

BENTLEY PAUNCEFOOT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Bentley Pouncefoot Parish Council Held On Tuesday 18th March 2014 at 7.30pm in Bentley Village Hall

Present : Cllr J Manley - Chairman
Cllr R Boss
Cllr J Harris
Cllr M Sansom
Cllr L Teague
Cllr J Winslow

A Dyson - Clerk
2 Residents (Refer To Signing In Book)

Public Participation

The residents enquired as to the latest position regarding flooding at Becks Corner, the Chairman said this would be covered later in the meeting.

1. Apologies & Approval of Absence

Councillor Peter Whittaker
Councillor Andy Boss

2. Declaration of Interest

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

3. To Approve the Minutes of the Last Meeting Held Tuesday 21st January 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 Village hall Casino evening was very successful. They are hoping to organise a bluebell walk in early May. The Village Hall AGM will be held on Friday 8th May 2014. Councillor Sansom said that at a Village Hall meeting, it was suggested that a new notice board be purchased jointly between the PC and the Village Hall. It was agreed in principle that the Village Hall Team should obtain some costs for this and let the PC know what would be involved.

c) Footpath's

Nothing to report. As they dry out over the next couple of months, Councillor Sansom will take a look at them. Councillor Teague had noted that a sign near his property had been rotated; Councillor Sansom will look at it.

d) Tree Warden

WCC has been in contact asking what the Tree Wardens did. Councillor Winslow outlined to them her role in the village studying the trees and giving advice on any problems that occur including rotting and dangerous trees. It was noted that an old entrance had been opened up on the Twin Oaks site and trees had been felled. A letter to be sent to the BDC asking if they were aware of this.

e) Tardebigge Relief, In Need & Sickness Charity

A new Chairman – Richard Clark - has been appointed.

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

Regarding the request for a rate increase, the Clerk will ask other parishes how they are dealing with this request as the monies paid by the BDC have not increased to cover any extra costs. The Lengthsman has not responded to the PC as to the amount of contribution he was looking for regarding a safety course he wishes to attend.

b) Flooding at High Elms Lane

The tenant is aware of the blocked drain but is unable to work on it at present due to the amount of water. He also enquired if he needed a special licence to work on the highways, the PC did not think a licence was required.

c) Request for meetings to be held on Wednesday evenings

The Village Hall is not available on Wednesday evenings.

d) CAB Funding request

This request was declined due to the size of the PCs budget.

e) Ditch maintenance

North Worcester Water Management will visit the sites where flooding is occurring but generally feel most of the problems are down to the land owners. A meeting request to be sent to Worcestershire Water Management asking them to visit the site in order that the Council can understand better exactly what is the responsibility of the Council and that of the landowners.

The state of the roads in general was discussed. Pot holes are a concern but also the verges which drop down deep from the side of the roads. A letter to be sent to the Highways department asking them to take a look at this problem.

f) AGM

This will take place before the next OM on the 20th May 2014.

g) New legislation requiring only one signatory on cheques

A decision was taken to continue with 2 signatories on each cheque.

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

Nothing new to report.

c) Sheltwood Range Update

Nothing new to report.

c) Twin Oaks

Nothing new to report.

d) Redditch Housing Growth

Councillor Winslow updated the meeting on a BAAG meeting she had attended.

The Parish Council Chair has had informal discussions with BAAG regarding their use of consultants. The PC does not have the financial resources to appoint consultants of their own but may consider adding its endorsement to the BAAG submission in future. This will be discussed at future meetings.

e) Dormer Plant

Appeal hearing date has been set for 19th March 2014. The Chairman and a number of residents will be attending the appeal.

f) Kelvedon & Woodlead application

The Chairman left the meeting while the Councillors discussed this application; there were no objections to the application. The Chairman re-joined the meeting.

7. Finance**Year End Accounts**

A meeting date to be set for Councillor Sansom and the Clerk to complete the year end accounts.

Parish Council Account Bank Balance As At	27.02.14	£ 9323.50
(Account Number 70927848)		
Footpath Account Bank Balance As At	27.02.14	£ 1950.10
(Account Number 53168980)		

Cheques To Be Signed At This Meeting: -

Clerks Wages (Jan 2014)	£212.80	Chq No: 100330
Post Office HM Customs Clerks PAYE (Jan 2014)	£ 53.00	Chq No: 100331
Clerks Wages (Feb 2014)	£204.84	Chq No: 100332
Post Office HM Customs Clerks PAYE (Feb 2014)	£ 51.00	Chq No: 100333
Clerks Expenses (Feb 2014 Printer cartridges/envelopes)	£ 37.68	Chq No: 100334
Alan Farnsworth (Lengthsman Jan /Feb)	£352.00	Chq No: 100335
SLCC CiLCA Management (Clerk training)	£150.00	Chq No. 100336

8. Correspondence**Incoming Mail**

Bank Statement Barclays

Various Emails – WCC/BDC/CALC/Cllrs/Residents/Misc

North Worcestershire Water Management – drainage problems

WCC Lengthsman payment (Nov / Dec 2013) £352.00 Doc 3910813478

Outgoing Mail

Cheques – Payments (See Previous Minutes)

Letter to Ruth Bamford re housing consultation

E mail correspondence with Kit Taylor re Councillors not having sight of planning applications in a timely manner to respond

E mail correspondence with Richard Banks re flooding

Various Emails – WCC/BDC/CALC/Cllrs/Residents/Misc

9. Councillors Reports & Items for Future Agenda

The Chairman asked the PCs views in providing a defibrillator at the village hall. A decision would be made after the cost of the equipment and what training was required was investigated.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 20th May 2014 commencing at 8.00pm. The AGM will take place on the same date commencing at 7.30pm

Meeting Closed at 21.30 Hrs

Signed:**Date:**

Cllr J Manley
Chairman