

# BENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF MEETING

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2019, 7.30pm, Village School Jubilee Hall, Bentworth

Present:

Parish Councillors	Clerk	District & County Councillors	Others
Jane Costigan (Chair) Chris Hurley Tony Costigan Danny Green		Tony Costigan	9 Members of the public

		ACTION FOR
27.69	<b>Apologies for absence:</b> Veronica Parker, Callum Knight & Allison Spyer (Clerk)	
27.70	<b>Police update:</b> PC Nops was not in attendance but emailed to say he had nothing to report.	
27.71	<b>Declarations of interest:</b> There were no declarations of interest.	
27.72	<b>Minutes:</b> The minutes from the 4 June 2019 were approved and signed off. Proposed by TC and seconded by DG with unanimous agreement from the rest of the council.	
27.73	<b>Public Section:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The current state of the roads was raised but CH no longer has a direct contact at HCC to report them to now. Instead all potholes etc must be reported online and any member of the public can do this. Each problem must be reported individually. Go to <a href="http://www.hants.gov.uk">www.hants.gov.uk</a> and follow the Roads &amp; Transport link.</li></ul>	
27.74	<b>Matters Arising:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Bench for the pond – this has now been ordered and will arrive within the next month.</li><li>Grit Bins - The correct person at HCC has now been identified and the Clerk is in correspondence to have all the bins either replaced or refilled. JC has identified three HCC bins, the fourth one on the Glebe is owned by the Parish Council and as such unsure if the PC are solely responsible for the contents AS to ascertain. TC will look in all the grit bins and will report contents to the Clerk.</li></ul>	JC/TC/AS

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27.76	<b>Traffic Calming Measures:</b> To be deferred until September but in the intervening weeks JC will obtain the SpeedWatch statistics. SpeedWatch equipment is activated when the speed is in excess of 35mph which is around 10-15% of drivers currently. JC will look at updating Facebook with results.	JC
27.77	<b>Website:</b> TC thanked TH for the updated site and for the removal of all Star references. TC & TH will liaise regard website navigation and how it could be made easier. TH is happy to continue with the website administration but is not responsible for the content or writing content. TH will continue to post information given to him by the Care Group, the Parish Council and Mummers.	TC/TH
27.78	<b>Finance:</b>	
(a)	<b>Payments for approval:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allison Spyer, Salary £480.00</li> <li>• Allison Spyer, Expenses £41.39</li> <li>• St Marys School, Hall Hire £96.00</li> </ul> <p>TC proposed the St Mary payment and DG seconded with unanimous agreement from the rest of the council. AS Clerks wages and expenses were not available to the PC at the time of voting they will be approved at the September meeting</p>	AS
(b)	<b>Receipts:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No current receipts</li> </ul>	
(c)	<b>Current Account Balance:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The balance of current account is £14,066.00</li> </ul>	
(d)	<b>FAG Update:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deferred</li> </ul>	
27.79	<b>Village Appearance:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finger post refurbishment – CH reported that the person who has done this previously has now retired. CH to enquire if HCC will refurb the sign.</li> <li>• Bonfires in the Village – It was agreed that lighting a bonfire on a nice sunny afternoon when people are likely to be out enjoying their gardens or putting washing out, is anti-social. AS to send copy to the Villager asking locals to have more consideration and only light fires in still wind and at a more appropriate time.</li> </ul>	CH  AS
27.80	<b>Planning Committee:</b> No planning applications have been received.	
27.81	<b>Councillors Report:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Environment, Pond &amp; Open Spaces</b> – A very large tree has fallen into the churchyard and has covered several graves. Responsibility for the fallen tree</li> </ul>	

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	<p>was discussed. The church own the ground but rents it out. CH will speak with the Church and TC will speak with the tenant farmer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Traffic &amp; Highways</b> – Nothing to report</li><li>• <b>Young People &amp; Families</b> – Nothing to report</li><li>• <b>Website</b> – Discussed</li><li>• <b>Communications</b> – Nothing to report</li><li>• <b>Village Green</b> - Nothing to report</li><li>• <b>St Marys School</b> – School finishes on the 19<sup>th</sup> July and JC asked Maria Fordyce to advise if there was to be camping on the school field before the end of term</li></ul>	<p>CH/TC</p> <p>MF</p>
27.82	<p><b>Other Reports:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Community Care</b> – Have had a quiet month, they also have a tea party planned on the 5<sup>th</sup> August.</li><li>• <b>Neighbourhood Watch</b> – Telephone scammers are using fake local numbers when in fact calling from Spain. Please always be aware of who you are talking to on the phone and never give out personal details.</li></ul>	
27.83	<p><b>Correspondence:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• JC has received emails from villagers regarding SpeedWatch and the proposed closure of the footpath.</li></ul>	
27.84	<p><b>Meetings Forthcoming and Attended:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• JC to attend a charring course next week and DG, VP &amp; CK are on planning courses.</li></ul>	JC/VP/DG/CK
27.85	<p><b>Date of next Meeting:</b></p> <p>Next meeting will be held on Tuesday 3 September 2019. JC thanked all those for attending and the meeting was closed at 8.20PM</p>	

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