

BENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING

Tuesday 3rd February 2015 at 7.30pm, Village School Jubilee Hall, Bentworth

Present:

Parish Councillors	Clerk	District & County Councillors	Others
David Hawes Tony Costigan Chris Hurley Paul Mellish Abby George Veronica Parker	Allison Spyer		26 Members of the public

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21.14 Apologies for absence:

There were no apologies however David Hawes announced that sadly Jenny Lewis has resigned from the council. The PC would like to thank Jenny for all her hard work and commitment to the Parish over the years.

21.15 Declarations of interest:

Abby George declared an interest in item 8, Pubs registered as a village asset, as she works for one of the public houses to be discussed.

21.16 PC Peter Kelly, update:

Not much to report for Bentworth. There have been two recent burglaries from dwellings in nearby Medstead which were daytime break-in's. Again I would ask the villagers to be vigilant and report any activity they deem to be suspicious. Myself and my colleagues are getting around the villages both day and night as much as we can. I will be visiting the new landlord of the Star hopefully this week and introducing myself.

21.17 Meeting open to the public:

Jean Cornelius asked to address the room regarding the situation of grass cutting by New Copse and along Jenny Green Lane. She has fought very hard and has finally managed to get that area on to the contractors cutting list.

21.18 Minutes of the December Meeting:

The minutes of the December meeting were confirmed as correct. Proposed by TC seconded by PM with unanimous agreement from the rest of the council.

21.19 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 – HCC still have this on their programme to complete however engineer has been off work with pneumonia for most of January. As soon as he is back a date will be confirmed and honoured.
- PB Gates – Gates are on order
- GW Plaque – On-going
- Petanque Pitch – On-going
- Unpaid precept – Letter of complaint written for David has been signed and sent.
- Proposed footpath – This has been confirmed as NOT going ahead.
- 20mph through the village. Ian Janes informed me that HCC are currently carrying out a 20mph pilot scheme through-out various residential areas and villages around the county. The results of this scheme are due in spring 2016. However in normal circumstances to apply for a 20mph a traffic regulation order (TRO) including the successful completion of the statutory TRO procedure which includes two stages of consultation (giving members of the public and other interested parties the opportunity to comment) and can take up to 12 months and sometimes longer to complete.
- Risk assessment
- Replacement of neighbourhood watch signs – FM has confirmed that they are on order.

21.20 EHDC Draft Housing Allocation Plan:

A plan has been put forward for 6 dwellings on plot of land by Church Street which is not currently up for sale, and the PC response to EHDC is due in a few days. The general consensus is that the suggested site is not ideal for many reasons. The PC strongly felt that not enough time was given for a full and proper consultation on the matter. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact EHDC and reiterate the PC's concerns

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and request and extension to the consultation deadline. Should this be granted and sufficient amount of time allocated, the PC will call an Extra Ordinary meeting to discuss further and gather input from the village. A representative from EHDC would be invited to speak.

21.21 Pubs Registered As A Village Asset:

Sun have registered to change pub to residential dwelling. VP met with John Geoghegan of East Hants to discuss the process of registering the pub(s) as a village asset. He advised the completion of nomination papers to be filled out and sent back. Clerk confirmed she currently has forms but requires PC input to complete. It was agreed to keep owners informed of any PC action. Once the pub(s) are on EHDC list, it takes away immediate rights for change of use; however it will not stop owners closing the pub down if they so wish to. Paul Hawley, Pubs Officer for CAMRA East Hampshire has offered any help and support as has Patrick Burridge

DH/VP/AS

DH proposed PC go through the process of registering the pubs as an asset, VP seconded with unanimous agreement from rest of council.

21.22 Broadband:

VP reported that superfast broadband coming to everyone attached to Box 12. To find out if this is you go to the community broadband website and put in your postcode and it will tell you if you are to receive it. If you are not attached to box 12 you will have to wait longer. VP has also requested another meeting with Glen Pacey. Village will be told in September when the superfast broadband will be installed.

21.23 Overview of May Election:

AS confirmed that the election will be driven by East Hants DC and we are currently waiting information regarding the next steps.

21.21 Finance:

Payments for approval:

- Allison Spyer, Salary £360.00
- Allison Spyer, Expenses £14.60
- CPRE, Annual Membership £36.00

Payments made since last meeting for approval;

- Allison Spyer, Salary £450.00
- Allison Spyer, Expenses £11.20
- ICO, Data Protection £35.00
- St Marys School, Hall Hire £160.75

All payments were approved, VP proposed, TC seconded with unanimous agreement from rest of council.

21.22 Receipts

- VAT Refund £221.44

21.23 FAG update:

Gates have arrived and they will be installed at the beginning of April.

Banks – waiting for statement from Lloyds and closing statement from Santander.

PB for coming year to go on March agenda.

April meeting may have a change of date due to Cllr absence.

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21.24 Planning Committee Report:

31084/017, St Marys Primary School, Church Street, Bentworth, Alton, GU34 5RE

Proposed Canopy over play area.

No objection, but suggest that structure is left in 'natural timber' state and not decorated so it blends in better with its surroundings.

54261/003, The Coach House, Holt End Lane, Bentworth, Alton, GU34 5JU

Proposed porch following removing of existing canopy porch.

No objection.

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27431/021, Bentworth House, Village Street, Bentworth, Alton, GU34 5RB

Various tree works:

No objection.

23232/019, Drury Farm, Drury Lane, Bentworth, Alton, GU34 5RL

Single storey rear extension

No Objection

28103/010, Ivalls Cottage, Holt End Lane, Bentworth, Alton, GU34 5JU

2 storey rear extension, and single storey side extension

No Objection

20364/005, The Homestead, New Copse, Bentworth, Alton, GU34 5NR

Shed for tractor storage

As before for application 20364/004 Bentworth PC objects to the siting of this proposed new structure. If it was sited in the same position as the demolished structure the PC would have no objections. The PC is concerned that if allowed it could be the subject of further 'change of use' from agricultural to housing.

24622/005, Russell House, Village Street, Bentworth, Alton, GU34 5RB

Lawful development certificate for an existing use - change of use from agricultural to garden

Objection - PC objects to the change of use

21.25 Councillors Report:

Environment, pond & footpaths – JL will continue to make sure pond is complete in the spring

Open Spaces: Nothing to report.

Traffic & Highways: Drainage needs to be addressed. Drain to be renovated at new copse and candover cottages, all drains will be cleaned. Drury lane. Gripps to be looked at and cleared several potholes to be filled

SpeedWatch: Nothing to report.

Trees: Nothing to report.

Young people and families: Nothing to report

Website: Nothing to report

Broadband: Nothing to report

Communications: Nothing to report

21.26 Other Reports:

St Mary's School: 2014 standards/results were published and are were all well above the national and county average – the school is very proud. Holocaust Memorial Day (70 candles for 70 years- as seen on South Today and in the Alton Herald) that the Head Boy and Head Girl attended at Amery. They met a Holocaust survivor who's speech was very moving. He talked about 'good' voices speaking out if something was wrong in society. East Meon trip preparations for Year 3 are underway. Years 4,5 and 6 took part in a swimming gala on Tuesday 13th January competing with other local schools at Alton sports centre, all the children did amazingly well and St Marys came 3rd overall. Elder class are preparing for their talent show 'Tins for Talents' in aid of Alton food bank. This will be held on 13th February. Advertisement for Hall Hire Manager is out! Very exciting prospect so the community can have full access to a great facility.

Community Care: FM currently away but NG was able to confirm on her behalf that the new neighbourhood watch signs have been ordered.

Neighbourhood watch. FM currently away.

21.27 Meetings Attended:

AS attended minute taking course

21.28 Forthcoming Meetings:

21.30 Date of next Meeting: Tuesday 3rd March 2015.

The Chairman thanked all members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.36

Signed Date