

BENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING

4th March 2014, 7.30pm, Village School Jubilee Hall, Bentworth

Present:

Parish Councillors	Clerk	District & County Councillors	Others
David Hawes Veronica Parker Tony Costigan Paul Mellish Jenny Lewis	Allison Spyer		Jean Cornelius 6 Members of the public

**ACTION
FOR**

20.46 Apologies for absence:

Chris Hurley and PC Peter Kelly

20.47 Declarations of interest:

There were no declarations of interest

20.48 PC Peter Kelly, update:

PC Kelly was unable to attend the meeting but sent the following report. "At this time nothing to report to Council crime wise... I have attended St Mary's school on 26/02/14 at request of the Head-teacher to discuss with the older students Internet safety. Speedwatch is again having an impact in the village and surrounding villages with interest being shown by other villages with setting up schemes."

20.49 Meeting open to the public:

No members of the public wished to speak

20.50 Minutes of the February Meeting:

The minutes were approved and signed

Proposed by VP and seconded by DH with two in agreement and one abstention due to absence.

20.51 Matters arising. Actions from previous meetings:

- Unofficial layby – Richard Peach from Highways has confirmed that the work will start at some point in April. Adverse weather conditions have created a delay. Grant from HCC has been approved to cover half the cost.
- TC & PM to liaise with school re: Speeding. **TC/PM**
- Parish Council to review website – On-going, Dan Luton written to retaining his services
- BCA Dissolution – To be discussed later
- Documentation Review – On-going
- Grass cutting – AS to approach Patrick Burridge re advise on obtaining a grant. On-going in discussion with Iain Hopcroft from HCC **AS**
- Stile funding – application did not go in on time AS to have all information in place for the 2014 round of funds. Ongoing **AS**
- Participatory Budgeting – AS and VP have meeting to discuss and progress on 12th March **AS**
- 2014 Commemorations – For April agenda **AS**
- Change of banks – This is underway. **AS**
- Speedwatch – Peter Kelly confirmed that VP has been in to do the training
- Superfast Broadband – On-going

20.52 Village of the year presentation meeting:

The Parish Council agreed to host the 2014 Village of the Year presentation meeting.

VP proposed JL seconded unanimous agreement from rest of council. AS to put Village of the year entry on next agenda. **AS**

20.53 BCA Dissolution:

TC reported that the BCA will not be dissolved in case it's needed again in the future. Funds in the bank account have been distributed to those owed money and the remainder was given as a donation to the village pond approx. £700.00. A nominal amount of £10.00 has been left to keep the account open.

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20.54 2nd Bentworth scarecrow competition:

Cllr Jenny Lewis has kindly agreed to run Bentworth's 2nd Scarecrow Competition again. The competition will run for two weeks in June culminating in a prize-giving at the Village Fete. The PC thanked Jenny and were happy to let it go ahead.

Finance:

20.55 Payments for approval

- Allison Spyer, Salary £360.00
- Allison Spyer, Expenses £16.80
- Royal British Legion, Donation £17.00
- CPRE, Membership £29.00

All payments proposed by JL and seconded by PM with unanimous agreement from rest of council

20.56 Receipts

- Hampshire County Council, Grant £500.00

20.57 FAG update:

VP reported that the bank account switch is currently underway. AS and VP will meet over the next few weeks to discuss and implement Participatory budgeting. The WWI commemorations will go on next month's agenda for discussion. AS

It was suggested that AS bring VP up to speed on all finance matters with access to cashbooks, all banking procedures and internet banking once up and running as a safety measure and back up. AS/VP

The motion was proposed by PM with JL seconding. Unanimous agreement from rest of council.

The village of the year money was discussed and what to spend it on. JL suggested a sign on top of the village entrance gates (once installed) stating 'Bentworth Village of the Year 2013', the Council are however open to suggestions regarding this.

20.58 Planning Committee Report:

Outcome of the Planning meeting on 18th February: Only one application for discussion that night.

33083/002 Warem Farm, Wivelrod Road, Bentworth GU34 4AR

Prior notification for single storey development extending 8 metres beyond the rear wall of the original dwelling, incorporating an eaves height of 4 metres and a maximum height of 4 metres.

NO OBJECTION

20.59 Councillors Report:

Environment, Ponds & Footpaths: Nothing to report. Waiting for pond to dry up again so the planned work can begin

Open Spaces: Nothing to report

Traffic & Highways Nothing to report

Speedwatch:

Trees: One application in for Sycamore tree to have its crown raised at Bentworth Lodge

Broadband: VP has been looking into this further. No hard resolution yet but has made contact with various people and will hopefully have more to report next month. In the meantime TC will talk with Philip Guest regarding various meetings he has had in the past about superfast broadband. TC

Young people:

Communications: Site currently being built, initially will just cover PC business. Once up and running other groups will be invited to develop their own sections such as school, mummies etc. Should be up and running in a couple of months. Villager magazine will also be online. All uploads will have to be approved by JL and PM.

20.60 Other Reports:

Community Care. FM nothing to report

Neighbourhood watch. Nothing to report

St Marys School: Addendum 1

20.61 Any Other Business:

Commemorations of WWI, suggestion so far have been for a bench opposite the war memorial for reflection.

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Parish Council however are open to suggestions from any villager. Ideas should be submitted to the PC via the clerks email and will be discussed at next month's meeting.

20.62 Meetings Attended:

None

20.63 Forthcoming Meetings:

Broadband VP to attend

20.64 Date of next Meeting:

Tuesday 1st April 2014 Annual Parish Meeting followed by cheese and wine.

20.65 The Chairman thanked all members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.13pm

Signed Date

Addendum 1

Bentworth parish council report from St. Mary's, Bentworth, Tuesday 4th MARCH 2014

It has been a short month at school because of the half term; however a lot of things have been going on.

The half term finished with a Valentine disco, and 2 competitions, one for a valentines bake off, and the other for the best cardboard heart.

The school each week gives a small award for 100% attendance. There are lots of weeks where one class has 100% attendance.

4 children took part in an IT competition at Liss. The competition was led by engineering students at Southampton University. 8 schools took part, and each team of 7 or 8 pupils had to programme robots to follow a course. 2 of Bentworth School's girls were in the only team to achieve this.

The after school and lunch time clubs are flourishing. There are board games and French in the lunchtimes. After school there are Spanish, football, rounders, netball and a newly started beginner's karate club.

This morning, The Sunrise breakfast club, made and ate pancakes.

The children are also made aware of Alton activities, for example, the Alton Food bank, and the jazz evening to be held at Eggars school tomorrow evening at 7pm. It costs £3. Bands from Amery Hill, Eggars School and Alton College are all taking part.

Last but not least Sainsbury's are giving vouchers for school again from 29th January until 20th May. The school would be very grateful for any vouchers that the community may have. Thank you.

Jean Cornelius 4th March 2014