

BENTLEY PAUNCEFOOT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Bentley Pouncefoot Parish Council Held On Tuesday 20th May 2014 at 8.00pm in Bentley Village Hall

Present	:	Cllr J Manley - Chairman Cllr R Boss Cllr J Harris Cllr L Teague Cllr J Winslow	A Dyson - Clerk 3 Residents (Refer To Signing In Book)
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Public Participation

The residents enquired as to the latest position regarding the flooding situation and pot holes in the village. Councillor Boss will chase the highways department as they need to put a camera into the culvert to ascertain what the problem is. It has been noted that pot holes are currently marked with orange marking which indicates that the council survey team has marked them for filling in. Highways have 2 weeks to spray the holes. Some holes have been filled. The PC will give the highways department to end of May to complete, if not complete by then Richard Selve will be contacted. The culverts under the gateways on High Elms Lane are blocked, Councillors Manley and Boss will survey the culverts and get a definitive list of blocked culverts.

1. Apologies & Approval of Absence

Councillor Peter Whittaker
Councillor Mike Sansom

2. Declaration of Interest

- a) None
- b) None
- c) None
- d) None

3. To Approve the Minutes of the Last Meeting Held Tuesday 18th March 2014

The minutes were accepted as seen, approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. Progress Reports

a) Lengthsman

The Lengthsman to carry out all general maintenance tasks as per his normal monthly job sheet.

b) Village Hall Team

The next event at the village hall will be the barn dance on the 27th June 2014. They are also organising a "shin dig" for March 2015. At the last meeting they have discussed purchasing a defibrillator and if purchased where to site the equipment. If the village hall team wish to pursue this the Parish Council will see if they have any funds they could offer towards the cost. In the meantime the Clerk will contact Worcestershire CC to see if any funding is available. The Village Hall AGM is taking place on Wednesday 21st May 2014.

c) Footpath's

Councillor Sansom was absent from the meeting but will report at the next meeting

d) Tree Warden

It was noted that all of the newly planted trees are growing well. Although the Village is fortunate not to be affected by the Ash die back, Councillor Winslow is monitoring the situation.

e) Tardebigge Relief, In Need & Sickness Charity

The next meeting is taking place on the 5th June 2014.

5. Clerks Update**a) Lengthsman update**

A new contract has been issued for 14 hours per month, leaving £85.00 from the allocated budget if any specific items are required to be undertaken. A discussion took place regarding whether the contract should be raised to 14.5 per month. The decision was taken to leave the contract at 14 hours but to monitor the situation and reconsider at the contract renewal date next year.

b) Sheltwood Range & Twin Oaks

Bromsgrove DC is still declining to meet with the PC as they do not see the necessity of it. Chairman Manley and Councillor A Boss have met with BDC Councillor Peter Whittaker and asked him to broker a meeting, if this fails Ruth Bamford will be contacted. If the PC do not get a response from her the Ombudsman will be consulted as the function of the PC is to make the DC aware of any issues in the Parish but BDC seem to disregard the PC. BDC have issued a 21 day enforcement order on Twin Oaks, however the PC have not been informed as to what this covers.

c) Western Power Package

The emergency Power Package received by the Clerk will be given to a member of the Village Hall Team for keeping at the Village Hall.

d) Oil Tank Thefts

Councillor A Boss has purchased a sensor which can be fitted to tanks, that sets off an alarm if the level of fuel in a tank drops in a short period of time. The Clerk will get details from Councillor Boss and issue to residents.

6. Planning**a) Banks Green Nursery site**

Nothing new to report.

d) Sheltwood Range Update

See Clerks update above.

c) Twin Oaks

See Clerks update above

d) Redditch Housing Growth

The initial hearings for the BDP and RLP4 will take place on 16th/17th June at Redditch Town Hall. Since the matters to be discussed are those concerning housing numbers and duty to co-operate, the Parish Council will not make further written or verbal representations at this stage. Cllr. Winslow will however be attending the hearings since observers are welcome.

BAAG has asked the Parish Council to discuss the possibility of a monetary contribution towards their costs regarding the use of consultants to prepare their case for the main September hearings. The consultants anticipate completing the work in June at a cost of £3150 ex. VAT. This, we understand, would leave BAAG with a shortfall of £1500. Following a lengthy discussion, it was concluded that it would be appropriate to defer decisions about a Parish Council donation to BAAG until after the Inspector has held the initial hearings and we have more information. It is hoped therefore to bring forward the next Parish Council meeting, scheduled, at present, for 15th July.

e) Dormer Plant

The owner has until the 27th July 2014 to clear the site. Also a resident has asked the PC if it can be determined whether the Stables on this site have been built over a footpath. The Clerk would ask Councillor Sansom to check his footpath plans.

f) Kelvedon & Woodlead application

Approval has been granted for this application.

7. Finance

Parish Council Account Bank Balance As At 25.04.14 £ 11,539.18
(Account Number 70927848)
Footpath Account Bank Balance As At 27.02.14 £ 1950.10
(Account Number 53168980)

- b) The Annual Audit Form was agreed by council and signed off by the Chairman and will be posted to Grant Thornton by Clerk.

Cheques To Be Signed At This Meeting: -

Alan Farnsworth (Lengthsman March / April)	£359.00	Chq No: 100337
Worcestershire CALC (Clerk training)	£ 45.60	Chq No: 100338
Clerks Salary (April 2014)	£220.52	Chq No: 100339
Post Office HM Customs Clerks PAYE (April 2014)	£ 55.00	Chq No: 100340
Worcestershire CALC (Service Charge)	£149.96	Chq No: 100341
AON UK (Insurance renewal)	£351.41	Chq No: 100342
EON (telephone box)	£ 19.33	Chq No: 100343
Clerks Salary (May 2014)	£216.60	Chq No: 100344
Post Office HM Customs Clerks PAYE (May 2014)	£ 54.00	Chq No: 100345

8. Correspondence**Incoming Mail**

BDC Planning submission documents
Bank Statement Barclays
Various Emails – WCC/BDC/CALC/Cllrs/Residents/Misc
AON Insurance renewal

Outgoing Mail

Cheques – Payments (See Previous Minutes)
Letter to BDC requesting meeting
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9. Councillors Reports & Items for Future Agenda

Nothing to report.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 15th July 2014 commencing at 19.30 hrs.

Meeting Closed at 21.30 Hrs

Signed:

Date:

Cllr J Manley
Chairman