

BENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING

3rd December 2013, 7.30pm, Village School Jubilee Hall, Bentworth

Present:

Parish Councillors	Clerk	District & County Councillors	Others
David Hawes Veronica Parker Chris Hurley Tony Costigan Paul Mellish	Allison Spyer		PC Peter Kelly 6 members of the public

ACTION FOR

20.26 Apologies for absence:

Jenny Lewis

20.27 Declarations of interest:

There were no declarations of interest

20.28 PC Peter Kelly, update:

PC Peter Kelly was in attendance and reported that it has been a quiet month. Couple of minor incidents such as the goal posts being removed which was probably just kids. Also a highway sign has been damaged but as the police only recently found out about this it is still under investigation. The SpeedWatch Campaign has been positive all round and this time next year hopefully all the Villages in the locality will have it. SW has highlighted a few repeat speeders and these drivers have been visited. Finally he reminded the meeting that the Christmas drink / drive campaign was now underway and for the public to be aware.

20.29 Meeting open to the public:

Mary Green asked if there was a date set for the litter pick? It was agreed that it was not PC's responsibility to organise it but that Jenny Lewis normally coordinates the litter pick off her own initiative and would be likely to do so again in the near future.

JL

Nancy Bayley commented on the verge opposite The White House. A car has gone across and taken out the fence and brambles and it now looks very scruffy. The PC agreed to write to Andy Graham who farms the land and also cc landowners.

AS

VP read out letter of congratulations from Damien Hinds regarding the VOY comp.

20.30 Minutes of the November Meeting:

The minutes were approved and signed

Proposed by CH and seconded by DH with unanimous agreement from the rest of the council.

20.31 Matters arising. Actions from previous meetings:

- Unofficial layby, AS and CH have had a meeting with Richard Peach from Hampshire Highways with regards to installing a kerb from the edge of the Green to join the kerb already established. RP is will advised he will need to re-cost from the £500 already quoted. **AS**
- TC & PM to liaise with school re: Speeding. **TC/PM**
- Parish Council to review website – On-going, quote for £1000.00 received PM and JL to go ahead **PM/JL**
- BCA Dissolution – On-going for future agenda
- Documentation Review – On-going
- Grass cutting – on-going, AS to approach Patrick Burrige re advise on obtaining a grant **AS**
- Stile funding – application did not go in on time AS to have all information in place for the 2014 round of funds **AS**
- Participatory Budgeting – On-going **AS/VP**
- 2014 Commemorations – On-going **DH/AS**
- Blues Meeting – Letter sent to Matt and Karen advising they need to apply for permission to use the Green on a rolling two year application.
- Pond – Benefactor has confirmed offer of £1500.00 to re-do the pond.

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20.32 Hampshire Alliance for Rural Affordable Housing:

Catherine Kirkham was in attendance representing the Hampshire Alliance for Rural Affordable Housing (HARAH) and gave a short presentation on the issue. If Bentworth were interested in proceeding along these lines the next step will be to conduct a housing needs survey. The PC has agreed to discuss this at the next meeting in February. AS to put on the agenda.

AS

20.33 Deterioration of Verges:

A complaint has been received regarding rocks and logs at the edge of verges near the school. The PC appreciate that they have been placed there to deter drivers parking there especially on the school run. However the verges are the responsibility of HCC and may be in a position to take action against homeowners if someone is injured. After discussion it was agreed that something needed to be done with regards to the parking around the school both morning and afternoons. PC Peter Kelly has agreed to spend time observing the drivers. TC and PM will discuss the issue again with Headmistress Jo Ayers. Jean Cornelius wished the PC to know that this matter has been discussed at the school governors meetings and that they are aware of the problem.

TC/PM

20.34 2014 Blues Festival:

A motion was raised to grant permission for the The Star Inn to use The Village Green for the 2014 Blues Festival.

VP proposed DH seconded with unanimous agreement from the rest of the council.

20.35 Preliminary Budget Proposal:

Clerk presented a preliminary budget but until EHDC come back with their tax base settings the budget remains unconfirmed. An extra-ordinary meeting will have to be called later in the month to discuss.

AS

Finance:

20.36 Payments for approval

- Allison Spyer, Salary £360.00
- Allison Spyer, Expenses £22.40

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

20.37 Receipts

- No current receipts

20.38 FAG update:

VP announced that the PC are in the process of changing banks. AS has been looking at other accounts but it is not as straight forward as it seems. HALC will contact other Parishes on our behalf to find out what banks they use and their opinions. AS to report back at the next meeting
BCA, The bank account money has been distributed as it should with £10.00 left in the account. This keeps its charitable status and TC has agreed to act as signatory.

Grass cutting pond, AS to contact Patrick Burridge.

Participatory Budgeting – will be implemented next year.

AS

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AS/VP

20.39 Planning Committee Report:

TC reported on the two applications received, they are;
29314/002, Oaklands, Station Road, Bentworth, Alton, GU34 5QY

Outline with all matters reserved – Additional dwelling to the rear of existing Oaklands dwelling.

Objection due to amount of tree to be cut down and proximity to north east side elevation.

31048/016, St Marys Primary School, Church Street, Bentworth, Alton, GU34 5RE

Canopy over existing play area.

Objection – design not in-keeping and water discharge due to only one down pipe. There's no drainage for the water to run away to, therefor it will run across the playground.

20.40 Councillors Report:

Environment, Ponds & Footpaths:

Open Spaces: Pillory missing, Peter Kelly will look into it

Traffic & Highways CH – Potholes are being repaired throughout the village, however moving the Bentworth

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name signs and drainage clearing still on hold. CH will have a go at cleaning the road signs.

Trees: Nothing to report.

Broadband: Nothing to report VP to take it over.

20.41 Other Reports:

Community Care. No report

Neighbourhood watch. No report

St Marys School: JC report added as addendum 1

20.42 Any Other Business:

20.43 Meetings Attended:

General power of competence – VP

20.44 Forthcoming Meetings:

Lengthsman scheme – Winchester 16th Jan HALC

20.45 Date of next Meeting:

Tuesday 7th February

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

8.45pm

Signed Date

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Addendum 1

Bentworth parish council report from St.Mary's, Bentworth, Tuesday 3rd December 2013.

The school is launching a new website on Friday 5th December. It is www.bentworth.hants.sch.uk

A special morning Remembrance Service was held in the school at 10.45am on November 11th. Some of the older children went to the church

The Elder and Lime class have been on a visit to Southampton Art gallery, and also visited Amery Hill School.

£61 was raised by the children for Children in need.

There is a new church council, and the children have met at St. Lawrence Church. This includes the children from the local church schools. They will be raising money for Naomi House, helping children that do not have quality of life. One of the church council children held an impromptu sale of second hand toys, and raised £34.11p. From memory this was for the Philippine disaster.

The younger classes are busy practising for their Christmas Play. I was in school with them this morning, singing songs. The Christmas Play will be next week, and our local councillor Mark Kemp Gee has agreed to come.

The Sunrise Breakfast Club is becoming popular, and we are asking for local sponsorship. This club enables parents to drop off their children at 7.30am, so that they can go to work. Several of the parents who have been to look at the school, and have children hoping to join us in September have shown interest in this club. We had a very enthusiastic visit to the Sunrise Club from Andrews Endowed School at Holybourne. They are thinking of starting a similar club.

There was an open art gallery for parents on 29th November. Parents could come in to the school view pictures, and then purchase them.

The school are holding a meeting at 9.15am on Thursday 5th December, to discuss the possibility of starting a toddlers club.

We also had a visit from a councillor from Beech. He was shown around by Maria Fordyce, and 2 enthusiastic members of the school council.

The school councillors are elected in September each year, and are representatives for each class. They have meetings, and discuss and put ideas forward.

The school would like to extend an invitation to the members of the Bentworth Parish council, to visit the school. Please contact the school office on 562117, and make a suitable date.

The Christmas Fair is this Friday 6th December at 3.30pm. Please come along, have a cup of tea, and buy some goodies from the stalls run by the children. It goes on until 5.30pm.

The whole community is very warmly welcomed to come to the church service on Wednesday 18th December at 9.15pm. It is always a lovely happy service with the older classes performing.

Jean Cornelius.