over school grounds, grassed area. Prune branches away from school building, creating 2m clearance.
Proposed Veronica Parker, Seconded Simon Lane, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:
Bentworth Parish Council have no objection to this application.

ii) 28263/014 Penton Cottage, Church Street, Bentworth **OBJECT**
T1 - Horsechestnut - Fell
T2 - Hawthorn – Fell
Proposed Simon Lane, Seconded Veronica Parker, CARRIED BY MAJORITY (Scott Neville and David Eyre-Brook abstained): Bentworth Parish Council objects to this application and feels neither tree needs to be felled and both need ongoing maintenance.
Hawthorn - cut the ivy and thin the canopy.
Horsechestnut - remove the diseased limb and continue ongoing maintenance.

iii) 27796/003 Station House, Lasham Road, Lasham
Single-storey side extension and rear first floor extension.
Bentworth Parish Council have no comment to make.

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iv) 26002/053 Hall Place, Holt End Lane, Bentworth **NO OBJECTION**
Restore & Repair original fabric and structure works to chapel.
(Resubmission of previous approval 26002/045)

v) 26002/054 Hall Place, Holt End Lane, Bentworth **NO OBJECTION**
Listed Building Consent - Restore & Repair original fabric and structure works to chapel. (Resubmission of previous approval 26002/046)

Proposed Scott Neville, Seconded David Eyre-Brook, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: Bentworth Parish Council have no objection to either application and supports the proposed restoration work.

23.152 EAST HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL – LOCAL PLAN
This item is deferred to the meeting being held on the 20th February 2024.

Proposed Scott Neville, Seconded Simon Lane, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to suspend Standing Orders so a member of the public can speak about the next item.

A member of the public asked council to consider deferring the next item to enable people to look at the plan in detail.

Proposed Simon Lane, Seconded Scott Neville, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to reinstate Standing Order

23.153 BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE BOROUGH COUNCIL – LOCAL PLAN
This item is deferred to the meeting being held on the 20th February 2024.

23.154 SPEED CAMERA APPLICATION
Scott Neville updated – awaiting invoice from Hampshire County Council for the license, which needs to be paid before the application can be completed.

23.155 BENTWORTH FETE 2024
i) **Proposed Simon Lane, Seconded Veronica Parker, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:** that the Parish Council will take responsibility for the event, the event will therefore be covered by the Parish Council insurance.
ii) Councillors Scott Neville, Christian Browning and Simon Lane will attend the Fete committee meetings on behalf of the Parish Council.
iii) **Proposed Veronica Parker, Seconded Simon Lane, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:** the Parish Council will provide funding up to £500, with the possibility of applying for District Councillor grant.

23.156 GRANT APPLICATION
Proposed Veronica Parker, Seconded Simon Lane, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: To approve £150 grant application from Citizens Advice East Hampshire.

23.157 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
Council confirmed the Annual General Meeting will be held on 7th May 2024, providing the internal audit can be carried out in time, and the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 4th June 2024.

23.158 ACCOUNTS 2023/2024
I) Summary of Receipts and Payments for the 3rd Quarter Ended 31st December 2023 deferred to the meeting on the 20th February 2024.
II) **Proposed Simon Lane, Seconded Scott Neville, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:** To approve the following payments:

a)	Louisa Thomson – Clerk's Salary January 2024	£504.40
b)	Louisa Thomson – Clerk's expenses January 2024	£167.65
c)	DCK Payroll Solutions – Payroll monthly processing	£ 36.36
d)	St Mary's Church – grant towards churchyard maintenance	£500.00

23.159 **Councillor Updates**
Noticeboard repair – Simon Lane has now received all estimates/quotations for the repairs.
Litter Pick – Veronica Parker confirmed this is scheduled for the 9th March.
Councillor Surgery – Simon Lane to co-ordinate.

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23.160 **Community Updates**

Community Care – Held their AGM on 17th January with a lunch; Jackie Crawford voted Chairman, Jackie Cleavland voted Finance, Melanie Day voted Vice Chairman.
The care group undertook 12 trips in January and currently have 18 drivers with one further driver going through DBS process. There is a bingo tea on the 16th March at Wivelrod.

Neighbourhood Watch - Nothing to report for Bentworth.
Reports of quad bikes and cars driving in fields and making a mess of crops and hare coursing in surrounding areas.

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

SID Report for 31 December to 14 January at Wellers Place.

Vehicles Recorded	18,103
31-35mph	5,192
36-40mph	1,355
41-45mph	296
46-50mph	50
51-60mph	12
61-70mph	1
71-80mph	0

So,
Exceeding 30mph 6,906 or 38.15% of recorded vehicles
Exceeding 35mph 1,714 or 9.47% of recorded vehicles
On Sunday 31st December at 20:12 vehicle travelling towards Medstead at 60mph.
On Monday 8th January at 01:01 vehicle travelling towards Medstead at 63mph.

SID Report for 14 to 28 January at Denyers.

Vehicles Recorded	23,631
31-35mph	8,197
36-40mph	2,678
41-45mph	595
46-50mph	109
51-60mph	26
61-70mph	1
71-80mph	0

So,
Exceeding 30mph 11,606 or 49.11% of recorded vehicles
Exceeding 35mph 3,409 or 14.43% of recorded vehicles
On Wednesday 17th January at 19:20 vehicle travelling towards Medstead at 61mph.

Year to date: Exceeding 35mph 5,123

With regard to the data above from Denyers the number of recorded vehicles (both directions) is the 4th highest in a two week period since start of 2022.
Also the speed numbers above for Denyers are 2-3% higher than for the same period and location in 2023.
Regards
David

23.162 **Next Meeting** - confirm the date of the next scheduled Council meeting, Tuesday 20th February 2024.

23.163 **Close of meeting –** The chairman thanked all present and closed the meeting at 8.45pm

Signed……

Chair Bentworth Parish Council
20th February 2024