

# BENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF MEETING

Tuesday 3 March 2020, 7.30pm, Village School Jubilee Hall, Bentworth

Present:

Parish Councillors	Clerk	District & County Councillors	Others
Jane Costigan (Chair) Veronica Parker Chris Hurley Callum Knight Danny Green	Allison Spyer		6 Members of the public

		ACTION FOR
28.16	<b>Apologies for absence:</b> Tony Costigan	
28.17	<b>Police update:</b> PC Dan Ross advised that the Forces priorities haven't changed and there has been a recent drop off of burglaries. However there is an increase in Ford Transit van thefts. DR is hoping to open a beat surgery sometime in the near future.	
28.18	<b>Declarations of interest:</b> There were no declarations of interest.	
28.19	<b>Minutes:</b> The minutes from 4 February were proposed by JC and seconded by CK with unanimous agreement from the rest of the council.	
28.20	<b>Public Section:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>It was suggested that the PC might like to consult locals re the Fete as to whether or not it goes ahead and if so in what format.</li><li>New Copse is particularly bad for flooding at the moment. CH has asked HCC for the grips to be replaced but in the mean-time JC will ask the village handyman to look at clearing ditches.</li></ul>	JC
28.21	<b>Matters Arising:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Grit Bins</b> – HCC are not going to do anything about the grit bins so we (Parish Council) either need to pay to replace ourselves or fix them. It was decided that the first stage will be to ask the Village handyman to try and break the solidified salt up with a hammer.</li><li><b>Tree Application</b> – The branches have now been cut back.</li></ul>	JC

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SIDS</b> – This has been ordered and the PC will apply for a £500 grant from TC’s District Councillor budget. JC &amp; VP will walk around the village and agree sites.</li> <li>• <b>Speedwatch Signs</b> – Four have been ordered.</li> </ul>															
<b>28.22</b>	<p><b>District Councillor Update:</b> TC was not at the meeting but was able to report that the refusal on the gypsy site is being appealed by the landowner.</p>															
<b>28.23</b>	<p><b>Councillor Recruitment:</b> Briefly discussed by the Council and it was agreed that the first thing to do is put an advert in the Villager. VP and JC to write it.</p>	<b>VP/JC</b>														
	<p><b>S106 Funding:</b> AS to ask what we can spend it on and find out if the PTA can apply for PC grant to go towards outside lights on the hall.</p>															
	<p><b>Village Fete:</b> There is no fete during 2020. Various options were discussed, one being the PC host a Fete every other year. It was agreed to survey the community for their opinion as to how the Fete proceeds each year. CK will look into using survey monkey.</p>															
<b>28.25</b>	<p><b>Finance:</b></p>															
<b>a</b>	<p><b>Payments for approval:</b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">• Allison Spyer, Salary</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£463.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">• Allison Spyer, Expenses</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£41.39</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">• Allison Spyer, PAYE</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£16.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">• St Marys School, Hall Hire</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£130.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">• Alton Menshed, Bench</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£130.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">• Alpha Graphics, Speedwatch signs</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£464.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">• Mallatite, SID</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£4550.28</td> </tr> </table> <p>All payments were approved. Proposed by JC and seconded by CK with unanimous agreement from the rest of the council.</p>	• Allison Spyer, Salary	£463.80	• Allison Spyer, Expenses	£41.39	• Allison Spyer, PAYE	£16.20	• St Marys School, Hall Hire	£130.00	• Alton Menshed, Bench	£130.00	• Alpha Graphics, Speedwatch signs	£464.40	• Mallatite, SID	£4550.28	
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<b>b</b>	<p><b>Receipts:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No current receipts</li> </ul>															
<b>c</b>	<p><b>Current Account Balance:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The balance of current account is <span style="float: right;">£14,000.91</span></li> </ul>															
<b>d</b>	<p><b>Grant Application from Menshed – Bench:</b> This grant was approved, proposed by JC and seconded by CK with unanimous approval from the rest of the council.</p>															

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28.26	<b>Village Appearance:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Old dead Oak tree on Drury Lane – owned by Landowner JC to have a word</li><li>• Pipes on the pond have not yet been done due to recent storms</li></ul>	JC CK
28.27	<b>Planning Committee:</b> 30797/028, Kings Hill Cottage, 10 Kings Hill, Beech, Alton, GU34 4AL Lawful Development for an Existing Use or operation - Change of use of land for residential amenity use (C3) No objection in principle but feel the land should be annex to the house to avoid back land development.	
28.28	<b>Councillors Report:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Environment, Pond &amp; Open Spaces</b> – Nothing to report</li><li>• <b>Traffic &amp; Highways</b> – CH has asked for drain to be syphoned at new copse and trinity farm. Potholes to be filled in Village Street</li><li>• <b>Young People &amp; Families</b> – Nothing to report</li><li>• <b>Website</b> – Nothing to report</li><li>• <b>Communications</b> – Nothing to report</li><li>• <b>Village Green</b> - Nothing to report</li><li>• <b>St Marys School</b> - Maria is applying for grants for outside of the school and thanked TC. New teacher starting shortly. Finally the school are looking for someone to run an after school club.</li></ul>	
28.29	<b>Other Reports:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Community Care</b> – Full contingency of 18 people and five trips last month</li><li>• <b>Neighbourhood Watch</b> – Been fairly quiet for the last few weeks. Usual scams so be aware, scammers may also use text messages so please be aware.</li></ul>	
28.30	<b>Correspondence:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No correspondence received</li></ul>	
28.31	<b>Meetings Forthcoming and Attended:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No meetings to report</li></ul>	
28.32	<b>Date of next Meeting:</b> Next meeting will be held on Tuesday 7 April 2020. JC thanked all those for attending and the meeting was closed at	20.15

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