

BENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING

6th March 2013, 7.00pm, Village School, Bentworth

Present:

Parish Councillors	Clerk	District & County Councillors	Others
Jenny French (Chairperson) Pam Wait Veronica Parker Jenny Lewis Philip Guest	Allison Spyer		15 Members of the public

ACTION FOR

18.37 Apologies for Absence:

Apologies received from Tony Costigan, David Hawes, Chris Hurley, Mark Kemp-Gee, Patrick Burrige

18.38 Declarations of Interest:

There were no declarations.

18.39 Meeting Open to the Public:

Nigel Griffiths read out a statement regarding mini round-a-bouts and lack of communication surrounding the decision to install them. JF agreed that there was an oversight whereby actions from previous minutes were overlooked. JF confirmed the topic is currently on hold and no mini round-a-bouts will be installed any time soon. It was agreed the matter needed further discussion when Cllr Chris Hurley is available. AS to put round-a-bouts on the Agenda for May and to check with HCC that the installation is not going ahead.

AS

18.40 Minutes of the February Meeting:

The minutes were approved.

18.41 Matters arising:

There were no matters arising

Cllr Resignation:

Deferred until April

18.42 CPRE Update:

AS read out a list of member benefits and current campaigns with the main benefit being a sound advisor regarding planning issues. It was agreed that the Membership Fee was extremely reasonable and so the Parish Council approved membership of CPRE. VP proposed the motion and JL seconded with a unanimous vote from the rest of the attending council.

18.43 Risk Assessments:

JF confirmed that the risk assessments have been carried out and while there was nothing major she suggested that 6 monthly checks would be advisable. JF to circulate all documents to the council for them to be approved at the next meeting. AS to put them on the next agenda.

JF/AS

18.44 Communications Review:

PG requested that the Communications Group reconvene to discuss how Communication between the PC and Village residents be improved with their suggestions to be reported at a future meeting. This request was approved.

PG

18.45 Housing Review:

PG would like to review EHDC Core Strategy Housing needs documents with the working party to report back at a later meeting. This request was approved

PG

18.46 Bentworth Blues Festival:

Matt and Karen Williams (Star Inn) have submitted two permission requests to use the green for the Blues Festival over the weekend of 16/17 & 18th August. The first request asked for the same considerations as granted in all previous years. The second letter requested that The Star Inn rent the Green from the PC for

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the duration of the event for insurance and licensing purposes thus being able to increase ticket sales and making the festival a ticket only event, with the Pub having sole use of the Green. It was confirmed that no fencing off of the Green would be involved and local people such as dog walkers would not be moved on. The request is to deal only with large groups of people attending the festival without tickets. There was also the issue that due to unforeseen costs they would like to be able to sell more tickets than in years before. PG raised concerns regarding the impact on the village and the incremental costs a larger festival would produce and requested further information such as how many additional tickets would be sold. After much discussion it was suggested that the first application be approved giving the same conditions of the previous years and the second application be added to the next agenda. PW proposed the first application JL seconded, four Cllrs voted in favour PG voted against. Second application is deferred until next meeting. AS to find out if the Council are allowed to rent the Green to Matt and Karen in principal

18.47 Finance:

Payments for approval

- Allison Spyer, Salary £360.00
- Allison Spyer, Expenses £9.76
- SpeedWatch Campaign £500.00
- CPRE Membership £29.00

Payments proposed by VP seconded by PW with a unanimous vote from the rest of the attending Council

- St Marys School, Hall Hire £245.00

It was agreed to defer the payment to the school until the hours used could be checked properly AS to contact the school requesting a breakdown of usage.

AS

Receipts

- No current receipts

18.48 FAG Update:

VP reported that at the recent FAG meeting donations had been discussed with only £267.00 of the allotted £570.00 being spent. She suggested CAB be a worthy recipient however it is open for any organisation to apply for a grant from this fund. To be discussed further at the next meeting.

18.49 Planning Committee Report:

Deferred until next meeting

18.50 Councillors Report:

Bentworth Community Assoc: Deferred

Environment: Deferred

Footpaths: JL reported that HCC planning on spending £100,000.00 to repair local BOATS. Many of the BOATS are closed currently while the work is undertaken, and then will be reopened gradually to allow new surfaces to settle in. HCC are unwilling to impose Traffic Regulation Orders on BOATS such as Jenny Green Lane which would prohibit vehicles from using them rendering any repairs at best, temporary. JL urged residents to make their views known at row.notices@hants.gov.uk before 22nd March. AS to put the information on the website.

AS

Health & Safety: Deferred

Open Spaces: PW reported that the cones along muddy patch belong to police and should go back once the permanent posts are installed

Pond: PW has met with Rivers Contracting and presented his quote of £6750 + VAT. PW confirmed that the silt would have to be stockpiled on site and water found locally. Info passed onto AS to pursue

Traffic & Highways: Deferred

Trees: Deferred

Young people and families: Deferred

Broadband: Deferred

18.51 Other Reports:

Community Care: Deferred

Neighbourhood watch: Deferred

St Marys School: Deferred

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18.52 Meetings Attended:

Deferred

18.53 Forthcoming Meetings:

Deferred

18.54 Date of next Meeting:

Wednesday 3rd April at 7.30pm AGM

18.55 The Chairman thanked all members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.05pm

Signed Date