BENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Mrs Louisa Thomson
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Neal Day - Chairman, Scott Neville, Simon Lane, Christian Browning, David Eyre-Brook and Sheena Robertson

MINUTES OF PLANNING MEETING

24th March 2026

1. **Confirmation of Minutes**
   The Minutes of the Planning meeting held on 6th January 2026, copies previously circulated, **Proposed as a true record by David Eyre-Brook, Seconded by Simon Lane and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED and signed by Chairman Neal Day.**

2. **Public Participation**
   Members of the public address council:
   a) Item 5 d) Land South of Warem Farm
      - The site is unsuitable, it's a rural hamlet in the countryside.
      - The site is outside the settlement boundary and in an elevated position.
      - There are no services: electricity; water or drainage, there is no reference to drainage on the application which would need to be retained on site.
      - Highway safety concerns, the road is narrow the blind bends and very difficult access to the site. The road is single track and often takes extra traffic with the frequency of Beech road being closed which has resulted in large vehicles damaging an ancient oak which boarders the road.
      - The development would introduce light pollution and noise pollution from a generator.
      - Applications were rejected on adjoining fields in 2022 which was upheld at appeal.
      - The site is in direct line of sight from Alton Abbey which is listed.
      - Residents haven't been notified of the application, and no notices have been placed on the site.

      Neal Day responded that he has been in touch with the planning officer who has today put notices up at the site and has extended to consultation date to the 14th April 2026 to allow residents to comment.

   b) Item 5 c) Land At Lower Park Farm, Abbey Road, Medstead
      - Concerned about the size of the access, 5m wide.
      - The gate shown on the drawing seems to be solid which is out of keeping with a farm gate and the street scene of Abbey Road.
      - There is already a lot of mess on the site.

3. **Planning Applications** – Council considered planning application, their comments forwarded to East Hampshire District Council.

   a) EHDC-26-0185-LBC — Hookers Place Village Street, Bentworth — **NO OBJECTION**
   Provision of a replacement stable door to the south elevation, with the upper part glazed.

   Proposed Simon Lane, Seconded David Eyre-Brook, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: Bentworth Parish Council has no objection to this application.

   b) EHDC-26-0189-LDCE — Stable Cottage, Bentworth Hall Holt End Lane — **NO OBJECTION**
   Existing use of a glasshouse and associate cold frames for purposes incidental to the residential use of Stable Cottage.

   Proposed Simon Lane, Seconded Sheena Robertson, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: Bentworth Parish Council has no objection to this application.

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c) EHDC-25-0977-FUL — Land At Lower Park Farm Abbey Road, Medstead — **OBJECT**
5m wide access to land for recreational use.

Proposed Simon Lane, Seconded Chrisian Browning, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: Bentworth Parish Council objects to this application.

- The 5m wide access is far wider that would be required for the proposed use of the land.
- There is already access available to the land.
- The applicant is already in breach of planning by residing at the site.

d) EHDC-26-0129-FUL — Land South Of Warem Farm, Wivelrod Road — **OBJECT**
Change of use of land to a Gypsy/Traveller site with 1 pitch, comprising the siting of 1 mobile home, 1 dayroom and 1 touring caravan.

Proposed Simon Lane, Seconded David Eyre-Brook, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to suspend Standing Orders so members of the public can address council.

A member of the public commented that EHDC have made no effort to find alternative sites for gypsy / travellers.

Proposed Simon Lane, Seconded David Eyre-Brook, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to reinstate Standing Orders.

Proposed Sheena Robertson, Seconded Simon Lane, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: Bentworth Parish Council objects to this application.

- The site is outside the settlement boundary.
- It is agricultural / farm land.
- Access is via a very narrow single track road with difficult / limited access to site.
- There is no provision in the application for foul waste; power or water.
- A generator will need to be used to provide electricity.
- The site is surrounded by ancient woodland and any development would damage the roots and canopies of the trees.
- It's a large site and, if approved, would lead to further applications.
- This is the second traveller site application within a year, both applications are within close proximity of each other.

e) EHDC-26-0245-HSE — Ivall's Farm Village Street, Bentworth — **NO OBJECTION**
Erection of single storey garden store, greenhouse and plant building. Construction of an outdoor swimming pool.

Proposed Simon Lane, Seconded Christian Browning, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: Bentworth Parish Council has no objection to this application.

f) EHDC-26-0224-TCA — The Old Rectory Lasham Road, Lasham
1 x Willow and 3 x Horse Chestnuts. T1 - 1 x multi-stemmed Horse Chestnut (adjacent to house over garage and parking area (W3W truckload.transcribes.release). The tree is dead, dying and dangerous and needs to be dismantled and removed. T2 1 x multi stemmed Willow (over garage and boundary fence) (W3W always.boast.switch). The tree is declining and needs to be removed T3 and T4 2 x Horse Chestnuts adjacent to the lodge (W3W blotting.rides.covers and covertly.deal.upwards). Both trees are heavily declining. 1 of which has a large cavity.

Proposed Simon Lane, Seconded David Eyre-Brook, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: Bentworth Parish Council defers to the EHDC Arboricultural Officer for this application.

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g)	EHDC-26-0248-GPDE	The Brambles, Church Street, Bentworth Prior notification for a single storey development extending 3.7m beyond the rear wall of the original dwelling, incorporating an eaves height of 2.6m and a maximum height of 3m. **This is for information only. The proposal will be assessed against relevant legislation, and therefore no comments are being sought.**	**NOTED**

Close of Meeting – The Chair thanked all present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.04pm

Signed:……
Chair Bentworth Parish Council

Date:…….