

APPROVED BY BENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL
ON 1 MARCH 2016

**CHARTER FOR BENTWORTH PARISH
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Introduction

1. On 7th July 2015, Bentworth Parish Council initiated action to secure a pathway for the development and implementation of a Neighbourhood Plan for the parish of Bentworth, Hampshire. This process will be carried out in accordance with The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 Statutory Instrument 637. A significant amount of public consultation and analysis will go into the draft Neighbourhood Plan document for public examination and final approval by referendum.

The process is unlikely to be completed before mid 2017.

Overarching Intent

2. The overarching intent is to develop and implement a Neighbourhood Plan, within Government guidelines, at the earliest possible date. The Plan will cover Bentworth Parish. The prime purpose will be to address the housing requirements identified by East Hampshire in the Local Plan: Joint Core Strategy 2011-2028. But the Plan will also cover related infrastructure and environmental issues, business and employment. Once confirmed by referendum, the Plan will then be adopted by East Hampshire District Council as the Planning Authority and will be used as an integral part of the Local Plan: Joint Core Strategy to allocate sites for future housing development in the parish of Bentworth.

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Process

3. A Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee will be established by the Parish Council to develop the plan.

4. The initial membership of this Steering Committee, as agreed by the Bentworth Parish Council at its meeting on 1 December, is:

Boyd McCleary

Colin Brooks

Debbie Rhodes

Jenny French (subsequently replaced by Alasdair Pepper)

Veronica Parker

David Hutley

David Hawes, Observer

Nicholas Branch, Observer

Jean Cornelius, Adviser on the Village School

Peter Egerton-Warburton, Adviser on Real Estate

5. The Steering Committee will engage the community as widely as possible and will establish/maintain contacts with the following entities to garner their views:

a. Bentworth general public

b. All constituted and non-constituted bodies, clubs and societies/associations within the parish of Bentworth.

c. Bentworth business community, including home-based businesses

e. Neighbouring Parishes

f. East Hampshire District Council

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6. The Steering Group will keep the Parish Council regularly informed of its progress.

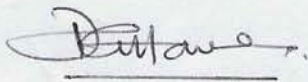
7. The Bentworth Neighbourhood Plan will build and expand on elements of the considerable public consultation work undertaken in the past, in particular.

a. Millennium Appraisal Report for the Hampshire Village of Bentworth and the Surrounding Hamlets of Ashley, Holt End, New Copse, Thedden (part), Burkham and Wivelrod, 2001

b. Bentworth Parish Plan 2008

Consultants

7. Professional consultants, who are specialists in advising on Neighbourhood Plans, will be employed to assist with the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan. Funding for this will come from central government funds and will be arranged, managed and coordinated through Bentworth Parish Council.



D. G. HAWIES

CHAIR BPC.

1st MARCH 2016



ALISON SPYER.

CLERK TO BPC.

1st MARCH 2016