

BENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING

1st October 2013, 7.30pm, Village School Jubilee Hall, Bentworth

Present:

Parish Councillors	Clerk	District & County Councillors	Others
David Hawes Veronica Parker Chris Hurley Jenny Lewis Philip Guest Tony Costigan Paul Mellish	Allison Spyer		16 Members of the public

ACTION FOR

19.77 Apologies for absence:

PC Peter Kelly

19.78 Declarations of interest:

There were no declarations of interest

19.79 PC Peter Kelly, update:

PK was unable to attend the meeting but sent the following report. 'There have been no incidents of note which the PC need to be aware of. I hope to attend the meeting regarding the Bentworth Blues Festival.

19.80 Meeting open to the public:

JC asked the PC for a donation to the school hall (for adult chairs) out of the VOY prize money. Sue Philips spoke up as she feels very strongly that the Pillory should be removed. Nancy Bailey asked about PB, were there only two suggestions and how were they filtered, can the PC mention the new stile on ParsonageFarm.

19.81 Minutes of the July Meeting:

VP asked that the minutes be changed to reflect the information that the Participatory Budgeting results will be announced during the November meeting, not October. AS to change

AS

19.82 Matters arising. Actions from previous meetings:

- PC to hold a public meeting in October regarding Blues Festival – On-going
- Unofficial layby, AS to look for grant funding – On-going. HCC have stated they are receptive to the idea of part funding the work. AS will speak with MKG to discuss further once the PC have agreed which quote to go with. Sketch of proposed layby received from HCC.
- TC & PM to liaise with school re: Speeding. – TC and PM saw headmistress re the parking situation in the morning and afternoon and to discuss the footpath (to which there was no conclusion). Jo Ayres will ask teachers to park out the front creating more parking at the back for parents. She would also like to see part of the field turned into a car park, cost, ownership of the land would need to be looked at. TC and PM asked JA if monitors could be used, this however is not in her budget. TC & PM to pursue the idea of using teachers as marshals.
- PG to buy parish laptop. – Laptop received needs to be configured. This is now almost complete.
- Parish Council to review website – On-going.
- BCA Dissolution – On-going for future agenda
- JCS – PG and AS to solicit the views of other local Parish Councils re the proposed modifications and submit a collective objection with those that agree – All parishes were contacted with Froyle and Ropley joining Bentworth in objecting. Beech PC decided after discussion to make its own representation.
- Oak Tree on Green – AS contacted Dom Brooking and sent on the Tree report. DM has agreed to do the work for the PC.
- Pillory – AS contacted EH Planning department and can confirm the Pillory does not need planning permission.
- Blues Festival – All copy has been submitted and relevant people invited
- Documentation Review – Ongoing

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19.83 The erection of objects/structures on common land within the Parish:

It was agreed that the following ruling be introduced:

The erection of any kind of temporary or permanent structure is prohibited on land, as described, without requesting application to and approval by the Parish Council in writing and by presentation in person. Such requests will be considered by the Planning Committee for full approval by the Council. Unauthorised structures will be removed three clear days after notice has been given by the Clerk and any costs incurred with the removal will be charged. In the event of the erection of structures anonymously they will be removed immediately. For signage please see separate conditions that are available from the clerk.

CH Proposed JL seconded with unanimous agreement from the rest of the council.

19.84 Pillory:

The Council were in agreement that this is a contentious issue with supporters for and against the retention of the Pillory. After much discussion the decision was put to a vote. Cllrs TC, DH & PM were for keeping the structure. Cllrs JL, PG and CH were against it. Cllr VP abstained. Chairman DH holds the casting vote in these instances and voted for it to stay. Majority vote was for the Pillory to remain.

19.85 Stile to gate on Village Green:

Clerk was given permission to apply for funding to include two further gates.

AS

19.86 Layby:

CH explained that the layby will be more curved than in the diagrams shown with illuminous boundary posts at the edge of the grass (the same posts that have been installed throughout the village). VP asked if, instead of a layby the strip of land just be kerbed. The PC thought this a good suggestion. AS to have the kerb only option costed by HCC.

AS

19.87 Bentworth sign at Holt End:

Cllr CH reported that HCC have agreed to move all the Bentworth name signs to the village boundaries. This will be reviewed in 3 months if nothing has come of it.

AS

19.88 Village commemoration of World War I:

PG suggested that if anyone in the village wanted to commemorate the start of the war the PC would like to support the plans potentially regrouping the BCA to help raise funds and claim back VAT.

19.89 Change of day/date for November meeting:

It was agreed to change the date of the November meeting from the 5th to Wednesday 6th November.

VP proposed PM seconded unanimous agreement from the rest of the council.

19.90 Website Review:

JL& PM reported on a meeting held with the author of the Medstead website which was considered a good example and one that could be followed by Bentworth. Toby Stevens offered advice during the meeting and will be consulted on changing the existing website. Members agreed that the website should be updated and further research is to follow.

JL/PM/TS

19.91 Finance:

Payments for approval

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| • Allison Spyer, Salary | £360.00 |
| • Allison Spyer, Expenses, mileage | £11.20 |
| • BDO, External Auditor | £120.00 |

PM proposed payments TC seconded and the rest of the Council were in unanimous agreement.

Receipts

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| • EHDC, Precept 2 nd half | £4810.00 |
| • HMRC, VAT Refund | £115.45 |

Audit Approval:

The annual return was approved and accepted by the Parish Council.

Proposed by DH and seconded by VP.

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19.92 FAG update:

VP reported that Participatory Budgeting results will be announced at the next meeting. AS has been in contact with EHDC with regards to a grant for mowing. Their current stand is that contractors for mowing should be included within the annual budget however there is still one more avenue to explore so this is still on-going. BCA on-going

AS

19.93 Planning Committee Report:

Next meeting set for 7th October.

Blues festival – There is already advertising for next year's festival. DH proposed that the PC request the organisers apply to the council first with all the relevant details after the public meeting and before the November PC meeting for discussion by the PC. PG raised the point that last year the numbers were increased so the event was able to break even. Concern is that the ticket price has been set already potentially risking another hike in numbers if the organisers have costed incorrectly. It was agreed for PG to draft a letter to the organisers.

PG

19.94 Councillors Report:

Environment, Ponds & Footpaths: JL reported that some footpaths need new stiles and some have been removed. The funding request for the pond still with HALC and will be sent once it has been returned.

Open Spaces:

Traffic & Highways: CH, Well Lane is marked up for relaying and the road will be closed for one day however no date has been given yet for this. Bentworth are currently in a queue to get drains cleared. SpeedWatch, several people caught. CH is not sure if the letters have been sent but will find out and report back at the next meeting.

CH

Broadband: Nothing from HCC. VP went to community forum, 90% households expected to be on superfast BB by the end of 2014. Phase one starts in Jan next year. Map of proposed rollout will be advertised in October. Register interest at www3.hants.gov.uk/broadband/broadband-signup.htm, or call 08456035638.

19.95 Other Reports:

Community Care: FM was not able to attend the meeting but would like to say the Care Group are delighted at having won prize for transport at the Village of the Year Competition. There are still lots of helpers not a lot of people that need help

Neighbourhood watch: No report

St Marys School: JC, numbers down at school to 87 which is not good. Harvest super is on 19th October 7.30 £8 per head £4 per child £20 a family. Breakfast club is up and running but a slow start. PG suggested the school interact with the local parents who have moved children to find out why.

MF, hall fundraising fete organisers have made two donations to the new school hall Herriod, Lasham and Beech have also made contributions. The harvest festival will be on Friday 11th Oct at 2.45pm. The Christmas fair will be on Friday 6th December. FAG to look at making an exceptional donation to the hall.

19.96 Any Other Business:

Buckingham palace garden parties – submissions need to be with HALC soon.

19.97 Meetings Attended:

VP – Community Forum

19.98 Forthcoming Meetings:

Fracking Meeting
Traffic Management

19.99 Date of next Meeting:

Wednesday 6th November

The Chairman thanked all members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 21.11

Signed Date