

5.	Lengthsman		
	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>		
6.	Succession		
	<p>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.</p>		
7.	General Communication		
	<p>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.</p>		
8.	Clerk's update		
	<p>a) The Clerk distributed the correspondence list to all Councillors.</p>		
9.	Planning		
	<p><u>New planning applications since last meeting</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>c) Bromsgrove & Redditch Housing Growth update – Awaiting final decision – meeting on Wednesday 25th January 2017.</p>		
10.	Finance		
	<p>a) The 2017 / 2018 Precept was agreed and signed by Chairman A Boss.</p> <p>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)</p>		
	<p>The Council resolved to make the following payments. Cheques in respect of those payments were signed</p>		
	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

	Received monies BACS payment from Worcester CC (Lengthsman) DHC Services (Bugle Advertising) Cutting Edge Machinery (Bugle Advertising)	£180.00 £ 20.00 £ 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. <u>Bentley Bugle 2016</u> 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 st March 2017 at 7.30pm in Bentley Village Hall.		

Meeting Closed at 19.20 hrs

Signed:

Date:

**Cllr A Boss
Chairman**