

BENTLEY PAUNCEFOOT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Bentley Pauncefoot Parish Council Held On Tuesday 21st May 2019 at 8.00pm in Bentley Village Hall

Present : Cllr R Bewsher – Vice Chair
Cllr R Cheape
Cllr P Meads
Cllr B Spence

A Dyson - Clerk

Public Participation

3 members of the public were in attendance (please refer to signing in book). Mr I Stewart expressed his concerns that a serious traffic incident within the village is only a matter of time and enquired as to what was happening with regard to the road safety campaign and suggested electronic signage in the village may be useful. Mr J Harris said that the PC had enquired about this type of signage some years ago but as the speed limit on the roads is 60, Highways had responded that such signs were unsuitable. Vice Chair Bewsher explained about the number of meetings that the PC had held with Highways to try and get the speed limit reduced through the Parish but so far had made little progress – please refer to Minute 11 below for full details.

1.	Apologies & Approval of Absence
	Cllr A Boss – Chairperson Cllr G Teague District Councillor P Whittaker
2.	Declaration of Interest
	a) None b) None c) None d) None
3.	To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary meeting which was held on Tuesday 19th March 2019.
	The Minutes were accepted by all Councillors and signed by Cllr R Bewsher – Vice Chair.
4.	Progress Reports
	a) <u>Village Hall update & upcoming events</u> The Village Hall AGM is being held on Wednesday 22 nd May 2019. Vice Chair Bewsher will attend on behalf of the PC. A BBQ and family fun day is being held on June 29 th 2019.
	b) <u>Footpaths</u> Nothing to report.
	c) <u>Tree Warden</u> The saplings have now been delivered and distributed among residents who are nourishing them until they can be planted out in the Autumn.
	d) <u>Tardebigge Relief, in Need & Sickness Charity</u> Cllr Teague had advised the Clerk that no meeting of the Charity had taken place since the last PC meeting.
5.	Lengthsman
	Following a request arising from the last meeting, the Lengthsman had erected litter signs at 2 areas within the Parish, one at Lower Bentley and the other on Cur Lane, near the water station. It was agreed that these signs were appearing to have an impact on the amount of litter being discarded. The Lengthsman had again expressed his frustration with BCC water management and their lack of response to issues raised on the roads.

6.	CALC
	The next CALC meeting will take place on 12 th June 2019. Cllr Teague will be attending on behalf of the PC.
7.	Superfast Fibre
	Vice Chair Bewsher has been advised that the planned cabinet covering residents on Angel Street and Manor Road should be installed within the next few weeks. Western Power will then have to install the power to the cabinet and when this is complete, Openreach should be able to make the necessary connections. The other funding bids are still in a holding position apparently caused by a lack of Engineers able to complete instalments.
8.	New Homes Bonus 2019/2020
	The PC had received notice that a funding application for the above was now available. However, after last year's application had been refused as being "out of scope" despite having the endorsement of BDC Cllr P Whittaker, Cllr Spence wants to ensure that any project put forward this year will be recognised. Cllr Spence suggested involving the Village Hall for any suggestions. Vice Chair Bewsher will raise the matter with the VH Committee at the AGM on 22 nd May 2019.
9.	Natural Network Programme
	Natural Networks is a grant programme offering advice and funding to projects which aim to create and restore habitats for wildlife across Worcestershire. No suggestions were made for this offer, therefore it will not be pursued further.
10.	Town & Parish Council Survey May 2019
	The above survey had been received from the Police Commissioner. Vice Chair Bewsher asked Councillors for their responses. The Clerk will now complete the survey on line.
11.	Road Safety campaign
	Vice Chairman Bewsher outlined to members of the PC and members of the public present at the meeting, the on-going dialogue the PC is having with Highways and the Member of Parliament for Bromsgrove Mr Sajid Javid. The data which had been collected from the cables placed in 2 areas within the village clearly showed that some vehicles are travelling above the 60 mile per hour speed limit with at least one vehicle recording a speed of 83mph. Highways and BDC / WCC seem to have some difficulty separating the PCs concerns for speeding and the PCs objection to the Foxlydiate development. The PC does have major concerns on the increase in traffic flow should the development go ahead but their foremost concern is the speed of traffic currently using the lanes. Within the last 2 weeks, Chairperson Boss has telephoned Mr Javid directly with the PCs concerns, pointing out that the speed limit on the lanes is only 10 miles less than on a motorway! Whilst waiting for Highways and WCC to act on the speed limit, the PC has arranged for "drive carefully" signage on entrance points to the Parish to be erected. WCC are currently looking at the sites where these signs can be erected. Cllr Meads will telephone the Member of Parliament for Highways to escalate the matter. Cllrs Spence and Teague are approaching local schools to involve them in designing a "Lanes Are Our Lives" speed awareness pamphlet, in return for a donation of £500.00, Cllr Spence will be scripting the words for the pamphlet. The funding for this pamphlet came from Groundworks Tesco Bags of Help.

12.	Planning		
	Small(er) scale planning applications in the Parish – new notifications / updates:		
a)	Foxlydiat development -At very short notice Simon Jones had invited members of the FTWP to attending a meeting with the developers and unfortunately no one was able to attend. Vice Chair Bewsher has asked for another date and is awaiting feedback from Simon Jones as to why there is no mention of the PC's traffic concerns in the developer's correspondence.		
b)	Consultation of WCC planning enforcement plan document – discussions took place regarding this document and a decision was taken that a response was unnecessary.		
c)	19/00615/OUT – Application for outline planning permission for up to 46 houses and 24 apartments – Foxlydiat Hotel, Birchfield Road, Redditch - Cllr Cheape to advise BDC planning department prior to the deadline date of 9 th June 2019 of the PCs objection to this application.		
13	Finance		
a)	Sign off of annual governance and accountability return Prior to the meeting the Chair and Vice Chair had checked and agreed the findings of the external auditor. On this basis Vice Chair Bewsher signed the accounts, witnessed by the Clerk.		
b)	Parish Council Account Bank Balance as at 26.04.19 Account No. ending 7848 £9,729.11 Footpath Account Bank Balance as at 05.04.19 Account No. ending 8980 £638.70		
	To consider payments / receipts as per Clerks correspondence list issued at meeting		
	A Dyson (April 19 / May 19 salary & expenses)	£ 677.77	Cheque no 100511
	Zurich Insurance renewal	£ 244.72	Cheque no 100512
	Worcestershire CALC affiliation fee	£ 225.43	Cheque no 100513
	Worcestershire CALC training	£ 30.00	Cheque no 100514
	DM Payroll Services Ltd (Internal Auditor)	£ 75.00	Cheque no 100515
	EoN (Telephone Box lighting)	£ 34.35	Cheque no 100516
	C Cooke (Lengthsman)	£ 212.50	Cheque no 100517
	Received monies Jonathan Sproule (Bugle Advert)	£20.00	
14.	Clerks update		
	Nothing to report.		
15.	Councillors Reports & Items for Future Agenda		
	Nothing to report		

16.	Date of Next Meeting
	This is scheduled for Tuesday 16 th July 2019 at 19.30 in Bentley Village Hall.

Meeting Closed at 21.02

Signed: *A R BOSS* **Chair Person**

Date: 16th July 2019