

BENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING

Tuesday 4th December 2018, 7.30pm, Village School Jubilee Hall, Bentworth

Present:

Parish Councillors	Clerk	District & County Councillors	Others
David Hawes (Chair) Veronica Parker Paul Mellish Jane Costigan Abbie George Chris Hurley	Allison Spyer	Tony Costigan	7 Members of the public

		ACTION FOR
26.80	Apologies for absence: Jenny Lewis	
26.81	Police update: PC Nops was not in attendance and sent no report.	
26.82	Declarations of interest: There were no declarations of interest.	
26.83	Meeting open to the public: <ul style="list-style-type: none">JC reminded all present that the School Xmas fair will be held on 14th December 3-5pmParishioner asked about the possibility of a road sweeper and also if the fencing around the pond, could it be removed as it hinders mowing.Flood signs still up can they be removed.Finally website is still not fit for purpose, but this will be discussed later in the meeting.	
26.84	Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on the 6 th November were proposed as accurate by VP and seconded by JC with unanimous agreement from the rest of the council that were present at the November meeting.	
26.85	Matters Arising: <ul style="list-style-type: none">First Aid Training Update – Date confirmed as 11th December 2018Neighbourhood Plan – No current update.Cricket Ground – Mr B has accepted the Councils offer and a chq raised and sent.Village Green Horse Signs – Ordered but not yet received.	

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26.86	<p>District Councillor Update:</p> <p>There have been two major incidents of Travellers pitching up in Chawton, one in the Bowls Club and the other in the car park at Jane Austens library. The Police have been dealing with the car park issue; TC was not sure of the status of the Bowls Club invasion.</p> <p>Bridge works in Alton. These are to start mid to end January and the Bentworth villagers should expect a marked increase in traffic due to the multiple diversion signs re-directing drivers to the A339. TC has agreed to monitor the situation with the PC and if necessary, involve the Highways should the situation become critical.</p>	
26.87	<p>Parish Council Public Forum</p> <p>It was agreed after discussion to allow free speech at the start of each item for a trial period. AS to amend agenda to reflect this.</p>	AS
	<p>Traffic Management Sub-Group</p> <p>DH had meeting with EHDC & Highways to discuss speed management throughout the village and it was agreed to put together a sub-committee to work through the list of ideas supplied. Committee agreed as VP, JC, CH & DC, Committee will report back at the March meeting and thereafter a public meeting will follow.</p>	VP/JC/CH/DC
	<p>Annual PC Budget</p> <p>VP proposed the annual budget and AG seconded with unanimous agreements from the rest of the council. Budget attached as appendix 1. Precept was kept at £10,000.00.</p>	
26.88	<p>Finance:</p>	
(a)	<p>Payments for approval:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allison Spyer, Salary £439.80 • HMRC, PAYE £40.20 • Allison Spyer, Expenses £10.80 • DV Richards, Supply & planting Oak Tree £200.00 • St Marys School, Hall Redecoration £301.58 <p>DH proposed all payments and CH seconded with unanimous agreement from the rest of the council.</p>	
(b)	<p>Receipts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No current receipts 	
(c)	<p>Current Account Balance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The balance of current account is £16,300.00 	
(d)	<p>FAG Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget meeting as above 	

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26.89	Village Appearance: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• It was agreed to purchase an 8ft Christmas tree. DH proposed a budget of £100 to cover tree, stand and decorations VP seconded with unanimous agreement from the rest of the Council.• After discussion it was agreed to take the fence out and see where we are in the spring. The gates however will be kept. AS to include in her Villager report a reminder for kids not to throw anything onto a frozen lake	
26.90	Planning Committee: <p>There have been no planning applications received during the month.</p>	
26.91	Councillors Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Environment, Pond & Open Spaces – Nothing to report.• Traffic & Highways – Still a few potholes to fill but mostly done. You can now report more than one issue at a time via the Highways website• Young People & Families – Nothing to report.• Website – PM to look at costs for website to be designed and managed by an outside agency.• Broadband – In villager let people know that faster broadband is available if they contact their provider.• Village Green - Nothing to report• St Marys School - St Mary's have been awarded the gold standard for the national school games project, this recognises and celebrates St Mary's commitment and engagement in competitive sports taking into account the school team and quality of teaching, specialist support and events led by mr maliphant, schools ethos and value for sport. The validator who came to asses said schools applying for the first time rarely get gold so st marys should be very proud. St marys have also become a music mark school member, nominated and supported by Hampshire music service. Music mark works to enable members and the wider music education sector to deliver high quality musical and social outcomes for all children. <p>Poppy appeal raised £183.75</p>	PM
26.92	Other Reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Care – Ticking over nicely• Neighbourhood Watch – Travellers have been spied so please be wary. Usual phone scams. Please hang up if concerned and never give out private details	
26.93	Correspondence: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Letter from Tony Brooking re pond fence.• Letter from Tony Brooking re film club, AS to contact.• Chris Hurley – Church ropes AS to send grant application form.• Fred Moir – apologies for not acknowledging receipt of her letter previously.	AS AS

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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 5 th February 2019 VP thanked all members for attending and closed the meeting at:	20.40

Signed Date

Appendix 1. Annual Budget Approved

Clerk gross salary	£6500.00
Clerks expenses	£350.00
Councillors expenses	£150.00
Chairman's allowance	£75.00
Insurance	£450.00
Grants and donations	£500.00
Training and conferences	£150.00
Hall hire	£450.00
Audit fees	£350.00
Subscriptions (HALC & CPRE)	£250.00
Data protection	£35.00
Participatory budgeting	£500.00
Benches, noticeboard, tables, bus shelter & pond	£1000.00
Laptop / tech support	£150.00
Website	£150.00
Contingency (misc items)	0.00
<i>SUB-TOTAL</i>	<i>£11,060.00</i>

Precept for 2019 / 2020 was set at £10,000.00