

BENTLEY PAUNCEFOOT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Bentley Pouncefoot Parish Council Held On Tuesday 23rd September 2014 at 7.30pm in Bentley Village Hall

Present	:	CLlr J Manley - Chairman	A Dyson - Clerk
		CLlr A Boss	
		CLlr R Boss	4 Residents (Refer To Signing In Book)
		CLlr J Harris	

Public Participation

Before the meeting began Chairman Manley asked everyone to take a few moments to remember Laurence Teague who had served on the PC for some 20 years who had sadly passed away since the last meeting.

Chairman Manley then welcomed two new residents to the village – Mary and Peter Dykes who were at the meeting.

Mr and Mrs Bewsher thanked the PC for their help in getting the Highways department to clear the gully that has been causing flooding outside their property. There was a large amount of rubble in the drain and an inspection chamber had been paved over. The culvert does need some sort of grill covering to stop this happening again. The PC will write to Richard Clewer from highways thanking them for the work carried out and ask if they would consider supplying this grill.

1. Apologies & Approval of Absence		
	Cllr M Sansom, Cllr J Winslow, District Councillor P Whittaker	
2. Declaration of Interest		
	a)	None
	b)	None
	c)	None
	d)	None
3. To Approve the Minutes of the Last Meeting Held Tuesday 15th July 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 monthly job sheet
	b)	<u>Village Hall Team</u> Nothing to report due to Cllr Sansom's absence. Going forward Councillors will be asked to submit a report on their sector of the agenda if they are unable to attend.
	c)	<u>Footpaths</u> Nothing to report due to Cllr Sansom's absence.
	d)	<u>Tardebigge Relief, In Need & Sickness Charity</u> Nothing to report. The next meeting is 9 th October 2014.
	e)	<u>Tree Warden</u> Nothing to report

	f)	<u>Village Hall Notice Board</u> The old board has been removed from the roadside and within the next week Glanville is going to relocate the notice board on the village hall wall to the roadside for the use of the PC and the Village Hall team.
5.	Clerk's update	
	a)	<u>2015 meeting dates</u> The dates for 2015 were agreed
	b)	<u>Casual vacancy</u> Discussions took place regarding whether to replace Councillor Teague now or wait until next year's May elections. Decision made to wait until next year.
6.	Planning	
	a)	<u>Banks Green Nursery Site</u> Nothing new to report
	b)	<u>Sheltwood Range update / Twin Oaks update</u> Nothing new to report. <u>Dormer Plant site</u> This matter has now been closed by BDC. However, the PC is not convinced that the owner is complying with the order and will contact the council again.
	c)	<u>The Stables, Black Lake Lane</u> A planning application has been put forward to remove an existing outbuilding and erect a timber stall block. The PC has no objection to this application. However it did prompt discussions around the planning process in general and whether BDC took the PCs opinions into any decision it makes. Residents should be encouraged to contact the PC before making planning applications to gain the support of the PC.
	d)	<u>Redditch Housing Growth</u> The Parish council gave agreed to engage consultants to assist on work with the housing growth issue and it was agreed that the outcome of this consultation should be shared with the BAG action group.
7.	Finance	
		Parish Council Account Bank Balance As At 27.09.2014 £10,172.03 (Account Number 70927848)
		Footpath Account Bank Balance As At 27.09.2014 £ 1950.10 (Account Number 53168980)
		Cheques Signed At This Meeting
		Alan Farnsworth (Lengthsman July / August) £356.00 Chq No: 100357
		Clerk's salary (August 2014) £220.52 Chq No: 100355
		Post Office HM Customs Clerks PAYE (August 2014) £ 55.00 Chq No: 100356
		Clerk's salary (Sept 2014) £204.84 Chq No: 100358
		Post Office HM Customs Clerks PAYE (Sept 2014) £ 51.00 Chq No: 100359
		Stationery £ 3.49 Chq No: 100360

8.	Correspondence
	<u>Incoming mail</u> Bank Statement Barclays Various Emails – WCC/BDC/CALC/Cllrs/Misc <u>Outgoing Mail</u> Cheques – Payments (See Previous Minutes) Various Emails – WCC/BDC/CALC/Cllrs/Residents/Misc
9.	Councillors Reports & Items for Future Agenda
	a) Councillor Boss was unhappy with the process Bromsgrove Housing Trust had applied to one of the last 2 council houses in the village. Within 2 weeks of moving into the house as a tenant had been allowed to purchase the property. b) How do the PC encourage residents to contact them before applying for planning permission? Can the forthcoming issue of the Bugle be used to bring this to their attention?
	c) <u>Broadband</u> Nothing new to report
	d) <u>Village Telephone box</u> Still needs attending to.
10	Date of Next Meeting 18 th November 2014 7.30 Bentley Village Hall

Meeting Closed at 22.00 hrs

Signed:

Cllr J Manley
Chairman

Date: