

**BENTLEY PAUNCEFOOT PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Bentley Pauncefoot Parish Council Held  
On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 7.30pm in Bentley Village Hall**

Present : Cllr A Boss - Chairman A Dyson – Clerk  
 Cllr K Beard  
 Cllr R Bewsher  
 Cllr J Harris  
 Cllr B Spence  
 Cllr D Stubbs  
 Cllr J Winslow

**Public Participation**

3 members of the public were in attendance (please refer to signing in book). Mr T Jarvis the Developer for a proposed development at the Retreat, put forward his case as to why the PC should approve the plans which have now been changed to 3 bungalows and 2 dormer houses. Cllr Spence asked Mr Jarvis to provide details of Mr Acton who is carrying out the traffic assessment on his behalf. The Council thanked Mr Jarvis for attending the meeting and agreed to discuss the same under Item 11 on the agenda later in the meeting.

<b>1.</b>	<b>Apologies &amp; Approval of Absence</b> District Cllr P Whittaker
<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 Annual meeting and the Ordinary meeting which were held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2017.</b> The Minutes were accepted and signed by Chairman A Boss.
<b>4.</b>	<b>Progress Reports</b>
	a) <u>Village Hall Team</u> Nothing to report.
	b) <u>Footpaths</u> Mr J Miles has cleared some gates and stiles. He has enquired as to whether the PC would be prepared to fund him approx. £500 to purchase a strimmer, shears and clippers. Whilst the Council were grateful to Mr Miles for his efforts in maintaining the paths, as Mr Miles is not covered by the PCs insurance to carry out such work, they would felt unable to fund any equipment. The PC would prefer Mr Miles to report any problems to the Clerk, who would then liaise with WCC in order to get the issue resolved. The Clerk will advise Mr Miles of this decision.
	c) <u>Tree Warden</u> Nothing to report. However, a large part of a tree had fallen onto Angel Street on Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> July blocking the road to both cars and pedestrians. The Clerk reported the issue to Highways but before they came out, Mr V Dormer a resident on Angel Street, had cleared the road. The PC thanked Mr Dormer for his help in this matter.
	d) <u>Tardebigge Relief, In Need &amp; Sickness Charity</u> The Clerk has completed and submitted the form requesting funding towards the defibrillator and sent it to Mrs G Teague. Cllr J Winslow would follow up on this at the next Tardebigge Relief meeting.

e)	<p><u>Broadband update</u> Post codes on Angel Street and Manor Road are scheduled for access to faster speeds from late 2017 / early 2018. Engineers recently working in the village said some of the trees were causing problems as they are falling on to overhead lines. In particular, the tree outside the village hall was mentioned. Chairman Boss will look into this.</p>
f)	<p><u>Telephone box</u> Councillor Beard had recently cleared the shrubbery around the box. Whilst doing this he spoke with Mr Michael Eaton regarding artwork for a map for the box, Mr Eaton said he would be prepared to do this. Chairman Boss will let Mr Eaton have sight of the village map. Cllr Harris suggested that the "ownership" of the telephone box may be something the WI would be interested in. The Clerk will write to the WI to ascertain if this would be of interest to them.</p>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Lengthsman</b>
	Nothing to report.
<b>6.</b>	<b>Defibrillator</b>
	The defibrillator has now been delivered and Chairman Boss has arranged for it to be installed on the outside of the village hall next week. When a contribution from Tardebigge Relief Charity has been received, the PC will arrange for a plaque thanking them for their contribution which will be placed alongside the defibrillator. Cllr J Harris expressed his disappointment that after asking the BAAG committee whether a contribution to the defibrillator was something they would consider, nobody from the group responded either negatively or positively.
<b>7.</b>	<b>New Homes Bonus</b>
	Cllr B Spence has completed and submitted the documentation requesting funding for independent Traffic Consultants to undertake a survey regarding the highways issues currently affecting the village. District Councillor P Whittaker endorsed the request and the PC meets the criteria for such funding. The Community Grants Panel is meeting on 25 <sup>th</sup> July 2017 and Cllr B Spence will attend to promote the application. If the application is successful, it then has to be signed off at a Cabinet meeting on 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2017.
<b>8.</b>	<b>PC Meetings</b>
	Discussions took place regarding the need of monthly PC meetings in order that all Councillors were up to date and informed on various issues affecting the Parish that need urgent decisions between the current bi-monthly meetings. It was agreed that three councillors, Roz Bewsher, Barry Spence and Janet Winslow will form a working party to look at any particular issues that may arise concerning the Foxlydiate development. They will then report back to the full council at the bi-monthly meetings or via email if necessary. Cllr Spence, after consultation with the other members of the working party, will prepare its suggested Terms of Reference which will be presented for scrutiny by all members of the Parish Council.
<b>9.</b>	<b>Environmental</b>
	Paul Saunders of WCC Environmental department has confirmed that pollution on Black Lake Lane is still an issue. He has arranged for a site visit with North Worcestershire Water Management to ascertain the ownership of the pipe in the verge with a view to helping him enforce getting the problem resolved. NWWM have offered to jet the pipework to try and release any blockage. The situation will be monitored ongoing.
<b>10.</b>	<b>Clerks Correspondence</b>
a)	The Clerk distributed the correspondence list to all Councillors.

<b>11.</b>	<b>Planning</b>																		
	<p><u>To consider / review planning applications received since last meeting</u></p> <p>a) <b>17/00574/FUL - The Retreat</b> – demolition of existing storage buildings and development of 5 dwellings with associated amenity, access and parking. The PC had already submitted its objections to this development prior to the meeting. As noted during Public Participation, Mr T Jarvis outlined his plans for the site asking for the Council's approval. Following discussion, the Council agreed that they did not wish to change their view of objecting to the application and no further comments would be made to the Planning department.</p> <p>b) <b>Meeting with Simon Jones &amp; Ruth Bamford</b> – Cllrs Bewsher and Spence attended a recent meeting called by residents of Webheath, regarding traffic problems associated with present and future housing development in that area. At that meeting, Mrs Ruth Bamford said that she would be happy to meet small groups to discuss any concerns about planning matters. Since Cllrs are concerned that BDC is not keeping the PC up to date with the progress of the PA 16/0263 (the Foxlydiate SUE), it was decided to ask for such a meeting. Cllr Winslow will draw up a letter for consultation/ approval by the PC which will be sent to Mrs Bamford and Mr Jones outlining PC concerns and asking for suitable dates to be put forward.</p> <p>c) <b>Twin Oaks appeal</b> – With regard to the conditions imposed on this appeal, it has been noted that the storage that had to be removed has merely been moved to another part of the site. Cllr Winslow will apprise Andrew Fulford of BDC on this issue.</p>																		
	<b>Finance</b>																		
a)	<p>Parish Council Account Bank Balance as at 27.06.17                                   £9,964.81</p> <p>Footpath Account Bank Balance as at 04.04.17                                   £ 638.70</p> <p>The Council resolved to make the following payments. Cheques in respect of those payments were signed</p> <table> <tbody> <tr> <td>A Dyson (June / July salary)</td> <td>£ 600.80</td> <td>Chq No 100461</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A Dyson (Stationery)</td> <td>£ 7.01</td> <td>Chq No 100462</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CPRE</td> <td>£ 36.00</td> <td>Chq No 100463</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Zurich Insurance</td> <td>£ 244.72</td> <td>Chq No 100464</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Well Medical Ltd (Defib)</td> <td>£1675.50</td> <td>Chq No 100465</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C Cooke (Lengthsman)</td> <td>£ 216.00</td> <td>Chq No 100466</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>Received monies</b> None</p>	A Dyson (June / July salary)	£ 600.80	Chq No 100461	A Dyson (Stationery)	£ 7.01	Chq No 100462	CPRE	£ 36.00	Chq No 100463	Zurich Insurance	£ 244.72	Chq No 100464	Well Medical Ltd (Defib)	£1675.50	Chq No 100465	C Cooke (Lengthsman)	£ 216.00	Chq No 100466
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<b>13.</b>	<b>Clerks Report on Urgent decisions since last meeting</b>																		
	Nothing to report																		
<b>14.</b>	<b>Councillors Reports / Items for Future Agenda</b>																		
	Nothing																		
<b>15.</b>	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>																		
	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 7.30pm in Bentley Village Hall.																		

**Meeting Closed at 21.35 hrs**

**Signed:**

**Date:** .....

**Cllr A Boss - Chairman**