

BENTLEY PAUNCEFOOT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Bentley Pouncefoot Parish Council Held on Tuesday 16th March 2021 at 7.10pm via Zoom

Present : Cllr R Bewsher – Chair
 Cllr B Spence – Vice Chair
 Cllr A Boss
 Cllr R Cheape
 Cllr P Meads
 Cllr N Rands
 Visitors

A Dyson - Clerk

1 visitor (as the meeting was held remotely, the Clerk entered all names into the signing in book)

The Clerk apologised for the late start due to technical issues with the Zoom meeting.

Public Participation

There were no questions from the Public audience.

1	Apologies & Approval of Absence
	WCC Cllr K Taylor BDC Cllr P Whittaker Lengthsman – Mr C Cooke
2	Minutes
	To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary meeting which was held on 19 th January 2021
	The Minutes were accepted by all Councillors and signed by Chair Bewsher who will pass them on to the Clerk at a later date for the records. Actions arising from the last meeting – Councillors had completed all actions assigned to them arising from the meeting
3	Declarations of interest
a)	To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary interests in items on the agenda and their nature Cllr Cheape advised that he was related to a resident who had a planning application on the agenda, so he would therefore abstain from any comments or votes on that item.
b)	To declare any other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature Nothing to declare
c)	The Clerk had not received any requests for a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011)
4	Report from County Councillor
	No report received

5	Report from District Council No report received
6	Progress Reports
	<p>a) <u>Village Hall update & upcoming events</u> The hall will be reopening in June 2021 in line with Government guidelines. L Hancock of the VH team along with family and friends had carried out a litter pick in Upper Bentley and she asked if the PC could arrange the same for Lower Bentley. Vice Chair Spence along with Cllrs Cheape and Rands will organise this and carry out the pick between them.</p> <p>b) <u>Footpaths</u> Tutnall and Cobley PC have a new Footpath officer who contacted the Clerk for details of Bentleys Footpath officer to see if they could work together in the area. Mr Milles said he would contact Tutnall & Cobley directly.</p> <p>c) <u>Tree Warden</u> No damage had been reported following the recent storm weather.</p>
7	Lengthsman
	Chris Cooke had been in discussion with Chair Bewsher regarding repairs to a damaged pipe on Angel Street which he has been authorised to repair. DC Cllr K Taylor has very kindly offered to pay for this work. Mr Cooke has also been asked to quote for work to the head walls on Becks Corner.
8	Grit Bins
	Chair Bewsher raised the point that there was only 1 grit bin within the Parish and believed that the Parish fulfil the criteria for more, i.e. grit bins provide an improvement to road safety and benefit to the community. Vice Chair Spence will see whether other bins can be obtained.
9	Protocols covering the death of a Monarch
	The PC has received information from BDC should the above event occur. Bentley Pouncefoot's role is covered by BDC but in the event, it was agreed that the Clerk will inform residents of where the book of condolence can be accessed, where public displays of respect will be held, etc should people wish to attend.
10	CALC
	The Clerk had attended the local area meeting but there was nothing in particular that affected the PC.
11	Road safety campaign
	<p>The PC thanked WCC Cllr Kit Taylor for arranging a very constructive meeting with himself and Gary Williams of the Highways department. At the meeting it was agreed that that Highways will introduce a 40mph speed limit on Copyholt / Curr Lane running from the roundabout at Webheath to the Parish edge at Coalash Lane. A 30mph limit will be imposed on Banks Green and Manor Road. Hopefully this should come into effect early Autumn. Cllr Meads will write to residents advising them.</p> <p>Cycling Cllr Rands has spoken to West Mercia Police regarding speed limits but there is nothing they can do. Currently there is a campaign for Vulnerable Road Users and a 2 Wheel Campaign will commence in April. Cllrs Rands has signed up to a number of social media sites in order to keep up with legislation. Currently there is no law stating cyclists should wear hi viz garments, even though there is evidence that more accidents occur when users are not wearing hi viz. Only law at the moment is the need for lighting during dark. Cllr Boss said if cyclists are using the roads purely for exercise, why are they using racing bikes, surely they should be riding ordinary bikes. Cllr Rands said he will continue to pursue the Police & Crime Commissioner regarding road safety matters particularly relating to cyclists, pedestrian and horse riders.</p>

12	Planning & Consultations
a)	<p><u>The PCs general approach to development within the Parish</u> Whilst looking at planning applications within the Parish, Vice Chair Spence had noted that the PC did not have a template on which to base their findings and that each Councillor in effect was giving their own opinion on applications based on their own view of the Parish and asked if it would make sense to establish a vision and criteria going forward for the PC to adhere to. It was agreed that this would be a good thing and Vice Chair Spence and Cllr Cheape will put together some thoughts for discussion and approval and the next meeting.</p>
b)	<p><u>Foxlydiate Working Party update</u> After seeking legal advice, the opinion was reached that the Foxlydiate application had not been dealt with appropriately and that all information was not before the planning committees when they made their decisions. On behalf of the PC our lawyer sent a detailed letter to BDC, receipt has been acknowledged and we are awaiting a response.</p> <p><u>Barn House Farm</u> Following Redrow's appeal to HM Inspectoral for non-determination, a decision to approve this application was made on 8th February 2021 but is not on the BDC web page for application.</p> <p><u>Foxlydiate Hotel</u> No further information on this application at present.</p> <p><u>Small(er) scale planning applications in the Parish – new notifications / updates</u></p> <p>20/00128/FUL – Leasowes Farm, Forest lane, Hanbury – construction of a wetland habitat to deliver biodiversity enhancement, water pollution mitigation and natural flood management improvements using natural materials found on site and landscaping materials to be spread to selected adjacent areas - no objection from PC</p> <p>20/01568/FUL – Curr Lane Farm, Curr Lane, Upper Bentley – redevelopment and change of use to a large portion of an existing mixed use commercial site involving the demolition of existing storage buildings and the erection of 7 new homes set out around 2 new courtyards accessed from a new roadway ingress off Curr Lane. Two of the existing storage barns will remain to the northern end of the site – The PC had concerns over this application on a number of issues and agreed the application should be refused. Cllr Cheape will put together a response on behalf of the PC for submission to BDC opposing the application.</p>

