

# BENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF MEETING

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 7.30pm, Village School Jubilee Hall, Bentworth

### Present:

Parish Councillors	Clerk	District & County Councillors	Others
David Hawes Veronica Parker Chris Hurley Jenny Lewis Paul Mellish Abbey George	Allison Spyer		10 Members of the public in attendance

**ACTION FOR**

### 21.79 Apologies for absence:

Tony Costigan

### 21.80 Declarations of interest:

There were no declarations of interest

### 21.81 PCSO David Nops update:

There have been no problems in the Village over the past month. PCSO Nops is confirmed that this area will not be losing further officers. The police will be concentrating on thefts and burglaries.

### 21.82 Meeting open to the public:

JC suggested the PC buy a village BBQ as part of PB and agreed to put the idea on the form.

### 21.83 Minutes of the May Meetings:

These were approved and signed. VP prop JL seconded with unanimous agreement from the rest of the council.

### 21.84 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 July.
- 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
- Replacement of neighbourhood watch signs – FM has confirmed that they are on order.

### 21.85 District Councillor Update:

It has been a running start with multiple enquiries from my District (Downland Ward). Specific to Bentworth, I have a meeting with the Head of Planning in relation to the proposed development in Church Street. I am not in a position at this stage to tell you how 6 became 12 that will be the first question that I will ask. Can I remind you that the proposed development is a fair number of years away. The Bentworth Village Plan - I have arranged for David, our Chairman, and Mr Brooks to meet as we do need to press on with this matter. Phil Guest has also offered to consult with a view to compiling the opening questions. I will leave this with David to pull together. I have spoken to Ben with regards to Save our Church. He was in Belfast visiting his family and I am due to meet him when I return as I would like to press on with the process of raising funds. With regards to Farnborough air space issue, there are Officers within EHDC and HCC that have been briefed by the various parties. I have had an outline briefing from the Chairman of Lasham. I will continue with my enquiries at District and County level. I will be in a better position to brief you all at the next PCC meeting.

### 21.87 Neighbourhood Plan:

After much discussion it was agreed the next steps would be for the PC to have a meeting with EHDC and apply for a designated area (usually parish boundary). It was also agreed that while the PC would be involved, the neighbourhood plan application would be administered by a working party of local residents such as Nicky Branch and Colin Brooks. DH requested that before the questionnaire was produced a pre-

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survey be done to find out what residents want in the village. The overall cost to the village for a NP will be around 4-5K due to hiring consultants etc. NB confirmed the neighbourhood plan could influence where the new housing sites are as long as it adds up to 12.

## 21.88 Participatory Budgeting 2015:

VP explained there is a form in the Villager to be filled in, and will be on the website and John Stockdale to put on his email list. All ideas in by end of June with a short list at the July meeting and a vote in September.

## 21.89 Approval of PC Audit 2015:

The 2015 audit was approved and duly signed by Chairman David Hawes and Clerk Allison Spyer.

## 21.90 Finance:

### (a) Payments for approval

- Allison Spyer, Salary £360.00
- Allison Spyer, Expenses £16.60
- Southern Textures, Bus shelter repairs £94.30

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

### (b) Receipts

- No current receipts

## 21.91 FAG update:

Participatory Budgeting (already discussed)

Village Gates – PC are struggling to get gates in AS to get three quotes for their installation. **AS**

Dragons Teeth – waiting for HCC to come back on that one

NHWatch Signs – The 6 signs are more expensive than originally thought and an additional £30 requested  
VP proposed CH seconded with unanimous agreement from the rest of the council.

## 21.92 Planning Committee Report:

**2085/006, Paddock House, Village Street, Bentworth.**

Alterations to existing gates, screen walls and piers.

**No Objection**

## 21.93 Councillors Report:

*Environment, Pond, Open Spaces:* JL cleared off the pond but now need to scrape out the bottom. JL has a contact that has the equipment to do this and will charge £200 to do so. AS to find out if the PC need to get two other quotes if not the PC voted to go ahead with JLs contact. DH proposed VP seconded unanimous agreement from the rest of the council. **AS**

BOATS have been repadlocked and therefore has had virtually no traffic  
Working party for the pond 5<sup>th</sup> July was agreed.

*Traffic & Highways:* HCC gradually filling all potholes in the village. Will also re-do road markings on Village Street Station Road.

*SpeedWatch:*

*Trees:*

*Young people and families:* No current news

*Website:* No further news

*Broadband:* No further news

*Communications:*

*Village Green:*

## 21.94 Other Reports:

*Community Care:* FM has successfully recruited a new member for the Community Care Scheme and they are back up to full strength for anyone that needs them.

*Neighbourhood watch.* Nothing to report.

*St Marys School:* : Elder have now completed their SAT's tests, they all worked so hard and taken each day of the tests with excellent focus and determination. Lime class had a whole DT day , they made Viking **AG**

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Longboats! Which they found really interesting and enjoyable. They transformed a cereal box into a realistic Viking boat and designed their own sail, flag and shields to reflect their personality. Ash class really enjoyed health and well-being week and have already thought of lots of ways they could help people with dementia. Oak class have been thinking about what makes them happy with most saying families and pets make them happy. We are getting all ready for the Fete and are very excited. Our canopy works started yesterday(weather permitting- it should last about 7 days) and we hope it will be not be disruptive to any neighbours as it is all enclosed. This will be fantastic for our youngest learners who will have access to outside learning all year round now. We are still fundraising for ipads at the moment. AG will get in touch with the head of PTA to discuss PC donation.

All welcome at Sharing Assemblies and the St Mary's Challenge on 3rd July at 2.45pm.Sports day on 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Leavers service 20<sup>th</sup> July 9.15 in the church.

**21.95 Meetings Attended:**

None

**21.96 Forthcoming Meetings:**

None

**21.97 Date of next Meeting:**

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 7.30pm

The Chairman thanked all members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.35 pm

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