BENTLEY PAUNCEFOOT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Bentley Pauncefoot Parish Council Held on Tuesday 18th July 2023 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall

Present: Cllr R Cheape Chair C Wood – Clerk & RFO

Cllr N Rands Vice Chair

Cllr A Boss Cllr M Morgan

Visitors: G Bewsher

Public Participation: G Bewsher suggested including the democratic 10 minutes / public question time as an Agenda item going forwards.

1 Apologies:

WCC Cllr K Taylor sent his apologies retrospectively.

2 Minutes and Actions:

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting & the Annual meeting held on 16th May 2023 were accepted and approved by Councillors. They were signed by Chair Cheape.

All outstanding actions had been completed – Unfortunately there was no update from Paul Meads or Paul Green regarding traffic / speeding issues.

3 Declarations of Interest:

- a Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agendaNothing to declare
- b Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda Cllr A Boss Item 10(b) discussed at Item 10.
- c 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 Co-option of New Councillor Benedict Coleman

Chair R Cheape motioned the co-option of Benedict Coleman as Councillor for Bentley Pauncefoot Parish Council, this was seconded by Cllr Morgan and supported by Cllrs Rands and Boss.

5 Village Hall Update

The next meeting of the Bentley Village Hall gardening group will take place on 25th July 2023 @ 7.30pm. The subject for discussion is peat-free compost. There would be refreshments available.

6 **Footpaths:**

Cllr Morgan reported as follows:

- maintenance required on the bridlepath at the top of Upper Gambolds, which Cllr Morgan will trim back.
- The Monarchs Way public right of way in Tardebigge had become blocked by the rapeseed which had grown and covered the public right of way, commonly used by walkers, DofE students etc., who had been walking around the perimeter of the field instead of following the designated pathway.

CALC

Update from the Clerk who had attended (virtually) the CALC meeting on Wednesday 14th June 2023. Next meeting is 13th September 2023 @ 6.30pm. Richard Cobb will be speaking (ex planning officer). CALC members may be able to take a vote on whether parish council's would wish to collaborate with Richard on a retainer basis. Chair Cheape is planning to attend (virtually) the meeting.

8 Road Safety Campaign

Chair Cheape had received no update from Paul Meads.

The Clerk had received no update from Paul Green after chasing for a response (Mr Green understood to be on annual leave until 17th July).

Action: Clerk to follow up Paul Green response.

9 **Social Media**

Cllr Morgan explained that his wife and another resident had set up a community Facebook group "Upper & Lower Bentley Community Network" to keep the community informed of any issues / items for sale. The Parish Council will consider using this platform if there is anything they wish to raise with residents.

10 | Planning and Consultations:

a) Foxlydiate Working Party

Discussion around the development and as building progressed infrastructure to support the development would need to be put in place. Councillors agreed to keep this item on the agenda and update as necessary.

Vice Chair N Rands and Cllr A Boss (with support from Chair R Cheape) will be designated contacts.

Foxlydiate First School

Cllr A Boss felt that until the infrastructure was in place (and depending on the order of the development being built) this may take a while to progress.

b) **23/00733/FUL** – Proposed change of use of agricultural building to dwellinghouse and associated works, including change of roof material to slate. Cllr A Boss planning application. Cllr A Boss was asked to leave the meeting for discussion of this item. Cllrs discussed the application and no objections were raised – submission made "no objection from Bentley Pauncefoot Parish Council". Cllr A Boss was then invited to rejoin the meeting.

11 Finance

a)	Parish Council Account Bank Balance as at 28.06.2023	£5,319.77
	(Account Number xxxx7848)	

Footpath Account Bank Balance as at 03.02.2023 £138.70

(Account Number xxxx8980)

Consider payments to be paid via BACS – approved by all Councillors

ICO (Data Protection)	£ 40.00
C Wood (Salary & exes – July 2023)	£325.86
C Wood (Salary & exes – June 2023)	£393.20
(authorised & paid 26.6.23)	

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C Cooke £282.30

Received monies

WCC Lengthsman remittance £300.00

12 Lengthsman

The Lengthsman had spent the day digging out a flooded ditch at Banks Green, which had failed to be maintained, with assistance from Vice Chair N Rands and Cllr M Morgan. The Lengthsman would speak to his contact at WCC regarding payment for the works (and once cleared, intends to include it on his invoice to Bentley Pauncefoot PC for processing in the usual way).

Chris Cooke, the Lengthsman had not been notified of the meeting (the Clerk accidentally omitted to send an invite and would contact Chris to apologise).

13 | Police / SNT Update

No report / update received from the Police / SNT.

14 Report from County Councillor

No report received from the County Councillor

15 Report from District Councillor:

No report received from the District Councillor

16 Councillors' Reports and Items for Future Agenda:

Tutnall & Cobley Parish Council Planning Training

Cllr A Boss informed the meeting that Tutnall & Cobley Parish Council have been offered planning training by Ruth Bamford, Head of Planning at BDC. Chair R Cheape asked to have sight of the email and intended to follow up with Ruth Bamford to check if the training could be made available for Bentley Pauncefoot Parish Council.

Parish Boundary (Foxlydiate development)

Chair R Cheape asked for help with the redrawing of the parish boundary. Following a discussion between the Councillors, it was considered prudent to wait until planning applications started going through and also it would need enough support from residents to implement any review.

Footpaths and Bridleways

Cllr B Coleman is happy to help where he can in trimming branches on the bridle path (Hill Lane) which is overgrown from the Nook to Upper Bentley. Waterlogging is an issue, which appears to have been made worse by a rise in the water level of the stream (approximate location from what3words "motivate.melt.ferried") and if some stone could be added to raise the path this should address the problem. There is also another bad patch of waterlogging at "online.offshore.cornering" where the path goes below a small pond. This may be harder to improve and is continually waterlogged.

Cllr M Morgan had spoken with WCC regarding the issue previously, who indicated they had run out of budget in the last financial year, and indicated they would look at it in the current financial year.

Action: Cllr M Morgan to follow up and report back at next meeting.

Tardebigge Cemetery

Cllr A Boss aware that St Bartholomew's Church is in Tutnall & Cobley Parish Council, however it is our local Church, and raised concern about the upkeep of the churchyard and cemetery.

Action: Cllr A Boss to draft a letter to the Chair of Tutnall & Cobley Parish Council to highlight his concerns.

Eco Development Sites

Cllr R Cheape asked Cllr A Boss to forward details.

Bentley Bugle

Cllr R Cheape requested this to be added to the Agenda for the September meeting.

17 Date of Next Meeting:

The next Ordinary Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 19th September 2022 at 7pm in the Village Hall

Meeting Closed at 19.40

Signed: R. Cheape

Chair, Bentley Pauncefoot Parish Council

Date: 19th September 2023