

BENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING

Tuesday 4th November 2014 2014 at 7.30pm, Village School Jubilee Hall, Bentworth

Present:

| Parish Councillors | Clerk | District & County Councillors | Others |
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| Veronica Parker Chris Hurley Paul Mellish Tony Costigan Jenny Lewis Abby George | Allison Spyer | Mark Kemp-Gee | 12 Members of the public |

**ACTION
FOR**

20.75 Apologies for absence:

David Hawes, Tony Costigan

20.76 Declarations of interest:

David Hawes, Tony Costigan & Paul Mellish all live on Church Road where the proposed footpath is planned (item 20.81).

20.77 PC Peter Kelly, update:

There have been a number of shed and garage breaks in the villages including Bentworth and a number of suspicious incidents reported regarding people and vehicles. As always I ask that anything which seem's suspicious it is always worth contacting Police on 101 or in emergency 999.

20.78 Meeting open to the public:

Several of the attending residents spoke up regarding the proposed installation of the Church Street footpath, all were against it. County Cllr MKG was in attendance and informed the public that the idea was first put forward many years ago by the then PC. However if Bentworth now did not want to go ahead with the footpath then there was a very good chance the wishes of the parish would be adhered to.

One resident stated he was against the petanque pitch as it would leave a very small village green.

20.79 Minutes of the September Meeting:

These were approved and signed.
PM proposed and JL seconded with agreement from rest of council.

20.80 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 – AS contacted Driveway builders and PM met with them. Now waiting for a start date which should be within the next few weeks with the manhole cover being fixed next week.
- Website – This is now up and running. An article will go in the villager with all the information. It is worth noting that the Clerks email is working, but not all the councillors emails are yet. They will come online in due course
- Memorial Bench – Has now been moved to its agreed position in the Church.
- PB Gates – Gates are on order
- GW Plaque – On-going
- Petanque Pitch – To be discussed
- New Bank Account. This is now up and running with internet banking set up.
- Unpaid precept. On-going
- Address Amendment – Letter on behalf of Bentworth PC has been sent to the EH Street Naming and Numbering Officer supporting residents who wish their homes to be registered as Bentworth and not Medstead.
- Broadband – has gone onto December agenda

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20.81 Proposed Footpath Church Street:

AS

After listening to all the comments from the public the PC agreed to respond to the footpath proposal remonstrating that not enough time was given to consult the village fully and form an adequate response. Due to this the PC will fully support the residents in attendance at the meeting and their views which were all negative towards the proposal. They included:

It might give a false sense of security as cars coming round the corner may mount the path as the road is very narrow

2. Inconsiderate drivers (especially on the school run where there are plenty) will see it as an opportunity for additional parking in the morning and afternoon, potentially blocking the road

3. It would make the road very narrow and cars passing would have to reverse as it would now be single track

4. Urbanisation of the village

5. Most of the people walking on the road in church street do so on the other side of the road so as to see the oncoming traffic, the section of road the footpath is proposed is a blind spot and again goes to support the first reason of giving a false sense of security.

20.82 Petanque Pitch Update:

Pitch was marked out but only one person who was not a Councillor turned up. It was noted that at the time the suggested pitch was being laid out, the adverse weather conditions would have put people off from attending. It was agreed to mark it out again at some point when the weather was better.

20.83 St Mary's School Report:

To forge a stronger link between the School and the council it was agreed that Cllr Abby George will present St Marys School report at the PC meetings. Jean Cornelius is happy for AG to do so.

Finance:

20.84 Payments for approval:

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| • Allison Spyer, Salary | £360.00 |
| • Allison Spyer, Expenses | £46.42 |
| • Jenny Lewis | £152.55 |
| • Tony Costigan, Expenses | £20.78 padlock for bench |

All payments VP proposed by and seconded by JL with unanimous agreement from the rest of the council.

20.86 Receipts

- No current receipts

20.87 FAG update:

VP confirmed the village gates are on order and will be put in place once HCC give the go ahead. Bank account as mentioned above is now operating, just waiting for the closing and opening statements. The unpaid precept is still being chased.

20.88 Budget:

VP presented the council with the proposed budget (addendum 1). She recommended the precept stay the same as the past few years at £10,000.00.

PM proposed JL seconded unanimous agreement from rest of council.

20.89 Planning Committee Report:

33083/004, Warem Farm, Wivelrod Road, Bentworth, Alton, GU34 4AR
Single-storey side, rear and front extensions.

No Objection, no objection for conservatory

33969/003, 2 Well Cottage, Well Lane, Bentworth, Alton, GU34 5QS
Oak framed orangery extension to side, to replace existing conservatory

No Objection

20364/004, The Homestead, New Copse, Bentworth, Alton, GU34 5NR
Detached shed.

Bentworth PC objects to the siting of this proposed new structure. However if it was sited in the same position as the demolished structure the PC would have no objection.

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20.90 Councillors Report:

Environment, pond & footpaths: PC have the pond liner but it has been too wet to lay, now waiting for a dry day. BOATS - Highways are going to redesign the entrance to the BOAT by Holt End Lane to a wider opening which will be tarmac for a short distance and the drains checked and cleaned. This should stop the gathering in water in this area which can flood over the road into nearby houses and prevent the degradation of the green and road edges because they will curb them.

Open Spaces: Nothing to report.

Traffic & Highways: CH reported that potholes have been marked for repair and HCC continue to do them but there are still a few that need doing. Foliage around road signs has been removed and directional signs cleaned. He has also arranged for all grips and drains to be cleared hopefully before Christmas

SpeedWatch: Nothing to report.

Trees: Nothing to report.

Young people and families:

Website: Discussed above.

Broadband: For December agenda

Communications: Nothing to report.

20.91 Other Reports:

Community Care: No report

Neighbourhood watch. Burglaries through-out the village especially outside so everyone needs to be vigilant

St Marys School: Dates for diaries. 11th Nov remembrance service, Christmas fair Friday 12th December 3pm-5pm. Authentic curry night and quiz on 21st November to raise money for the sunrise club.

20.92 Meetings Attended:

20.93 Forthcoming Meetings:

20.94 Any Other Business:

20.95 Date of next Meeting: Tuesday 2nd December 2014

The Chairman thanked all members for their attendance and closed the meeting at pm 8.40

Signed Date

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Addendum 1

BENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2015/2016

ANNUAL OUTGOINGS

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| Clerk gross salary | £4,600.00 |
| Clerks expenses | £360.00 |
| Councillors expenses | £51.00 |
| Chairmans allowance | £51.00 |
| Repairs and maintenance | £100.00 |
| Insurance | £430.00 |
| Grants and donations | £500.00 |
| Training and conferences | £364.00 |
| Hall hire | £450.00 |
| Audit fees | £375.00 |
| Subscriptions (HALC & CPRE) | £234.00 |
| Data protection | £35.00 |
| Participatory budgeting | £500.00 |
| Contingency | £1,000.00 |
| Benches, noticeboard and tables | £100.00 |
| Bus shelter maintenance | £100.00 |
| Laptop maintenance & support | £250.00 |
| Future elections | £250.00 |
| Fireworks | £250.00 |
| SUB-TOTAL | £10,000.00 |
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| Precept request for 2015/16 | £10,000.00 |