

BENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING

Tuesday 2nd December 2014 at 7.30pm, Village School Jubilee Hall, Bentworth

Present:

| Parish Councillors | Clerk | District & County Councillors | Others |
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| David Hawes Tony Costigan Chris Hurley Paul Mellish Jenny Lewis Abby George | Allison Spyer | | 5 Members of the public |

ACTION FOR

20.96 Apologies for absence:

Veronica Parker & Jean Cornelius

20.97 Declarations of interest:

No declarations of interest were received.

20.98 PC Peter Kelly, update:

Quick update. There have been a few suspicious incidents reported such as vehicles and persons in village. Most have turned out to be courier/store deliveries some companies do not use marked vehicles. That said we encourage people to call in when they suspect something is not right. I will be around in the village when I can and working throughout December. Please wish the PC an early safe and peaceful Christmas.

20.99 Meeting open to the public:

No members of the public wished to speak.

21.00 Minutes of the November Meeting:

These were approved and signed.

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

21.01 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 – Driveway Builders have now pulled out of the works. AS to contact HCC to see if they still have plans to do the work in January. Broken manhole cover to be fixed on 4th December
- PB Gates – Gates are on order
- GW Plaque – On-going
- Petanque Pitch – On-going
- Unpaid precept – Letter of complaint written for David to sign. AS to forward.
- Proposed footpath – AS confirmed that a letter to Gavin Bourne at Eastleigh was sent outlining all the objections and issues. GB responded saying: I note the concerns you raise regarding the proposed footway and will ensure these are brought to the attention of Hampshire County Council for consideration. I will update you again following the end of the consultation period.

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21.02 Broadband:

It was agreed to defer the Broadband item to February by which time it would be known if Bentworth were to be included in the next phase of the superfast roll-out.

21.03 20mph Through Village:

TC put it to the council on behalf of a local resident that 20mph be introduced throughout the village. After a discussion it was agreed that AS should find out what the process is and report back at the next meeting before any decision was taken.

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Finance:

21.04 Payments for approval:

- Allison Spyer, Salary £360.00
- Allison Spyer, Expenses £26.79
- St Marys Church, Lawn mowing money £250.00

Payments made since the last meeting:

- Matt Williams, Star Inn Fireworks £250.00
- Veronica Parker, PB Village Gates £478.19

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

21.05 Receipts

- No current receipts

21.06 FAG update:

PM confirmed that the village gates had been ordered and received.

A letter has been written for DH to sign for EHDC regarding the unpaid precept.

The new account is up and running and the Finance Advisory Group were looking to set up on-line payments. FAG to put into writing at the next meeting how this will be run and safeguarded.

FAG

21.07 Planning Committee Report:

There have been no applications received in the past month so nothing to report.

21.08 Councillors Report:

Environment, pond & footpaths – JL reported that EHDC are about to open the BOATs to everyone and if anyone sees them becoming trashed again to please let her know. Pond still unlined, now waiting for it to dry out. JL agreed to carry out the village risk assessment in January.

Open Spaces: Nothing to report.

Traffic & Highways: CH confirmed he has requested all drains and clips to be cleared. Holt End Lane at the end has been resurfaced and the drains moved.

SpeedWatch: Nothing to report.

Trees: Nothing to report.

Young people and families: Newly welcomed to the village are the Thirlwall family. Ben and Philly together with young sons Sam and Oscar plus baby Poppy.

Website: Nothing to report

Broadband: Nothing to report

Communications: Nothing to report

JL

21.09 Other Reports:

St Mary's School: AG reported 'The busiest half term of the year is well under way at St Mary's with play practice in full swing for KS1 and Christmas cantata lines being learnt by KS2.

Oak class have been learning about the Stone Age and most importantly bonfire night safety, while Ash class have been beginning to learn fractions and enjoyed a trip to Butser ancient farm.

Lime class have been concentrating on the Shang dynasty and ancient China, and were lucky enough to visit the bakery behind the scenes at Waitrose in Alton who later came to St Mary's to bake bread with the children. Elder class have visited Amery Hill to write a school anthem and have been busy learning about climate change. Kathryn Flenley has spent some time in each class helping the children write their class prayer. Whole school took part in anti-bullying week. St Mary's held a remembrance service for all the pupils and their family's while the school council attended the service by the war memorial led by Reverend Ben. £204.79 was raised for children in need. Operation Christmas child collected 60 shoe boxes donated by the children and their families and the curry and quiz night was a huge success with huge thanks to the local community for their support. Christmas Fayre 12th December 3-5pm, everyone welcome'.

Community Care: FM reported that this is ticking over nicely

Neighbourhood watch. FM suggested that the Neighbourhood watch signs need replacing. Budget of £150.00 has been agreed. FM to organise the replacements

DH proposed and JL seconded with unanimous agreement from rest of the council.

FM

21.10 Meetings Attended:

VP – Neighbourhood watch co-ordinators meeting and a tree health day.

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21.11 Forthcoming Meetings:

21.12 Any Other Business:

Both pubs are undergoing change and the council discussed whether we might find out if it was appropriate to register either or both as a community asset.

AS

21.13 Date of next Meeting: Tuesday 3rd Feb 2015

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

Signed Date

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