

## **BENTLEY PAUNCEFOOT PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Bentley Pouncefoot Parish Council Held On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 7.30pm in Bentley Village Hall**

**Present :**

<b>Cllr J Manley - Chairman</b> <b>Cllr A Boss</b> <b>Cllr R Boss</b> <b>Cllr J Harris</b> <b>Cllr J Winslow</b>	<b>District Councillor P Whittaker</b> <b>A Dyson - Clerk</b> <b>2 Residents (Refer To Signing In Book)</b>
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#### **Public Participation**

Resident N Rand is proposing to build 2 affordable houses on his own land and is asking the PC for their support. Councillor Manley proposed that this item is placed on the next agenda.

<b>1.</b>	<b>Apologies &amp; Approval of Absence</b>
	Cllr M Sansom
<b>2.</b>	<b>Declaration of Interest</b>
	a) None b) None c) None d) None
<b>3.</b>	<b>To Approve the Minutes of the Last Meeting Held Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2014</b>
	Chairman Manley asked that Minute 6 Planning be amended to reflect the PCs discussions more accurately. This will be amended and approved and signed at the next meeting.
<b>4.</b>	<b>Progress Reports</b>
	a) <u>Lengthsman</u> The Lengthsman to carry out all general maintenance tasks as per his monthly job sheet.
	b) <u>Village Hall Team</u> A walk followed by Christmas Carols is taking place on Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> December.
	c) <u>Footpaths</u> Nothing to report.
	d) <u>Tardebigge Relief, In Need &amp; Sickness Charity</u> Funds have been given to Pitcheroak school for cooking utensils and for 2 children to attend an outward bounds event. The relief fund has also paid for 12 months hire for a local scout group to store their equipment.
	e) <u>Tree Warden</u> Councillor Winslow has trimmed the grass beneath the young trees to stop the hedge trimmers getting too close and therefore causing damage to the saplings. Councillor Winslow also asked if anyone else was prepared to take up the position of Tree Warden.  District Councillor Whittaker has taken delivery of ½ ton of daffodil bulbs which he has offered to the Parish. It was agreed to take 100kgs of bulbs to be planted around the village.  Matthew Morgan will be asked if he is prepared to dig out the village pond, where some bulbs could be planted.

	f)	<u>Roads &amp; Drains</u> Councillor Boss has cleared the pipes outside of Anna White Cottage to alleviate the flooding. However, the ditches either side of the manhole need clearing. The Highways department to be asked to repair the road where standing water has caused damage. The Lengthsman will be asked to ensure the ditch is clear the ditch each time he is in the village.															
<b>5.</b>	<b>Clerk's update</b>																
	a)	<u>Precept meeting date</u> In Councillor Sansom's absence, this was not set. The Clerk will contact Councillor Sansom to arrange this prior to the next meeting.															
	b)	<u>Next years May elections</u> The PC needs to start preparation for the elections.															
<b>6.</b>	<b>Planning</b>																
	a)	<u>Banks Green Nursery Site</u> Nothing new to report.															
	b)	<u>Sheltwood Range update</u> <u>Twin Oaks update</u> An enforcement action has been placed against Sheltwood Range, this needs to be monitored to ensure it is not breached.															
	c)	<u>Twin Oaks update</u> BDC state that agricultural use of the units associated with this property ceased in 2004 and that the units are now mainly associated with exhibition/ storage (use class B8) and they are inviting a submission of an application to regularise the changes from the proprietor. The PC has been contact with BDC since 2004 stating that the premises were being used for business other than agricultural and each time BDC said they could find no evidence that this was the case. A letter to be sent to BDC asking them to explain how this change of use came about when BDC has strongly denied it. District Councillor Whittaker will enquire as to how the property is being rated.															
	d)	<u>The Stables, Black Lake Lane</u> Retrospective application has been made for a porch and link roof. The PC had no objection to this but would respond that if permission is to be granted that any future permitted development rights would be withdrawn from this property.															
	e)	<u>Redditch Housing Growth</u> Chairman Manley has been exchanging email with District Councillor Whittaker on this ongoing issue. Current discussion centre around the cross border issue – a decision on this issue on 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2014.															
	f)	<u>Dormer Plant Hire</u> The site still appears to be used for storage of signage with vehicles attending for collection and drop off. A letter has been sent to Dormer with specific requirements and that any future breach to this will result in court action.															
<b>7.</b>	<b>Finance</b>																
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<b>8.</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	
	<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	
<b>9.</b>	<b>Councillors Reports &amp; Items for Future Agenda</b>	
	a)	Discussions took place regarding the process covering the recent sale of a property in the village by Bromsgrove District Housing Trust. The PC would like to see evidence that the sale of the property been advertised correctly.
	c)	<u>Broadband</u> The village is scheduled for Broadband update by June 2016.
	d)	<u>Village Telephone box</u> A suggestion for use of this would be for it to contain a CCTV which may be useful following recent thefts in the village – to be discussed at the next meeting.
<b>10</b>	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b> 20 <sup>th</sup> January 2015 at 7.30 Bentley Village Hall	

**Meeting Closed at 22.30 hrs**

**Signed:**

**Cllr J Manley**  
**Chairman**

**Date:** .....