

BENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING

Thursday 5th September 2019, 7.30pm, Village School Jubilee Hall, Bentworth

Present:

Parish Councillors	Clerk	District & County Councillors	Others
Jane Costigan (Chair) Veronica Parker (VC) Chris Hurley Tony Costigan Callum Knight	Allison Spyer	Tony Costigan	14 Members of the public

		ACTION FOR
27.86	Apologies for absence: Danny Green	
27.87	Police update: PC Nops advised there has been a burglary in the village on a farm where tools were stolen. Please keep eye out for white transit van and grey Subaru forester. If you need a policeman immediately dial 999 but for non-urgent matters please call 101.	
27.88	Declarations of interest: There were no declarations of interest.	
27.89	Minutes: The minutes from July 2019 were approved and signed off. Proposed by VP and seconded by CK with unanimous agreement from the rest of the council.	
27.90	Public Section: The old bench by the pond was raised and discussed. As it is still in good state CK will speak with Ian Hughes about getting it refurbished. AS read out an email from a local resident regarding traffic calming measures within the village. He strongly feels there is no real speeding problem and is against any measures in-particular the instalment of SIDS.	CK
27.91	Matters Arising: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Bench for the Pond – has been delivered. CK will also ask Ian Hughes to quote on securing it with a concrete base.Grit Bins – The grit bin on the Glebe is broken and out of shape so needs replacing the salt inside is however soft. The two bins on Childer Hill, Drury Lane and on the Village Green contain hard salt and will need to be emptied	CK AS

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	<p>and replaced with bags of salt if possible. The Green grit bin needs to go on a paving slab.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finger post refurb – CH has sprayed and cleaned them but they do need a bit of TLC. CH to approach his contact and obtain a quote. Website – This has now been amended as much as possible and it's in a serviceable state. Communications councillor will monitor periodically to keep it current, AS to advise who that councillor is. 	<p>CH</p> <p>AS</p>
	<p>District Councillor Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TC advised that the bin collection day will be changing, as soon as the new day is confirmed the information will be distributed by JS and will go on the website. The application for the Gypsy site has been extended and is currently with the planning officer. If the officer declines the application the notifications will go out as normal, however if it is approved TC will be informed first and call for a full committee meeting. There are other Traveller site applications covering Four Marks, Medstead & Weild. Its advised residents keep a close eye on the EHDC website for updates. 	
27.92	<p>Traffic Calming Measures:</p> <p>PC discussed investing in a SID (speed indicator detector) which can be installed for up for two weeks at a time as a speed reminder. Post will have to be erected but can be taken down when SID is not in use. The SID can also be rotated around the village in different locations and also used in conjunction with speed watch. It was agreed that JC will enquire re the costs of a second-hand SID from Jill Taylor at Morelock and ask if the equipment can be trialed first. If after the trial period the PC agree to go ahead and purchase the equipment TC will offer a grant towards costs. VP to approach John Cleverley at Hampshire police for results of survey done a few years back.</p>	<p>JC</p> <p>TC</p> <p>VP</p>
27.93	<p>Finance:</p>	
(a)	<p>Payments for approval:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allison Spyer, Salary £447.20 Allison Spyer, Expenses £35.99 Allison Spyer, PAYE £32.80 	
(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 £12,474 	
27.94	<p>Village Appearance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JC advised that the life belt for the pond will be installed shortly JC to ask Jason to remove cuttings from the green after mowing. ? to ask Julian Lewis if he can remove the branches from the green 	<p>JC</p> <p>JC</p> <p>?</p>

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27.95	Planning Committee: Comments from the last Planning meeting are attached as appendix 1.	
27.96	Councillors Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Environment, Pond & Open Spaces – Muckands Lane has stinging nettles and need to be cleared by landowners. TC to ask.• Traffic & Highways – Nothing to report• Young People & Families – Nothing to report• Website – Discussed• Communications – Nothing to report• Village Green - Nothing to report• St Marys School – Currently 101 children on roll in September 2019, with 10 joining the Reception class.	TC
27.97	Other Reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Care – Ticking over nicely, 7 trips last month but usually around 12• Neighbourhood Watch – Usual scams doing the rounds so please be aware and do not respond to telephone calls. Banks will never call customers but will write official letters.	
27.98	Correspondence: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Email from Steve Woods	
27.99	Meetings Forthcoming and Attended: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Planning courses for DG, JC and CK	
28.00	Date of next Meeting: Next meeting will be held on Tuesday 1 October 2019. JC thanked all those for attending and the meeting was closed at 8.35pm	

Signed Date

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Appendix 1, Parish Council Comments from Planning Meeting on the 6 August 2019

Planning Applications – To consider the Parish Council’s response to the following planning applications:

1. 58352, Land north of Lower Park Farm, Abbey Road, Medstead, Alton.
Change of use of agricultural land to provide 8 pitches for gypsy families incorporating 1 mobile home, 1 touring caravan and 1 utility/day room per pitch and formation of hardstanding and associated car parking. **OBJECTION citing the following reasons:**
 - **Criteria in CP15 have not been met. The site is agricultural land and an important space between three settlements.**
 - **The roads are unsuitable as they are far too narrow to support the types of vehicles that would use them, any oncoming traffic would have to reverse on to a busy main road which is unsafe. In addition, twice a year the access road is used as a diversion which would increase traffic on an already unsuitable road.**
 - **There is inadequate carparking and turning space given the size of vehicle. (CP15 c)**
 - **There will be too much pressure on water drainage soakaways. (CP15 f)**
 - **There is an over subscription of gypsy sites in the local area and this field has never been earmarked before. (CP15 a)**
 - **There are no nearby local amenities such as shops and doctors and the nearest local school is over-subscribed. (CP15 b)**
 - **Hedgerow around the site is not tall enough to screen and is deciduous so will only provide limited cover part of the time. (CP15 e)**
 - **There are no footways and streetlights which could be a safety hazard for children having to walk to school.**
 - **If approved the application would almost double Wivelrods housing supply and be overwhelming.**

2. 37737/012, Wivelrod House, Wivelrod Road, Bentworth, Alton, GU34 4AS
Two 1.7m high brick and flint garden walls to front of dwelling to replace existing fence and hedge. **OBJECTION citing the following reason:**
 - **The height of the proposed wall is inappropriate and not in-keeping with a rural locality.**

3. 20364/010, The Homestead, New Copse, Bentworth, Alton, GU34 5NR
Retention of chicken coop to house chickens to lay eggs for personal consumption.
OBJECTION citing the following reasons:
 - **It was felt there is not enough information in the application and that it is too ambiguous.**
 - **The size of the application is too big for six chickens to provide for personal consumption.**

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- **A concrete base for a chicken run is unsuitable as chickens need to scratch.**