

# BENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF MEETING

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at 7.30pm, Village School Jubilee Hall, Bentworth

### Present:

Parish Councillors	Clerk	District & County Councillors	Others
David Hawes Chris Hurley Paul Mellish Tony Costigan Jenny Lewis Abby George	Allison Spyer		11 Members of the public

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### 20.55 Apologies for absence:

Veronica Parker

### 20.56 Declarations of interest:

There were no declarations of interest

### 20.57 PC Peter Kelly, update:

Reports from surrounding villages that cold callers attending addresses asking for bank details for monthly donations to charities, ie Battersea Dogs home, Cancer research. Checks have been made and some charities do this type of canvassing. It is obviously up to the individual whether they choose to give to charity by this method. If in doubt always politely decline and shut your door.

### 20.58 Meeting open to the public:

Valerie James spoke to advise the pc regarding the address change issue which is item 7 on the agenda.

Mick Garret asked for assurances regarding broadband as he wanted to make sure the PC know how important this issue is, and that the pc would be supportive of a working party to research other options if the village is not included in the next phase? The PC agreed that Broadband should go on next agenda.

Nigel Griffiths spoke requesting meetings are well publicised in the Villager and would appreciate meetings starting later rather than earlier (referencing the Village of the Year event). JL confirmed the start time was earlier than they would like but was dictated to the PC by the sponsors of the event.

**AS**

### 20.59 Minutes of the September Meeting:

These were approved and signed.

JL proposed and PM seconded with agreement from rest of council.

### 20.60 Matters arising:

- 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
- Layby – To be discussed later
- Website – New website built and ready to go live. Emails for all Cllrs have been arranged. It was agreed that all website content to be reviewed by the PC via clerk before being posted. Council gave thanks to Paul Mellish, Jenny Lewis and Toby Stevens for all the work on the website
- VoY – JL confirmed this would be Thursday evening 5.30, everyone welcome.
- Memorial Bench – On-going. It will be in place soon but is now weather dependant due to digging out the ground
- PB Gates – On-going
- GW Plaque – On-going
- Petanque Pitch – On-going
- Bus Stop – CH confirmed this was removed by HCC (badly), and the contractor will be back to remove it properly soon.
- New Bank Account. Now set up and should be operational this week after a few teething problems
- Unpaid precept. On-going

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## 20.61 Address Amendment:

AS reported to the PC that she has been in contact with residents and EH Street Naming and Numbering Officer, requesting the PC sign a letter confirming they have no objections for some properties in Bentworth to be relisted as Bentworth and not Medstead.

JL proposed PM seconded to sign letter with unanimous agreement from rest of council. AS to sign on behalf of PC and send to EHDC and cc Valerie James.

AS

## 20.62 Layby:

AS presented the PC with a quote from Driveway Builders for £1100.00. They would need two weeks' notice and estimate the work to take a couple of weeks. Mr Humphreys has quoted £3180.00. Hutchings and Carter have promised to provide a quote but nothing has materialised yet. PC agreed for AS to contact Driveway Builders and offer them the contract.

AS

## Finance:

### 20.63 Payments for approval:

• Allison Spyer, Salary	£459.00
• Allison Spyer, Expenses	£28.00
• Allison Spyer, Norton Anti-Virus	£74.99
• BDO, External Auditor	£120.00
• Royal British Legion, Wreath	£17.00 (chq re-issue)
• Jenny Lewis, Pond Liner	£1450.00
• Tool Box Digital, Website	£500.00

All payments DH proposed by and seconded by TC with unanimous agreement from the rest of the council.

### 20.64 Receipts

• Precept Payment	£4865.00
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### 20.65 FAG update:

Deferred until November

### 20.66 External Auditors Report:

2014 Audit has been cleared with one minor issue: *Grants and other income have incorrectly been classified as precept in box 2.*

### 20.67 Internet Banking

AS presented the PC with an application form to allow the clerk internet banking. This was duly signed by two Cllrs.

### 20.68 Planning Committee Report:

54261/002, The Coach House, Holt End Lane, Bentworth, Alton, GU34 5JU

Proposed porch.

**No objection**

26002/037, Hall Place, Holt End Lane, Bentworth, Alton, GU34 5JU

Listed building consent - conversion of outbuilding into habitable accommodation

26002/036, Hall Place, Holt End Lane, Bentworth, Alton, GU34 5JU

Conversion of outbuilding into habitable accommodation

**No objections to design but we recommend that if permission is granted then this dwelling be safeguarded from being sold as a separate dwelling in the future.**

27431/020, Bentworth House, Village Street, Bentworth, Alton, GU34 5RB

Eucalyptus tree - to remove one large branch and reduce several smaller branches overhanging Village Street.

**No objection**

### 20.69 Councillors Report:

*Environment, pond & footpaths:* JL - Pond has been dug out by community payback scheme and did an

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excellent job. Liner has been received and will be put in place once the pond dries out a bit. JGL still closed to 4x4's with no plans to open it up to them anytime soon.

*Open Spaces:* Nothing to report.

*Traffic & Highways:* CH – All potholes marked out with white paint and should be done soon.

*SpeedWatch:* Nothing to report.

*Trees:* Nothing to report.

*Young people and families:* AG reported that Bentworth have welcomed a new family to the village. They are Lesley and Fred (Steve) Grove with their two young daughters Poppy and Summer.

*Website:* Discussed above.

*Broadband:* Nothing to report.

*Communications:* Nothing to report.

## 20.70 Other Reports:

*Community Care:* FM - Nothing to report still have a few cook books but Care Group are in profit.

*Neighbourhood watch.* Peter Kelly going to join NW meeting next week.

*St Marys School:* JC report: You will all have seen in The Villager the report about Cathy Dumelow retiring, the various classes and the children's involvement with WWI with Ron Burnett in Alton. The school elections were held on 19<sup>th</sup> September and the children voted for children in their class to represent them on the school council. The election was run strictly as a proper election so that the children will know what to do in years to come. The reception class has settled in very well and looking very smart in their new uniforms with ties. The classrooms have been decorated and we have a fresh new staff at the school. The new staff have also settled in well and I am told that everyone is happy in the school and all is going well. There have been various surveys all positive. The playground has new markings on it and a disabled bay marked out. The school held an Open Day for prospective new parents and it was attended well with parents coming from various areas. The emphasis this year is on handwriting. The PTA have held their first fund raising event of the year which was a bbq. The sunrise breakfast club is still popular, however we are always grateful for donations to support it. All the children eligible for free school lunches have taken up the offer.

## 20.71 Meetings Attended:

VP attended Netley SpeedWatch meeting and said it was very useful

## 20.72 Forthcoming Meetings:

## 20.73 Any Other Business:

The PC were advised that there is a new board outside school now with out of hour's number listed on it.

DH on behalf of the PC thanked JL and NG for their contribution to the pond clearance and Ian Hughes for replacing the bus stop glass.

## 20.74 Date of next Meeting: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2014

The Chairman thanked all members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.10pm

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