

BENTLEY PAUNCEFOOT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Bentley Paucefoot Parish Council Held On Tuesday 16th July 2019 at 7.30pm in Bentley Village Hall

Present : Cllr A Boss – Chair
 Cllr R Bewsher – Vice Chair
 Cllr R Cheape
 Cllr P Meads
 Cllr B Spence
 Cllr G Teague
 WCC Cllr K Taylor

A Dyson - Clerk

Public Participation

4 members of the public were in attendance (please refer to signing in book). No questions were raised from the floor prior to the commencement of the meeting.

1.	Declaration of Acceptance of Office
	Chair A Boss and Cllr G Teague signed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office forms (they had been absent at the previous meeting) which were duly witnessed by the Clerk.
2.	Apologies & Approval of Absence
	District Councillor P Whittaker
3.	Declaration of Interest
	a) None b) Councillors read and signed their Disclosable Pecuniary interests. The Clerk will forward these to BDC c) None d) None
4.	To approve the Minutes of the Annual Meeting and the Ordinary meeting which were held on Tuesday 21st May 2019.
	The Minutes were accepted by all Councillors and signed by Cllr A Boss – Chair.
5.	Progress Reports
	a) <u>Village Hall update & upcoming events</u> The Summer BBQ event had to be cancelled due to lack of attendees, fortunately no monies were incurred as a result of the cancellation. The bar within the Village Hall is going to be renamed, further details to follow. The Dandy Duo singers are due to perform on the 14 th December 2019. Chair Boss said he had been approached by the Farmers Club asking whether there would be any interest in a joint event with them and the Village Hall. Cllr Teague will raise this at the next VH meeting.
	b) <u>Footpaths</u> John Milles was in attendance and raised the condition of the bridle path at the side of the telephone box on Manor Road down to The Nook on Tyrells Lane. Chair Boss has spoken to the land owner who said he would be willing to have the hedge cut along the path to help dry the path out as it is very muddy in places. Chair Boss will obtain a quotation for the cost of this and Mr Milles will ask Patrick White of WCC if WCC would be prepared to share the cost.

c)	<p><u>Tree Warden</u> Whilst some of the saplings have been lost due to weather conditions, generally they are coming along nicely. Councillor Spence raised the issue of a large oak tree on Fosters Green which appears to be dying with dangerous over hanging branches. He is prepared to fund the removal of these branches. Cllr Cheape, said that he was supportive of this and suggested that Cllr Spence might wait as the Estate Owners are currently carrying out a safety survey of trees on the estate and he would ask them to look at the particular tree to see what they could do. Cllr Cheape will inform Cllr Spence of the outcome.</p>
d)	<p><u>Tardebigge Relief, in Need & Sickness Charity</u> Cllr Teague advised that a grant has been given to Hollyoaks School for outside lessons and to St Phillips Church to have a defibrillator fitted.</p>
6.	Lengthsman
	<p>Vice Chair Bewsher raised the problem with vision at some road junctions which had become overgrown. Chair Boss will look at these but hedges cannot be cut until after the 1st August which at this time of year can cause problems.</p>
6a.	CALC
	<p>Cllr Teague attended the recent meeting on behalf of the PC. CALC are putting a lot of emphasis on training for Clerks and Councillors. John Champion, Commissioner of Police was in attendance and said he was happy to attend parish meetings; the Clerk will invite him to the next PC meeting. Chris Wayman, the new Executive Officer at CALC said he would also be happy to attend meetings if required. Going forward Cllr Teague will ask the PC for any issues they would like raised at the CALC meeting.</p>
7.	Superfast Fibre
	<p>Vice Chair Bewsher advised that the cabinet covering Angel Street and Manor Road should be going live within the next few weeks. The other funding bids are still tied up in bureaucracy of the many departments involved. In the meantime she has contacted Airband to discuss the possibility of them providing a broadband service to the Parish. Provisionally they say they would be able to provide a line of sight from Malvern, concern was raised as to whether Lower Bentley would be covered by this. Vice Chair Bewsher had shown Airband the Parish plans and asked them to advise her whether they can provide a service, however she is conscious that “we have been here before” with companies saying what can be offered and the reality of the offer. Cllr Spence has regularly chased his bid offering with WCC, however OpenReach recently contacted him to ask if the Bid Community of Fosters Green and Lower Bentley still wished to proceed! Due to the tardiness of WCC and OpenReach over the whole issue, he feels he will probably have to start the whole process again from the beginning. County Councillor Kit Taylor said he was very frustrated at this, as when he has raised the issue with WCC he was told “everything is OK in Bentley”. WCC Cllr Taylor will raise the issue at a meeting he is attending on the 17th July 2019. Vice Chair Bewsher reminded WCC Cllr Taylor that Cllr Spence and she had sat down with WCC on many occasions to help script the contract and all that work seems to have been a waste of time. Cllr Meads had written to the Hon Sajid Javid and he was also under the impression that everything was in order, when clearly it is not.</p>
8.	New Homes Bonus 2019/2020
	<p>An application for funding towards enhancing the playground at the Village Hall has been submitted. The total cost of this would be circa £1900.00 and a possible grant of £1480.00 could be obtained. Cllr Spence spoke to Amanda Scarce of the Grant Committee who was of the opinion that the bid would fall within the remit of the scheme. A decision will be made the second week of September. Cllr Spence would like Vice Chair Bewsher or Lyn Hancock of the Village Hall committee to attend the meeting with him.</p>
9.	Rural Community Solutions Fund
	<p>This fund is for energy efficient projects and after discussion the PC made a decision not to make an application for this funding.</p>

10.	The role of rural Policing within the Parish
	<p>Cllr Spence had recently incurred a problem when contacting the Local Police Community telephone number that the PC has been given, which subsequently had been sent to residents as the number to contact. This raised questions as to what areas the rural Police cover and how to contact them. The Clerk will invite the Police Commissioner -John Campion - to the next meeting in order that he may clarify the situation. Residents will also be invited to this meeting to raise any concerns they may have.</p>
11.	Road Safety campaign
	<p>The “Lanes Are Our Lives” speed awareness pamphlets have now been printed. In addition to the pamphlets, car stickers have been ordered which read “Please drive gently in Bentley” – these will be distributed with the pamphlets. Cllr Spence asked that all Councillors help with the distribution of these booklets. Cllr Spence will also organise a banner with the same wording as the stickers, which will be placed on the newly erected “Welcome to Bentley” signs for a short time to raise the safer driving message. Chair Boss thanked Cllr Spence for the work he has done on this campaign. In turn Cllr Spence thanked Bentley resident Graham Bewsher for his help in proof reading the document before it went to print.</p> <p>On the 19th June 2019 Chair Boss, Vice Chair Bewsher and Cllr Teague had a meeting with WCC Cllr Kit Taylor and Richard Clewer of Worcester Highways department regarding the results of the data cables and the possibility of reducing the speed limit within the village. Unfortunately there appeared to be a list of reasons as to why the speed could not be reduced but no suggestions as to what could be done about the speed problem. It was noted that PCC John Campion has given Crowle village extra funding to help with the problem. Vice Chair Bewsher referred Mr Taylor and Mr Clewer to the Transport document that refers to speed and government policy on reducing it. Mr Clewer said Highways could erect warning signs on bends but Councillors pointed out that surely it would be just as easy to erect speed limit signs which would be more effective. Mr Clewer said that a Traffic Regulation Order could be obtained but this was very expensive and takes a long time to get through. The PC asked that WCC obtain a cost for this and it was then up to the PC whether a decision be made to pursue it. WCC Cllr Kit Taylor said he will ask for a meeting with Andy Amos of Highways, Sally Everest of WCC and Mr Clewer to discuss the problem. Vice Chair Bewsher asked WCC Cllr Taylor to let the PC know the outcome of his meeting.</p>
12.	Planning
	<p>Small(er) scale planning applications in the Parish – new notifications / updates:</p> <p>a) 19/0015/FUL -Dingleside Holyoakes Lane – use of outbuilding as holiday let and retrospective change of use of 36SM of woodland to form part of turning. This application was a modified version of an original application – the PC agree their comments on the earlier application still stood.</p> <p>b) 19/00632/FUL – land at Holyoakes Lane – change of use of land from agricultural use to use as dog training / exercise park – the PC had no objection to this application.</p>
	The Foxlydiate Temporary Working Party
	<p>The FTWP are due to have a meeting on Thursday 18th July 2019 with Simon Jones and the Developers for an update in particular with issues relating to traffic flow.</p>

13	Finance		
a)	Review of spend to date Following a suggestion by the external Auditor, the Clerk will furnish the Councillors at every meeting details of spend against budget year to date. This document was accepted as being within the current budget limits year to date.		
	Parish Council Account Bank Balance as at 27.06.19 Account No. ending 7848 £9,487.24 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 (June 19 / July 19 salary)	£ 570.07	Cheque no 100518
	Warndon Parish Council (Training)	£ 260.00	Cheque no 100519
	ICO (Data protection)	£ 40.00	Cheque no 100520
	Tardebigge School	£ 500.00	Cheque no 100521
	ASAP Printing	£ 200.00	Cheque no 100522
	PECO Signs	£ 250.00	Cheque no 100523
	C Cooke (Lengthsman)	£ 250.40	Cheque no 100524
	A Dyson (Stationery)	£ 50.97	Cheque no 100525
	Received monies		
	VAT Refund	£919.50	
14.	Clerks update		
	Nothing to report.		
15.	Councillors Reports & Items for Future Agenda		
	<p>Chair Boss referred to the current vacancy on the PC and advised that Mr Nick Rands, a resident of the village was interested in the position. Mr Rands was in attendance at the meeting and introduced himself to other Councillors. Cllr Spence outlined the time commitment required to carry out the duties of a parish councillor. Mr Rands said from what he has seen and heard, he would be happy to commit to the role of parish councillor. Chair Boss nominated Mr Rands for the role; this was accepted by all other Councillors. Mr Rands will be duly appointed at the next meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Teague said that Tardebigge Church magazine had approached her with regard to Bentley Pauncefoot including an article on what issues the PC was working on for inclusion in the monthly magazine (no publications in January & August). Cllr Teague would draft an article for the forthcoming publication. However, a decision will be made at a later meeting to decide whether this becomes a regular contribution or not.</p>		
16.	Date of Next Meeting		
	This is scheduled for Tuesday 17 th September 2019 at 19.30 in Bentley Village Hall.		

Meeting Closed at 21.06

Signed: ...*Andy Boss*.....**Chair Person**

Date: 17th September 2019