

BENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING

Tuesday 5 November 2019, 7.30pm, Village School Jubilee Hall, Bentworth

Present:

| Parish Councillors | Clerk | District & County Councillors | Others |
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| Jane Costigan (Chair) Veronica Parker Danny Green Callum Knight | Allison Spyer | | 7 Members of the public |

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| 28.01 | Apologies for absence: Tony Costigan & Chris Hurley | |
| 28.02 | Police update: PC Nops was in attendance at the meeting and reported there have been lots of burglaries in out-houses and vans (not in Bentworth) but be warned and please don't leave anything of value in either. | |
| 28.03 | Declarations of interest: There were no declarations of interest. | |
| 28.04 | Minutes: The minutes from 1 Oct 2019 were approved and signed off. Proposed by JC and seconded by CK with unanimous agreement from the rest of the council. | |
| 28.05 | Public Section: Issues covered were: <ul style="list-style-type: none">There was a healthy discussion regarding where the school teachers should park as there are twenty-four members of staff and only twelve parking spaces three of which are disabled. | |
| 28.06 | Matters Arising: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Grit Bins – EHDC have responded negatively to the request of bags of salt so the matter has been elevated to Tony Costigan.Old bench by pond – Weenie is currently unwell so nothing has been done yet. Also need to agree where the new bench will go.Traffic calming measures – SID trial to take place shortly for a week. To tie in with SpeedWatch. VP to send JC the dates. JC to see about a tripod for use with SW.Tree Application – Submitted to EHDC | TC CK/JC/VP JC/VP |

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| 28.07 | Village Christmas Tree: The PC decided to go for a bigger tree this year and agreed a spend of £100. CK proposed JC seconded with unanimous agreement from the rest of the council. JC to source the tree. | JC |
| 28.08 | Finance: | |
| (a) | Payments for approval: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allison Spyer, Salary £583.80 • Allison Spyer, Expenses £46.79 • Allison Spyer, PAYE £16.20 • St Marys, Hall Hire £358.00 • RBL, Memorial Wreath £19.25 <p>All payments were approved. Proposed by JC and seconded by DG with unanimous agreement from the rest of the council.</p> | |
| (b) | Receipts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No current receipts | |
| (c) | Current Account Balance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The balance of current account is £16,334 | |
| (d) | Budget AS went through the budget (attached below as appendix 1). VP proposed budget and JC seconded with unanimous agreement from the rest of the council. AS will now submit the precept to EHDC. | AS |
| 28.09 | Village Appearance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JC to ask Jason to look at ditches • CK to speak to Highways re flooding issues. JC will send him Ian Janes number • Ask highways re dragons down past Church street • Litter pick – to be discussed in February | JC CK CK |
| 28.10 | Planning Committee: 57626/003. The Bungalow Bentworth Lodge Farm, Childer Hill, Bentworth, Alton, GU34 5JR Replacement dwelling with associated parking and landscaping following demolition of original dwelling known as Searchlight Cottage. No Objection in principle but would like to mention that this is more than 50% larger than the current building and it is outside the conservation area. 35203/001, Kings Barn, Holt End Lane, Bentworth, Alton, GU34 5JU Listed Building Consent - Replacement of three softwood glazed door units in the rear elevation with handmade hardwood glazed door units No Objection | |

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| | Councillors Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Environment, Pond & Open Spaces – nope• Traffic & Highways – CK will need to report potholes on line AS to send him the Highways link.• Young People & Families – Nothing to report• Website – Nothing to report• Communications – Nothing to report• Village Green - Nothing to report• St Marys School – DG to go on the school distribution list. | AS |
| | Other Reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Care – Three new members this month and the care group undertook seven trips.• Neighbourhood Watch – Report from the recent meeting is attached as appendix 2. | |
| | Correspondence: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No correspondence received | |
| | Meetings Forthcoming and Attended: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No meetings to report | |
| | Date of next Meeting: Next meeting will be held on Tuesday 3 December 2019. JC thanked all those for attending and the meeting was closed at pm 2021 | |

Signed Date

Please scroll down for attachments

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Appendix 1 – Budget

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2020 / 2021

ANNUAL OUTGOINGS

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| Clerk gross salary | £6500.00 |
| Clerks expenses | £350.00 |
| Councillors expenses | £200.00 |
| Chairman's allowance | £85.00 |
| Insurance | £480.00 |
| Grants and donations | £500.00 |
| Training | £400.00 |
| Hall hire | £450.00 |
| Audit fees | £350.00 |
| Subscriptions (HALC & CPRE) | £270.00 |
| Data protection | £35.00 |
| Participatory budgeting | £500.00 |
| Village appearance & maintenance | £1000.00 |
| Laptop / tech support | £150,00 |
| Website | £200.00 |
| Miscellaneous | £250.00 |
| Contingency | £5000.00 |
| TOTAL | £16,720.00 |

ADDITIONAL INCOME

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| Neighbourhood Plan (covered by the grant from Groundworks UK) | £5236 which is the grant amount left we can apply for |
| VAT | Unknown |
| Other grants | Unknown |

Precept request for 2020 / 2021 **£10,000.00**

It is suggested that any amount spent over the annual precept comes out of the BC reserves thus starting to draw them down.

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Appendix 2 – Neighbourhood Plan Report

Minutes of Neighbourhood Watch meeting held on Friday 1 November 2019 at the Jubilee Hall.

There was an open discussion on the best ways to communicate with Village people in regard to security and the Neighbourhood Watch. Many people now use social media as a means of communicating but not all Villagers are involved. The discussion concentrated on how to pass on information, warn people of possible intruders, make people aware of the variety of scams going on.

It was suggested that maybe a group of people representing email, Facebook, What's app, Next Door through a co-ordinator would give the best results. More investigation needs to be carried out.

Another area discussed was which houses in the Village had CCTV cameras and how to co-ordinate this footage in the event of break-ins, burglaries malicious damage etc. in the Village could be used. It was suggested that the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator keep a list securely that could be used to alert the Police and the Village when incidents happen.

It was also agreed that a list of people who relied on mainline or mobile phones should be gathered rather than the current cascade system. The majority of people on the current cascade system are either on the email list or Facebook. John Stockdale said that he had put together a Bentworth Neighbourhood Watch website but very few had joined. Here is another way of distributing information. A neighbour had suggested that no through roads could be protected by ensuring that they are not for motorised traffic. It was also agreed that an article would be placed in the Villager to update people as above and ask how they would want to be contacted by emailing or phoning the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator. Further meetings would be organized when more information was available, probably on a Tuesday or Wednesday after 1930!

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