

BENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING

Tuesday 1st July 2014 at 7.30pm, Village School Jubilee Hall, Bentworth

Present:

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

**ACTION
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19.90 Apologies for absence:

Jenny Lewis.

19.91 Declarations of interest:

There were no declarations of interest

19.92 PC Peter Kelly, update:

No major crimes/incidents in Village. We are getting reports of persons in the village selling door to door these Hawkers are generally ex-offenders who go from village to village selling from bags they, get dropped off and picked up at various locations. It causes concern for residents especially the elderly who live alone Police advice is to just say no to the sellers and if any concerns call 101 and we will come and check them out. Speedwatch is going well, I took the speedgun into the village 26th June for an hour I used two locations and did not catch anyone speeding! I hope that is down to the effect of speedwatch.

19.93 Meeting open to the public:

No member of the public wished to speak.

19.94 Minutes of the June Meeting:

These were approved and signed.

.CH proposed and TC seconded with unanimous agreement from rest of council.

19.95 Matters arising:

- Unofficial layby – AS presented the PC with an engineer's drawing of the kerbing for the PC's approval. TC prop VP seconded unanimous agreement from the rest of the PC. AS to inform HCC.
- TC & PM to liaise with school re: Speeding.
- Parish Council to review website – On-going
- Documentation Review – On-going
- Stile funding – application did not go in on time AS to have all information in place for the 2014 round of funds. Ongoing
- Participatory Budgeting – On-going
- Change of banks – Ongoing
- Superfast Broadband – On-going
- Memorial Bench – To be discussed later
- Petanque Pitch – To be discussed later
- Unpaid precept money – AS confirmed that a letter requesting the missing funds has been sent and is currently being dealt with by the Finance Dept at EHDC

AS

19.96 Councillor Co-option:

Abby George was voted onto the Council. Proposed by TC seconded by VP with unanimous agreement from rest of the Council.

19.97 Petanque Pitch:

AS reported that approximate costings for the pitch are currently £1500, however a grant from Sport England looks possible for part or even all of the cost. AS to apply once the go ahead is given.
Scale of pitch needs to be decided and also need to confirm that we can join a league with one non floodlit

**AS
PM**

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pitch. PC agreed to come back with a full proposal in September to go in the Villager for public opinion.

19.98 Participatory Budgeting Gates:

Sketches are in with HCC sourced gates from co in Newbury, should also be able to get smaller gates for opposite bank all within budget.

19.99 Memorial Bench:

AS confirmed that the wording for the bench has been selected and the bench ordered. It is due for delivery on the 2nd July 2014 and will be stored with Cllr Tony Costigan until it is installed.

20.00 Finance:

20.01 Payments for approval:

- Allison Spyer, Salary £360.00
- Allison Spyer, Expenses £27.60

Payments previously made:

- Codec Facilities, Memorial Bench £445.99

20.02 Receipts

- No current receipts

20.03 FAG update:

All topics covered in the most recent meeting have been discussed above

20.04 Internal Auditors Report:

PC not in receipt of this currently, to go on September agenda

AS

20.05 Planning Committee Report:

TC has stepped down as chair of the planning committee and Paul Mellish has taken over.
33828/005, Childer Hill Farm, Childer Hill, Bentworth, Alton, GU34 5JRL

Lawful development certificate for a proposed use – Flat roof single storey extensions to north and south elevations.

Objection on the grounds that the flat roof is not in keeping with the style of the property

52856/002, 2 Church Street, Bentworth, Alton, GU34 5RE

Single storey rear extension.

No objection.

32757/005, Red House, Holt End Lane, Bentworth, Alton, GU34 5JU

Demolition of side extension incorporating utility and garage, erection two storey side extension, and garages to front.

No objection.

35041/007, Jenny Green Stables, Jenny Green Lane, Bentworth, Alton, GU34 5PA

Siting of mobile unit for day facilities.

No objection to proposed usage. Suggest restrictions are placed prohibiting residential usage.

34280/011, Ivalls House, Holt End Lane, Bentworth, Alton, GU34 5JU

Repair to boundary fence by replacing storm damaged fence panels with close board fencing.

No Objection

34280/012, Ivalls House, Holt End Lane, Bentworth, Alton, GU34 5JU

Demolition and replacement of existing asbestos roofed garage with traditional oak framed garage barn.

No objection. Suggest restrictions are placed prohibiting residential usage

20.06 Councillors Report:

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Website:

Environment, pond & footpaths: PM will talk with JL re putting together a working party for the pond. Many footpaths are overgrown is JL able to contact landowners to ask them to cut back? AS to ask JL.

AS

Open Spaces:

Traffic & Highways: CH reported that HCC are still repairing potholes. There is a scheme in the works for bus to come from Alton to Basingstoke twice a day via Medstead. CH to put bus timetable on the noticeboard and find out what the red bus seen at various times during the week is.

CH

SpeedWatch:

Trees:

Young people and families: Abby George will take on this role.

Website: PM, we have been in contact with all interested groups in the village and everyone is keen to have a link. Hopefully the website will be up and running by Sept / Oct.

Broadband: Nothing currently

Communications:

20.07 Other Reports:

Community Care: Tea party for all members 21st July and the recipe book is out for sale and can be purchased in the local pubs.

Neighbourhood watch. Nothing to report

St Marys School: There will hopefully be 91 children on roll in September. There will be 15 starting the school in the reception class. In September there will be new teachers to the school, but they will still be supported by the 2 teachers who retired last year. They will continue to come to the school for 1 day a week each. Sadly we shall also be saying good bye to a very long serving member of St. Mary's, Cathy Dumelow, but she will also be coming back to the school for 2 days a week in the autumn term.

The older children went on a residential course at Calshott, by the sea from 9-12th June. They took part in many activities including sailing and rock climbing. It was deemed to be a huge success. The year 6 leavers attended a leaver's service at Winchester Cathedral on 25th June. Last weekend the school had a camping night on the school field. The new gazebo which the PTA kindly paid for proved very useful. The school sports day, was held on 26th June. It was a lovely day, and well attended by parents, etc. The children all took part.

The Sunrise club, (breakfast club,) still continues with all sorts of activities, besides breakfast being supplied. They have been making pom poms, baking cakes, pond dipping, trim trail, making strawberry milkshakes, teddy bears day, and father's day cards. On suitable days, they can have breakfast in the new gazebo. The school also has had the BT community group in painting the school. Hopefully some more of the school can be painted internally on a parent's community day.

The children in years 2/3 have been enjoying swimming in Alton during this term. The reception class had a lovely time making scarecrows with a musical theme. The children also performed recorder recital at Shalden Fete.

The events to come are the fete on Saturday, where by again there will be a recorder recital, and dancing around the May pole.

This whole week will be based on World War 1. Today the children went to The Anvil at Basingstoke for the annual musical Prom, which is always an outstanding musical event. On Thursday morning at 9.30am, we have an assembly for the school, parents and the community. The main theme is "Be the best you can" Ties will be awarded to a new head girl and boy. Please come if you can.

On Monday 21st July at 9.15 there will be a Leavers service in the church, where the leavers will be presented with a bible. You are most welcome to come and join us. The last day of term is Tuesday 22nd July, with the final sharing assembly on that day at 2.15pm, again come and join us.

Please if you have any Sainsbury vouchers, the deadline has closed, could you kindly bring any vouchers you still may have in to the school.

The school is still pursuing having plans made for a canopy over the Early Years class. We don't seem to be making a lot of progress with various education/planning departments in Hampshire, regarding the canopy. We have to have an outside covered area for the Reception class to comply with Ofsted.

Last but not least, I expect you have noticed that the landscaping outside the Jubilee Hall has just about been finished. There are separate stairs outside leading in to the little old committee room. There is a kitchen, a separate toilet, and the community is most welcome to hire it during the day, and of course evenings. The stage is also dual purpose, and can be closed off to make a separate large room. Details of

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hiring can be obtained from the school office.

20.08 Meetings Attended:

None

20.09 Forthcoming Meetings:

VP and CH meeting with David Knox re Speedwatch points
Glen Pacey meeting 10th September in the Jubilee Hall AS to book

AS

20.10 Any Other Business:

The issue surrounding the school run was brought up as a select few parents are parking badly at drop off and pick up. The PC will write to the school to see what can be done.

Hedges up by Sun Hill and on the round-about are encroaching onto the road, also grass verges by New Copse need cutting. CH will contact HCC.

CH

The school will be closing soon for the holidays and everyone needs to be mindful and keep an eye out so that we don't get travellers setting up camp in the school grounds for the duration.

Lengthsman scheme for the September agenda

AS

20.11 Date of next Meeting:

Tuesday 2nd September 7.30pm

The Chairman thanked all members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.20pm

Signed Date