## **BENTLEY PAUNCEFOOT PARISH COUNCIL**

# Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Bentley Pauncefoot Parish Council Held On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 7.30pm in Bentley Village Hall

Present : Chairman A Boss A Dyson - Clerk

Cllr R Bewsher - Vice Chairman

Cllr R Cheape Cllr J Harris Cllr B Spence Cllr G Teague

Worcester Council Clr K Taylor District Cllr P Whittaker

### **Public Participation**

3 members of the public were in attendance (please refer to signing in book).

1.	Арс	Apologies & Approval of Absence				
	No	None				
2.	Dec	Declaration of Interest				
	a)	None				
	b)	None				
	c)	None				
	d)	None				
3.	Ele	Election of New councillor				
	Chairman Boss proposed Paul Meads to join the PC, Cllr Spence seconded the proposal and Mr Meads was					
	duly elected. Councillor Meads duly signed his Acceptance of Office Form and this was witnessed by the					
		Clerk.				
4.	To approve the Minutes of the APC meeting and the Ordinary meetings which were held on Tuesday					
	May 2018.					
	The Minutes were accepted by all Councillors and signed by Chairman A Boss.					
5.	Progress Reports					
	a) Cllr Teague advised that the Village Hall would be closed in August for redecoration. The VH					
	Committee were also receiving tenders for resurfacing of the car park.					
	b) Footpaths					
	Following correspondence with Mr Milles, Footpath Officer, he had informed the Clerk that					
	the brush cutting / strimmer course he had attended with WCC that WCC will loan any equip					
		requires to keep the paths clear. He would also be covered by insurance. On that basis the PC had no				
		objections to Mr Milles using his judgement to him making improvements to footpaths using the				
		appropriate equipment. A resident had also brought to his attention that the path through the Thrift				
		was impassable following logging work carried out earlier in the year. The Clerk had contacted Bentley				
		Estates asking if this was something they were prepared to clear but as yet has not had a response.				
		Chairman Boss said he thought it might have been cleared lately as the Gamekeeper had been laying				
		down his pheasants. The Clerk will ask Mr Milles to look at it again and let the PC know what the				
	<b>.</b>	situation is.				
	c)	Tree Warden				
		Cllr Cheape advised that within the next few months he would ensure that a replacement oak tree will				
		be planted where the old tree had fallen and disposed of in Lower Bentley.				

#### d) Tardebigge Relief, In Need & Sickness Charity

Cllr Teague explained to new members of the PC the circumstances surrounding what people / organisations can apply for funds. Cllr Spence suggested sending an email to residents advising them of the organisation. The next meeting will be held in October 2018

#### 6. Broadband update

Cllr Spence who is leading the bid for 19 properties covering for Fosters Green and Lower Bentley, reported that resident reaction had been very positive. He had highlighted to residents that the costs would be approx. just under £1K and that the grant being given by WCC towards the cost was very generous. He has set up a dedicated bank account for monies to be paid into. However, WCC have not signed the contact with BT as yet.

Vice Chairman Bewsher will chase the bid people and ask for a draft contract. Cllr Spence reiterated that once the contract is signed, the process will take approx. 12 months to be completed. Vice Chairman Bewsher is leading the bid for 37 properties, covering the Banks Green area. She has distributed the information to residents but as of today's date has not received many responses. She will chase within the next week. The bank account for monies to be paid on this bid has been set up as a savings account on the PC bank account. Cllr Spence reminded all Councillors of the importance of keeping residents details and wishes confidential when dealing with other residents regarding the issue of Broadband wishes.

Cllr Harris who is leading a bid for 4 properties on Copyholt Lane is still waiting for confirmation from WCC that they are willing to grant funding towards these properties. He has distributed information to the properties concerned and has had a mixed response from residents.

#### 7. Lengthsman

Due to the very dry weather conditions, the Lengthsman has been unable to carry out many tasks. Cllr Harris reported that water had been leaking onto Copyholt Lane from Well Meadow for some weeks. The Clerk will report the issue.

#### 8. Bentley Pauncefoot Road Safety Campaign

WCC Cllr Kit Taylor and BDC Cllr Peter Whittaker had joined the meeting for this item at the specific request of the PC.

There had been a number of actions since the last meeting.

Cllr Spence had received further wheelie bin stickers free of charge from the Safer Roads Partnership and had distributed them to residents on Manor Road. Slow Down wheelie bin stickers have now been distributed to all residents along Cur Lane, Copyholt Lane, Banks Green and Manor Road as the first phase of a road safety campaign.

At the time of the meeting Cllr Spence was awaiting confirmation from Tesco as to whether the PC has been awarded any funding from their Bags of Help campaign. This would be allocated towards an education programme which the PC wishes to run advising drivers of the particular dangers of driving on rural roads. Subsequently it has been confirmed that £1,000 has been awarded.

Cllr Harris had sent emails to Highways asking for clarification of "diversions" in the village which were directing traffic, in both directions, along Pump House Lane which is clearly signposted as prohibited to motorised vehicles but had received no response.

Stephen Hawley from Highways had declined to attend the meeting to discuss the issue saying that "nothing has changed" since their response to the Foxlydiate planning application.

Cllr Spence and Vice Chairman Bewsher emphasised that the PCs concerns are not related only to the Foxlydiate development but relate to the general increase in traffic volumes. The PC is extremely frustrated with Highways both in their failure to respond to communications from the PC and their lack of sensitivity to the situation. Chairman Boss asked WCC Cllr Taylor to intervene on their behalf with WCC Highways to show his backing for the PCs concerns. WCC Cllr Taylor asked for a copy of Stephen Hawley's e mail which had been received and a copy of the PCs response to him. These have subsequently been forwarded to him. WCC Cllr Taylor said that he will drive around the Village with Richard Clewer and arrange for cables to be placed on the road in order to monitor traffic volumes and speed. BDC Cllr Whittaker suggested that the PC decide where the cables should be laid. The Cllrs attention was drawn to a Dept of Transport document stating that Villages should have reduced speed limits in line with urban areas and that residents' concerns

	should be taken into account. Chairman Boss said that ideally the PC would like a speed limit of 30 miles				
	per hour enforced in the village and 40 miles per hour down Cur/Copyholt Lanes.				
	Chairman Bass thanked bath MCC Clly Taylor and DDC Clls M/	h:++= ,== f====++===d:			
_	Chairman Boss thanked both WCC Cllr Taylor and BDC Cllr W	nittaker for attendi	ng and listening to concerns.		
9.	Planning  Craell(a) and a decrease and institute a parish and a second in the Position and a second in the second in the second in the second in the second in th	f:+: /			
	Small(er) scale planning applications in the Parish – new notifications / updates:				
a)	17/01477/FUL – Construction of 3 no dwellings – land adjacent to Foxlydiate Farmhouse, Foxlyidate Lane,				
aj	Redditch.				
	Originally the PC had no objections to this proposal as there was little change from the original proposal.				
	However, Cllr Cheape asked whether this development was going to be within the Green Belt and if it was				
	then an objection should be lodged. Cllr Cheape will determine whether this is the case.				
10.	Finance				
	Parish Council Account Bank Balance as at 27.06.18	£8,505.14			
	(Account Number 70927848)				
	Footpath Account Bank Balance as at 04.04.17	£638.70			
	(Account number 53168980)				
c)	To consider payments /receipts as per Clerks				
	correspondence list issued at meeting.				
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	A Dyson (June / July salary + expenses	£632.08	Chq no 100492		
	ICO (data protection registration)	£ 40.00	Chq no 100493		
	C Cooke (Lengthsman)	£100.80	Chq no 100494		
	Received monies				
	Nothing received				
11	Clerks Update				
	Susan Satchell from CALC had contacted Clerks asking if any				
	forward to sit on the Bromsgrove Audit Standards Committee in a deputy role when other reps are				
	unavailable. It is a good opportunity for Parishes to show the DC that they are interested in what is				
	happening regarding Parish business. Cllr Meads name was put forward for this role and the Clerk will ask				
	for more details of the role to be sent to him.				
12	Councillors Reports / Items for Future Agenda				
	Cllr Spence asked is everyone could be more vigilant in their	•			
	members of the PC, even if the email does not directly apply to them a response acknowledging receipt				
	would be appreciated.  Clir Teague brought the PCs attention to the fact that alth	ough the village d	nes now have a defibrillator		
	Cllr Teague brought the PCs attention to the fact that although the village does now have a defibrillator outside the village hall, there are no signs advising people of its existence. Cllr Boss said he will arrange to				
	have some signs made showing where the Defib is located.				
13.	Date of Next Meeting				
	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 7.30pm, in Bentley Village Hall.				
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Meeting Closed at 21.15 hrs

Signed: A Boss Date: 04.08.18

Cllr A Boss - Chairman