## BENTLEY PAUNCEFOOT PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Bentley Pauncefoot Parish Council Held On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 6.00pm in Bentley Village Hall

Present : Cllr A Boss - Chairman

A Dyson – Clerk

Cllr K Beard Cllr R Bewsher Cllr J Manley Cllr D Stubbs Cllr J Winslow

## **Public Participation**

1 member of the public were in attendance (please refer to signing in book).

1.	Apologies & Approval of Absence				
	Cllr J Harris				
	BDO	BDC Cllr P Whittaker			
2.	Dec	Declaration of Interest			
	a)	None			
	b)	None			
	c)	None			
	d)	None .			
3.	To	Approve the Minutes of the Last Meeting Held Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2016			
	The	Minutes were accepted and signed by Chairman A Boss.			
4.	Pro	gress Reports			
	a)	<u>Village Hall Team</u>			
		A crime prevention drop in event has been organised to take place in the village hall on Thursday			
		February 9 <sup>th</sup> from 2.00pm to 7.00pm. The PC will send will arrange flyers and send invitations to			
		residents. The village litter pick has been arranged for Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> February.			
	b)	<u>Footpaths</u>			
		Nothing to report. A new resident, who is a very keen walker, has expressed an interest in reporting			
		potential issues with the paths. The Clerk will contact them.			
	c)	<u>Tree Warden</u>			
		Nothing to report.			
	d) Tardebigge Relief, In Need & Sickness Charity				
		Nothing to report. People seem very reluctant to ask for charity.			
	e) <u>Broadband update</u>				
		Cllr R Bewsher spoke to the Survey Manager on 17 <sup>th</sup> January 2016 – nothing new to report, however he			
		did reiterate that Bentley Pauncefoot is one of the top 3 parishes on their priority list. Broadband are			
		still insisting that farms are not regarded as businesses. A letter to be sent to WCC Councillor K Taylor			
		regarding this issue.			
	f)	<u>Telephone box</u>			
		Cllr J Manley has seen that the telephone box in Bishampton is being used as an information point with a			
		map of the village showing where everything is. He asked if this was something Bentley Pauncefoot			
		would consider. Councillors agreed this would be a good use for the box. Cllr Manley will supply			
		photographs of the Bishampton box.			

## Page 2016/17 - 263 Lengthsman Reciprocal funds from WCC to pay for work carried out by the Lengthsman have been exhausted for this year. Councillors agreed to pay for the remainder of this year from the Footpath account. The Clerk had already raised Mr Cooke's cheque for this this period on the current account, so a cheque will be raised on the Footpath account to repay this next month. C Cooke (Lengthsman) and Richard Clewer from Highways visited the site on Hollyoakes Lane outside Anna Whites Cottage to inspect the flooding. Whilst on site the resident from the adjoining property said that the flooding did not bother them and on this basis Richard Clewer decided that no further work needed to be carried out to stop the flooding. Councillors agreed that Highways should be contacted and ask them to reconsider this decision. 6. **Succession** Cllr Manley advised that he will be retiring from the Council at the March meeting. He suggested that a more formal approach to recruiting new people to the Council may be necessary and asked Councillors for any ideas. A flyer will be designed for the notice board. The Clerk will send an email to residents asking if anyone is interested but this has proved unsuccessful in the past. Councillor Winslow suggested that maybe a current member of the BAAG team or the Village Hall committee would be interested and could they be approached. 7. **General Communication** Cllr Wimslow had concerns that as meetings only take place every 2 months, some decisions are being made outside of that period without the agreement or knowledge of other Councillors and that a formal arrangement should be in place to ensure that agreement is sought from all Councillors on decisions as the PC is seen as the driver of communications for the village. It was agreed that decisions could be agreed via e mail communication outside of the meeting. This includes discussions with outside parties. 8. Clerk's update The Clerk distributed the correspondence list to all Councillors. 9. **Planning** New planning applications since last meeting a) 16/1119 – Demolition of previous single storey extension and replacement with two storey extension - The Cottage, Hollyoakes Lane. The Council opposed this application on the basis of over extending the current footprint of the property and difficult access from the road causing obstruction during construction. b) Parish planning - Chairman Boss was unable to attend the last meeting. If the housing plan is approved this is something the PC will have to look at. Bromsgrove & Redditch Housing Growth update - Awaiting final decision - meeting on Wednesday c) 25<sup>th</sup> January 2017. **Finance** 10. The 2017 / 2018 Precept was agreed and signed by Chairman A a) Boss. b) Parish Council Account Bank Balance as at 23.12.2016 £10,170.81 (Account Number 70927848) Footpath Account Bank Balance as at 03.06.15 £ 1,589.10 (Account Number 53168980

Cheques in respect of those payments were signed			
A Dyson (Dec / Jan salary)	£526.44	Chq No 100442	
SLCC (Annual subscription)	£ 78.00	Chq No 100443	
Bentley Village Hall (Room hire)	£180.00	Chq No 100444	
ASAP Printing (Bugle)	£380.00	Chq No 100445	
A Dyson (Postage Bugle)	£ 9.35	Chq No 100446	
C Cooke (Lengthsman)	£518.40	Chq No 100447	
Glasdon UK Ltd (Bollards)	£596.40	Chq No 100448	

The Council resolved to make the following payments.

	Received monies				
	BACS payment from Worcester CC	£180.00			
	(Lengthsman)				
	DHC Services (Bugle Advertising)	£ 20.00			
	Cutting Edge Machinery (Bugle Advertising	£ 20.00			
11	Clerks Report on Urgent decisions since last meeting				
	Nothing to report				
12	Councillors Reports & Items for Future Agenda				
	Councillor Manley is unable to represent the PC at this year's Holocaust Memorial Day in Bromsgrove and				
	asked if any other Councillor could attend.				
	Bentley Bugle 2016				
	Chairman A Boss thanked Cllr J Wimslow for all her work in creating this year's edition. Cllr Winslow also				
	thanked Cllrs Beard and Stubbs for distributing copies of the Bugle.				
13	Date of Next Meeting				
	21 <sup>st</sup> March 2017 at 7.30pm in Bentley Village Hall.				

Meeting Closed at 19.20 hrs

Signed:		Date:
	Cllr A Boss	
	Chairman	