BENTLEY PAUNCEFOOT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Bentley Pauncefoot Parish Council Held on Tuesday 21st March 2023 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall

Present:Cllr R BewsherChairCllr B SpenceVice ChairCllr A BossCllr P MeadsCllr M MorganCllr N Rands

A Dyson – Clerk & RFO

Visitors: G Bewsher, C Cooke, WCC Cllr K Taylor, C Wood

Public Participation: No questions or issues were raised.

1	Apologies:
	Cllr R Cheape
2	Minutes and Actions:
	The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 17 th January 2023 were accepted and approved
	by Councillors. They were signed by Chair Bewsher.
	All outstanding actions had been completed
3	Declarations of Interest:
а	Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda
	Nothing to declare.
b	Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda
	Nothing to declare
С	Written requests to the clerk to grant a dispensation.
	The Clerk had not received any requests for a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011)
4	Village Hall Update:
	The Bluebell walk will take place on the morning of the 7 th May 2023 as part of the King's
	Coronation celebrations. This will be followed by lunch and afternoon entertainment with a
	BBQ organised by the Young Farmers in the evening.
	The VH is applying to be connected to the fast fibre currently available
5	Footpaths Update
	Cllr Morgan has been in contact with Patrick White of WCC who stated that footpath upkeep is
	up to the land owner whose path crosses their land. With regard to stiles, WCC will supply the
	necessary items to repair stiles but will not carry out the repairs. Some work has been carried
	out on the Bridle path by the telephone box off Manor Road by the Redditch Ramblers.

6	CALC		
	There had been a Zoom meeting but neither Chair Bewsher or the Clerk attended as there		
	appeared to be little on the Agenda relevant to BPPC. The Minutes of the meeting had not yet		
	been issued.		
7	Road Safety Campaign		
	Chair Bewsher and Cllr Meads met with Bob Haines, Paul Green and Paul Waterhouse on		
	Wednesday 25 th January 2023. The take away from the meeting was that the police confirmed		
	they would enforce a 40ph speed limit, contrary to the statement by WCC. Following the		
	meeting, Chair Bewsher sent a document justifying why the lane should be 40mph to Paul		
	Green of WCC on 30th January 2023. We still await a response.		
8	3 Community Governance review		
	Following the outcome of the Judicial review meaning that the Foxlydiate development will go		
	ahead, Chair Bewsher had spoken to Darren Whitney, Electoral Services Manager at BDC,		
	regarding boundary changes as the new development will change BPPC from a small rural		
	Parish to a greatly increased Parish with completely differing needs and requirements. This is		
	clearly something that BDC haven't even thought about and Chair Bewsher asked the		
	Councillors if they were happy for herself and Cllr Cheape to attend a meeting with Mr Whitney		
	to discuss this. All Councillors agreed to the meeting. Vice Chair Spence said if Cllr Cheape		
	was unable to attend, he would stand in for him at the meeting.		
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c)	Foxlydiate Working Party		
	Chair Bewsher thanked the residents for their donations and help in assisting the PC in bein able to request a judicial review on the Foxlydiate development. Unfortunately the Judge d not find in the PCs favour and again many residents had written with kind words thanking th PC for their hard work. Chair Bewsher then shared a review she had written regarding the whole process and the way that BDC Planning department had conducted themselves fro		
	start to finish. It was a very comprehensive document w		
	the Public through the Press. The document would ne	ed to be looked at by a Lawyer before	
	it could be shared.		
12	May Elections		
	The Clerk distributed the nomination papers to the 4 C year's May elections and asked that they be completed a in order that they can be lodged at BDC before the 4 th A	and returned to her by 31 st March 2023	
13	Finance	april 2023 deaulitie.	
a	Judicial cost review & update		
	Vice Chair Spence explained the costs incurred for fundi	ing of the JR and advised how the costs	
	had been allocated and paid. He wished to record that	-	
	times conducted themselves in a thoroughly professio	-	
	their costs to the Parish Council. Their bill had been pa	•	
b)	Parish Council Account Bank Balance as at 27.02.2023	£29,623.59	
	(Account Number xxxx7848) Footpath Account Bank Balance as at 03.02.2023	£138.70	
	(Account Number xxxx8980)	1138.70	
	Consider payments to be paid via BACS – approved by all Councillors.		
	A Dyson (Salary (including back pay to April 2022 & exes)	£824.95	
	C Cooke Salt invoice	£312.00 already paid	
	WEL Medical (Defib pads)	£151.02	
	CALC (election training for Clerk	£ 25.00	
	Richard Buxton (Professional fees)	£24,681.33 already paid	
	Received monies		
	Lengthsman payments	£383.50	
c)	Bank signatories		
	The Clerk has not contacted Barclays regarding changing the signatories for the bank. Now that we have a new Clerk, she will contact Barclays and arrange for R Cheape, N Rands and C		
	Woods to be added to the signatories.	a frange for K cheape, N Kanus and C	
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	WCC Cllr Kit Taylor was in attendance. He is still pursuing the speeding concerns of the Paris		
	but is struggling to get anywhere. There is a new portfolio person for Major Projects w		
	will try to speak to. He is still pursuing the speeding concerns of the Parish but admitted th		
	his first priority lies with a footpath requirement for another Parish.		
	Last year Cllr Taylor said that he would pay for the rep	-	
	had repaired, this was still outstanding and Chair Bewsh		
	Cllr Taylor advised that he will pay it but it would be aft	er 4° iviay 2023.	
15	Report from District Councillor		
	No report received		

16	Councillors reports & Items for future Agendas	
	Nothing to report.	
17	Date of next meeting	
	The next Ordinary Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 16th May March 2023 at	
	7.30 preceded by the Annual meeting at 7.00pm in the Village Hall	

Meeting Closed at 20.22

Signed: R Cheape

Chair, Bentley Pauncefoot Parish Council

Date: 16th May 2023