

# BENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF MEETING

4<sup>th</sup> Feb 2014, 7.30pm, Village School Jubilee Hall, Bentworth

### Present:

**ACTION FOR**

Parish Councillors	Clerk	District & County Councillors	Others
David Hawes Veronica Parker Chris Hurley Tony Costigan Paul Mellish Jenny Lewis	Allison Spyer		Jean Cornelius 8 Members of the public

**20.26 Apologies for absence:**

Tony Costigan and PC Peter Kelly

**20.27 Declarations of interest:**

There were no declarations of interest

**20.28 PC Peter Kelly, update:**

PC Kelly was unable to attend the meeting but sent the following report. "Quiet month in Bentworth, Traffic Police have been targeting Speeding drivers in all the local villages recently with SpeedWatch the message is getting out ! Four Marks/Medstead Speedwatch volunteers are being trained in February."

**20.29 Meeting open to the public:**

JC asked about the layby which was to be discussed later in the meeting.

**20.30 Minutes of the December Meeting:**

The minutes were approved and signed

Proposed by PM and seconded by VP with unanimous agreement from the rest of the council.

**20.31 Matters arising. Actions from previous meetings:**

- Unofficial layby, To be discussed later
- TC & PM to liaise with school re: Speeding.
- Parish Council to review website – On-going, Dan Luton written to retaining his services
- BCA Dissolution – On-going for March agenda
- Documentation Review – On-going
- Grass cutting – AS to approach Patrick Burridge re advise on obtaining a grant. On-going, no reply, chaser email bounced back recently.
- Stile funding – application did not go in on time AS to have all information in place for the 2014 round of funds
- Participatory Budgeting – On-going
- 2014 Commemorations – On-going
- Broken fence opposite White House – Farmer written to requesting the fence be fixed

**TC/PM**

**AS**

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**20.32 Budget 2014/2015**

Clerk presented the budget. Precept request for the coming year is proposed at £9730.00 with a £270.00 top up grant from EHDC bringing the precept up to an unchanged £10,000.00 as per last year  
Budget proposed by DH seconded by VP with unanimous agreement from rest of council.

**20.33 Affordable Housing:**

The council and a number of residents at the meeting discussed this topic at some length.

It was agreed to do nothing currently with regards to initiating the survey. AS to contact HARAH and let them know.

**AS**

**20.34 Layby:**

Richard Peach from HCC Highways confirmed that the new cost to install 35 metres of kerbs and associated works (tarmac reinstatement, top soiling, seeding etc) is in the region of £900.00. AS to contact RP and set the ball rolling

Proposed by JL seconded by PM unanimous agreement from rest of council

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## 20.35 Parish Council Banks:

The PC were presented with two alternative banks. Unity Trust or Lloyds Treasury Account. Both have solid reputations. One difference is that Unity pays interest (negotiable), however there will be bank charges, Lloyds Treasury Account offers no interest but is a free account with no charges.

Lloyds Treasury Account was proposed by VP seconded by CH unanimous agreement from rest of council

AS

### Finance:

## 20.36 Payments for approval

- Allison Spyer, Salary £360.00
- Allison Spyer, Expenses £22.40
- Dan Luton, Website designer. 50% costs £500.00

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

Payments previously made:

- Allison Spyer, Salary £450.00
- Philip Guest, Laptop & equipment £574.96
- St Marys School, room hire £123.25
- ICO, Data protection £35.00
- Toby Stevens, Website domain £12.07
- Allison Spyer, Expenses £33.49

JL proposed payments, seconded by VP the rest of the council were in unanimous agreement

## 20.37 Receipts

- No current receipts

### FAG update:

VP reported that from the last meeting budget and banks had already been covered. On other issues we are still waiting for a grass cutting quote, Participatory Budgeting is still ongoing and the BCA dissolution is on the agenda for next month's meeting.

## 20.39 Planning Committee Report:

27960/003, Holt Lodge, Holt End Lane, Bentworth, Alton, GU34 5LF

Increase in roof height to provide accommodation at first floor level, extension to garage and porch to the front.

**No Objections but with reservations due to the size of the balcony and loss of privacy to the neighbours**

32952/014, Summerley, Station Road, Bentworth, Alton, GU34 5QT

Two storey extension to front (amendment to previously approved scheme)

**No Objections**

54339/002 Ashley Farm House, Ashley Farm Road, Bentworth GU34 5RH

Timber framed open fronted outbuilding.

**No Objection, but with concerns regarding disruption to public footpaths and bridleways.**

## 20.40 Councillors Report:

*Environment, Ponds & Footpaths:* Opening of BOATs has been put off again because of rain, they are however open to walkers. Gate at Jenny Green Lane has been rammed. Pond currently has water and happy ducks and stiles is ongoing. PC would like to propose vote of thanks to Julian Lewis' for all his efforts within the village.

DH proposed, VP seconded unanimous agreement from rest of council.

*Open Spaces:*

*Traffic & Highways Drainage* - we are on fairly low priority at the moment but CH is in contact with Richard Peach

*Speedwatch:* Out once a week at various times. AS to contact PC Kelly to ask for training to input the data

*Trees:* Nothing to report.

*Broadband:* JL & PM had a meeting with Dan Luton of Tool Box Digital to build a new website. 50% of the

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cost has been paid up front (£500.00). The work will be underway shortly.

VP – Bentworth will not be getting superfast broadband until 2017 at the earliest. Look at schemes whereby villages club together to have it installed

AS

**20.41 Other Reports:**

*Community Care.* Nothing to report, excellent AGM. 18 drivers with approx 6 customers. DH suggested care group offer to take locals to the mobile library in Medstead once it stops its rotation in Bentworth. FM agreed they would be happy to.

*Neighbourhood watch.*

*St Marys School:* See addendum 1

**20.42 Any Other Business:**

WWI commemoration – could we find out about the people on the memorial. Ron Burnett maybe doing something

**20.43 Meetings Attended:**

**20.44 Forthcoming Meetings:**

Superfast broadband

**20.45 Date of next Meeting:**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March

The Chairman thanked all members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.35pm

Signed ..... Date .....

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## Addendum 1

### **Bentworth parish council report from St.Mary's, Bentworth, Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Feb 2013.**

I went with the children carol singing at Sainsbury's in Alton in mid December. They collected over £200 for the charity of their choice which was Naomi House, the children's hospice.

In the afternoon Mrs Ayres had a phone call from 2 lady police constable support officers, saying to congratulate the children on their singing, and their impeccable behaviour.

There was a small farm including a llama on the school field, in December, mainly for the younger children.

The New Year started with lots of events, and visits. They went to The Anvil in Basingstoke, to the Philharmonic Orchestra do Supersonic. Another class went to the Titanic exhibition at the Sea City Museum in Southampton.

The school also had a visit from Mark Richardson an ex Olympian. He shared his inspirational story of success in conjunction with the Olympic Legacy Project. I expect you saw him on the front page of the Alton Herald, with the children.

There was a Healthy Eating Day at school, where healthy eating was discussed, team building, creating a dream poster and meditation.

There are numerous after school activities, including French Club, Spanish, football, netball, recorders and karate is being trialled.

Last Friday they had a "bring your dad to school day." Believe it or not 25 came including granddads and a brother; there are photos on the website.

The PTA has negotiated a deal with Tesco, so that the school uniforms can be bought on line complete with the school's embroidered logo.

The Sunrise breakfast is still going, but is not very healthy financially. Mrs Ayres has asked for local business sponsors each for £250. We are looking for 12 sponsors, and already have at least 5 from local residents, and businesses. All the names of the sponsors will be advertised on the window of the Sunrise Club. You can buy a recipe book to help sponsor the Sunrise Club at £2 from the school office. There are also linen tea towels, priced at £5 again from the school office. Each child has drawn a self portrait.

Further details of any of the above can be seen on our new school website.

One of the governors was in the school on Monday morning, and the fire alarm went off., the children immediately made a line by the classroom door. No instructions needed. The whole school was lined up and outside within minutes and all accounted for. The whole process was very slick, and she was confident that in the case of a real fire all would know what to do.

Jean Cornelius