

BENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING

Tuesday 6th November 2018, 7.30pm, Village School Jubilee Hall, Bentworth

Present:

Parish Councillors	Clerk	District & County Councillors	Others
Veronica Parker (Chair) Paul Mellish Jane Costigan Abbie George Chris Hurley		Tony Costigan	15 Members of the public

		ACTION FOR
26.80	Apologies for absence: David Hawes & Chris Hurley	
26.81	Police update: PC Nops advised that it is very quiet in Bentworth a few industrial premises broken into in nearby areas. A woman that caused three deaths on the A339 has admitted her error and been banned for three years. Signs along the road where the accident occurred will be taken down as they are a distraction and the PC are within rights to remove them.	
26.82	Declarations of interest: There were no declarations of interest.	
26.83	Meeting open to the public: <ul style="list-style-type: none">It was queried if the fencing around the pond needs to be installed and it was agreed that for the safety of small children that it really does.MF issued an Invitation from the school re generation game that is taking place soon.There will be a meeting to discuss Speeding issues through the village date tbc in DecemberLetter to David from Fred re Mr Berens – no acknowledgement or responseSigns not allowing horses on the green when wet have worn out AS to replace x3	AS
26.84	Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on the 2 nd October were proposed as accurate by JC and seconded by AG with unanimous agreement from the rest of the council that were present at the meeting.	

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26.85	<p>Matters Arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Aid Training Update – Waiting to hear back from School to use the hall on the 10th December at 7pm. JL will confirm. • Neighbourhood Plan – Report from the NPSC is attached as appendix 1. 	
26.86	<p>District Councillor Update: There was no DC update.</p>	
26.87	<p>The Star Inn & Possible ACV: Item deferred until response from Lawyer has been received.</p>	
	<p>Cricket Ground: Regarding Mr Berens response requesting an apology from the Parish Council and a statement pertaining to the Cricket Grounds and adjoining garden / orchard. After discussion it was agreed that the PC have apologised to Mr Berens on more than one occasion and would not be issuing another apology. However his request for the statement was granted and will appear in the body of these minutes and be included in the clerks report for the Villager.</p> <p>The Parish Council would like it acknowledged that the Cricket Grounds and adjoining gardens / orchard are private property and can only be entered with the owner's permission.</p>	
	<p>Grant Application: The Parish Clerk reiterated that the Council are unable to offer donations to local groups. Any monies sought from the PC must be applied for as a grant in writing. The application form can be downloaded from the website or by emailing the Clerk for a copy clerk@bentworthparishcouncil.org</p>	
26.88	<p>Finance:</p>	
(a)	<p>Payments for approval:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allison Spyer, Salary £583.80 • HMRC, PAYE £16.20 • Allison Spyer, Expenses (broadband set up) £33.67 • <p>Payments made in month</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planet, Planning Consultants £468.00 • Toolbox Digital £40.00 • The Royal British Legion, Wreath £19.25 <p>All payments were agreed by the Council. VP proposed and AG seconded with unanimous agreement from the rest of the council.</p>	
(b)	<p>Receipts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No current receipts 	

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(c)	<p>Current Account Balance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The balance of current account is £17,325.00 	
(d)	<p>FAG Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pond Fence – JL has requested three quotes but only one received so far Grit bins – some need filling some need replacing Confirmed that the Here but Not Here Sihouettes will go up on Saturday Group discussed advertising in the villager for handy man at around £14.00 per hour There will be a budget meeting later this month 	
26.89	<p>Village Appearance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grit bins two on Childer Hill need replacing. Bin by The Sun needs filling. AS to contact EHDC Litter pick two weeks ago and happily there was hardly any litter. JL to ask JL to pick up grass cuttings from the Village Green 	<p>AS</p> <p>JL</p>
26.90	<p>Planning Committee:</p> <p>Case No: 23232/025, Drury Farm, Drury Lane, Bentworth, Alton, GU34 5RL Retention of two units of residential accommodation comprising a one bedroom flat and one bedsit. No objections however request made that condition added that the building cannot be sold separately from the farm.</p> <p>Case No: 57626, The Bungalow Bentworth Lodge Farm, Childer Hill, Bentworth, Alton, GU34 5JR Replacement dwelling on site of existing bungalow known as Searchlight Cottage. No objection</p>	
26.91	<p>Councillors Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environment, Pond & Open Spaces – Nothing to report. Traffic & Highways – Few potholes filled in but not all will put in further requests, Young People & Families – Nothing to report. Website – Nothing to report. Broadband – Broadband is now throughout the village. Village Green - Nothing to report St Marys School – There was no school report this month 	
26.92	<p>Other Reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Care – 13 visits last month and a full compliment of drivers Neighbourhood Watch – New scams around all the time so please be aware and vigilant. 	
26.93	<p>Correspondence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter from Mr Henry Berens 	

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26.94	Cllrs Announcements: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There were no Cllrs announcements.	
26.95	Meetings Forthcoming and Attended: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nothing to report	
26.96	Date of next Meeting: Next meeting will be held on the 4 th December 2018 VP thanked all members for attending and closed the meeting at:	2021

Signed Date

Please scroll down for Neighbourhood Plan update

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Appendix 1. Neighbourhood Plan Update. Boyd McCleary

BENTWORTH PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

REPORT BY COORDINATOR OF STEERING COMMITTEE : 6 NOVEMBER 2018

I would like to update the Parish Council on the Neighbourhood Plan.

Councillors will recall that we learned in late January 2018 that the government had moved the goal-posts. EHDC advised us that:

- There would now be a new legal requirement to review Local Plans and Neighbourhood Plans every 5 years
- EHDC's current Local Plan (which contains the allocation of "about twelve dwellings" for Bentworth) would become out of date in May 2019
- EHDC were therefore launching a review to create a new Local Plan for the area
- This new Local Plan would be adopted in 2020, would run from 2017-2036, but would be reviewed in 2022
- EHDC were required to identify sites for all land uses – not just housing but also business, infrastructure, etc – and would be putting out a call for sites ASAP; this would lead to a new Land Availability Assessment (LAA), which would replace the current SHLAA
- There was an expectation that the housing requirement for the District would increase, but the actual figure would not be known until summer 2018

We subsequently met EHDC bilaterally to discuss the implications for the Bentworth Neighbourhood Plan. They told us that:

- If we proceeded with the Neighbourhood Plan in advance of the new Local Plan, it would have reduced legal force
- They had issued a new call for sites and would alert us if any came forward for Bentworth
- They could not yet say whether any additional dwellings might be required of Bentworth, nor – if so – how many
- They judged the risk of speculative development relatively low, but could not offer any guarantees
- They would like to work closely with us and suggested it would be advisable for us to develop Bentworth's Neighbourhood Plan in tandem with their development of the new Local Plan (2017-36), so that it accords with and is consistent with the new Local Plan, thus giving it maximum possible force.

The Steering Committee concluded that it would not make sense to press ahead with the completion of our Neighbourhood Plan regardless. This was primarily because of the uncertainty about how many houses may now be required of Bentworth and whether additional sites will become available, and the reduced force of the Neighbourhood Plan if it is not aligned with the new Local Plan. We decided that we should continue to work up the narrative of the plan and also the Vision, Objectives and Policies, which are unlikely to be significantly affected by the legal changes. We would continue to review the sites currently in the frame, but would put on hold for now any decision on the allocation of a site or sites for development.

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All the above information was contained in an Update for "The Villager" in April 2018.

Over the last few months the Steering Committee has pressed EHDC for information about the call for sites and about any changes to the housing requirement for the District/parish of Bentworth. They advised us in September that:

" In regards to sites submitted for the Land Availability Assessment (LAA)...we are still assessing them all. Over the next few weeks we will be conducting site visits to further support our evaluations. Unfortunately, until these assessments have been made, no information will be available. In terms of Bentworth, all the sites were submitted for housing (including self/custom build). There is also no information on housing allocations until we have progressed further with the background work supporting the new Local Plan."

EHDC have even been unable to tell us whether all six sites previously in the frame are still available, nor have they told us whether additional sites have been proposed.

The Steering Committee has been working with our consultants to develop the policies which will be incorporated within the Bentworth Parish Neighbourhood Plan. These are close to being ready. In the absence of further information from EHDC about sites, we have not seen it appropriate to undertake further work on site allocation. Some of the original SHLAA site owners/developers have been in touch with us, but we have not engaged substantively.

The timetable for completion of the EHDC Local Plan remains broadly as outlined above, ie publication of the Submission Draft of the Local Plan in June 2019. But adoption will not be until September 2020. Further information about the Local Plan is available on the EHDC website:

<http://www.easthants.gov.uk/localplan>

I will brief the Parish Council further once we have firm information about sites and housing allocation.

Comprehensive material on the Neighbourhood Plan remains available on the Parish Council website:

<http://bentworthparishcouncil.org/neighbourhood-plan/>

Boyd McCleary
5 November 2018