

# BENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF MEETING

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm, Village School Jubilee Hall, Bentworth

### Present:

Parish Councillors	Clerk	District & County Councillors	Others
David Hawes Veronica Parker Chris Hurley Jenny Lewis Paul Mellish Tony Costigan Abbey George	Allison Spyer		14 Members of the public in attendance

**ACTION  
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### Election of Chairman for 2015/2016

PM proposed DH for Chairman TC seconded, rest of Council agreed unanimously. DH then signed the declaration of acceptance witnessed by AS (Clerk).

### Election of Vice Chair for 2015/2016

JL proposed VP for Vice Chair and TC seconded, rest of Council agreed unanimously. VP then signed the declaration of acceptance witnessed by AS (Clerk).

### Election of Cllrs for 2015/2016

All declarations of acceptance were signed were signed by returning councillors witnessed by AS (Clerk).

### Apologies for absence:

There were no apologies.

### Declarations of interest:

There were no declarations of interest

### PCSO David Nops update:

It has been another quiet year with only two house burglaries and 3 outhouse type burglaries. Bentworth remains a very safe police to live, with a keen and active neighbourhood watch group to assist the police. We are encouraging residents to sign up on line with Hampshire Alert, this will be instead of other alerts such as country watch alerts. [www.hampshirealert.co.uk](http://www.hampshirealert.co.uk) will alert residents to community information as well serious traffic or similar incidents were roads have to be closed because of a serious incident. On 1st April this year Hampshire Police was reorganised changing boundaries etc, how does this affect Bentworth? Well your area is now covered by PCSO David Nops and PCSO Jess Hornsby, who will also be covering all the villages around Alton except for Four Marks and Medstead which will be covered by PC Kelly and a new PCSO who starts in June. The 24 hour cover from the police response team at Alton has not changed apart from now they have to cover down as far as Rowlands Castle and are borderless so may be dragged off to places like Basingstoke occasionally.

### Meeting open to the public:

No member of the public wished to speak.

### Minutes of the March Meeting:

These were approved and signed.

### Matters arising:

- Documentation Review – On-going
- Layby – Has been completed. HCC to pave the area between the kerb and post-box. HCC will also quote on installing Dragons teeth. AS to put on the agenda for June
- PB Gates – Gates have been received now just need a team of people to put them in. TC to liaise with JL
- GW Plaque – On-going
- Petanque Pitch – On-going
- Unpaid precept – Ongoing

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- Replacement of neighbourhood watch signs – FM has confirmed that they are on order.
- Banks – Lloyds have sent statements, we are still waiting for a closing statement from Santander

## **Review of delegation arrangements to committees, advisory groups and employees:**

- Planning, TC, VP, PM
- Finance, VP, PM & DH.
- Staffing, DH & JL
- Environment, JL.
- Traffic & Highways, CH
- SpeedWatch, VP & CH
- Communications, VP (broadband), PM & JL (website)
- Young people, AG

## **Review of the terms of reference for committees:**

- Planning – no alteration
- FAG – no alteration

## **Appointment of any new committees, confirmation of the terms of reference, the number of members (including substitute councillors), and receipt of nomination to them:**

Standing Order 15 - No alteration

## **Review and adoption of appropriate standing orders and financial regulations:**

Standing Order 30 - No alteration

## **Review of representation on or work with external bodies and arrangements for reporting back:**

Standing Order 30 - No alteration

## **Review of inventory of land and assets including buildings and office equipment:**

No alteration

## **Review and confirmation of arrangements for insurance cover in respect of all insured risks:**

As above.

## **Review of Councils and /or employees membership of other bodies:**

Standing Order 3 part 8 - No alteration

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CPRE

Data Protection

## **Review of Councils complaints procedure: Ref SO34**

Standing Order 34 - No alteration

## **Review of the Councils procedures for handling requests made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and Data Protection Act 1998:**

Standing Order 27 - No alteration

## **Review of the Councils policy for dealing with Press / Media:**

Standing Order 28 - No alteration

## **Setting the dates, times and place of ordinary meetings of the full Council for the year ahead:**

Standing Order 2 - No alteration

## **Finance:**

Payments for approval

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| • Allison Spyer, Salary          | £450.00 |
| • Allison Spyer, Expenses        | £20.88  |
| • St Marys School, Hall Hire     | £64.87  |
| • Came and Co, Insurance renewal | £408.76 |

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- N Griffiths, Grass seed, Layby £41.97

All payments proposed by PM and seconded by JL unanimous agreement from rest of council

## Receipts

- First half of precept received £5000.00

## FAQ update:

Participatory Budgeting - VP has produced a leaflet for the parish magazine outlining participatory budgeting for the year. The village gates have arrived and should be installed within the month.

Dragons teeth – This is still ongoing with the item to be discussed at next months meeting.

Santander – still no final statement even after multiple requests

EHDC Precept money owed – AS to forward copies of letters sent and DH will send again.

Neighbourhood watch signs – have been purchased and we are now waiting for invoice to get them

AS

## Appointing Internal Auditor for 2015

Council agreed to appoint Terry Marsh to do the Internal Audit.

## Planning Committee Report:

No applications apart from tree work.

SHLAA, Strategic Housing Availability Assessment: DH gave a brief overview of the history. Plot of land adjoining Church Street and Ashley Road has been identified as a potential plot to develop on. Original plan was for six dwellings. At an Extra-Ordinary meeting in February the council voted and agreed the six new developments only. The phase has entered a second consultation period and Bentworth have now been allocated twelve dwellings. The PC agreed to respond to the consultation re-iterating their support for six dwellings only and will highlight the following areas as problematic to sustain the doubled allocation: Access, drainage, sewage, disruption during build in an extremely confined vehicle access area and increased traffic. The PC will also inform EHDC that Bentworth is in the process of developing a neighbourhood plan.

PC

Individuals can also register their opinions directly on the EHDC website under the 'Proposed Submission Housing and Employment' section.

## Councillors Report:

*Environment:* Pond has been sprayed off and JL will look at lining it shortly. JL requested help from residents to remove stones from base of pond as and when they are walking past. Entrance to Jenny Green Lane has been padlocked to stop the 4x4's driving on it however this approach did not work. There are still a few padlocked byways though please let Jenny know if there are any faulty padlocks. On the whole byways currently in good condition.

*Traffic & Highways:* CH has been having regular meetings with EHDC, all drains have been cleared. Potholes have been filled, and will continue to be so. One give way sign has been knocked down, HCC have been informed

*SpeedWatch:* Nothing to report

*Trees:*

*Young people and families:* There is a new family at Compton Cottages. AG has not yet met them. There was a cricket match during the first weekend of May, Bentworth against Lasham. It was well attended and enjoyed by all, unfortunately Bentworth came second.

*Website:* Nothing to report

*Broadband:* VP has had a meeting with Glenn Pacey and someone from BT. They said that they are in the final stages of contract one and that they would be announcing when the cabinet on the green will be upgraded towards the end of the summer. For those not on that cabinet the future is not so rosy. BT will not re-parent the lines to the box on the green as this would mean doing all of them and some might then get a worse service. Sometime later this year there will be an announcement of a possible upgrade to a faster speed than we have now using a different technology, but they have not yet decided what that might be. There is also a plan to give a government grant using vouchers to those people who will not benefit from upgraded cabinets so that they can choose an installer and pay for the work direct. We will hear more about that by December

*Communications:* Nothing to report

Village Green: Matt and Abbey have agreed to take over mowing the green along with the help of Murray Tollemarche. Toby Stevens has cut hedges and will clear ditches around the green. The Council offered a vote of thanks to Matt, Abbey, Murray and Toby.

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## Other Reports:

*Community Care:* FM, Care group ticking over however one member has moved. Currently have 18 drivers and looking to recruit one more member.

*Neighbourhood watch.* Not much to report although there are plenty of scams so please be aware. Fly-tipping has been reported

**St Marys School:** Attendance across the school is continuing to improve with very few families being late. 14 pupils from St Marys took part in a cross country event and came 5th overall out of schools from the Alton area, with one year 5 pupil coming 2nd out of 25+ children.

Miss Baker will be our new deputy head starting in September 2015, she has worked across the primary phase and her passion lies in early years and key stage 1.

Oak class enjoyed a day with wild science who came into school, learning about animals and being able to hold some of them.

Ash class have attended an 'eat well' cupcake event at Amery hill school.

Pupils from Lime class took part in the selfish giant performance at the Alton Maltings centre organised by Miss Worwood from Amery hill.

Elder class also had a visit to Amery Hill baking fruit muffins.

Pupils from Years 5 and 6 will be taking part in a rounder's tournament this coming Thursday at Amery Hill.

Sports day this year will be held on 24th June with a reserve date of 8th July.

Grandparents day in school this coming Friday with mayday celebrations from 1 pm, everyone is welcome

## Meetings Attended:

None

## Forthcoming Meetings:

None

## Date of next Meeting:

Tuesday 2nd June 7.30pm

The Chairman thanked all members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.05pm

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