

## BENTLEY PAUNCEFOOT PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Bentley Paucefoot Parish Council Held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2021 at 7.00pm in the village hall

**Present** : Cllr R Bewsher – Chair  
Cllr B Spence – Vice Chair  
Cllr A Boss  
Cllr R Cheape  
Cllr N Rands

A Dyson - Clerk

**Visitors** : G Bewsher, A Halls, L Halls, L Hancock, D Taylor

#### Public Participation

There were no questions from the Public

<b>1</b>	<b>Apologies &amp; Approval of Absence</b>
	PC Councillor Paul Meads WCC Cllr K Taylor – no acknowledgement had been received by the Clerk to Mr Taylor’s invitation to attend DC Councillor P Whittaker – no acknowledgement had been received by the Clerk to Mr Whittaker’s invitation to attend
<b>2</b>	<b>Minutes</b>
	To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary meeting which was held on 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2021 All items were accepted by Councillors and signed by Chair Bewsher. <b>Actions arising from the last meeting</b> – All outstanding items had been completed.
<b>3</b>	<b>Declarations of interest</b>
a)	To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary interests in items on the agenda and their nature. Cllr Cheape declared his interest in Planning application 21/01333.FUL and abstained from the voting on this 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)
<b>4</b>	<b>Report from County Councillor</b>
	No report received
<b>5</b>	<b>Report from District Council</b>
	No report received. On the 16th of September 2021 Chair Bewsher had sent an email to Mr Whittaker requesting him to speak to the Planning Authority on a matter on behalf of the PC and requested he respond to the PC by today’s date. The PC has not received any communication from Mr Whittaker.

<b>6</b>	<b>Progress Reports</b>
a)	<b><u>Village Hall update &amp; upcoming events</u></b> Lyn Hancock distributed a calendar of upcoming events. To celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee the village hall is planning to hold an all day “street party” at the village hall. The PC offered their assistance with the planning of this event if required. Tying in with this event is the proposed Queens Green Canopy tree planting initiative. The PC suggested this could maybe something jointly carried out with the Village Hall and the WI. Mrs Hancock will bring it to the VHs committee at their next meeting.
b)	<b><u>Footpaths</u></b> Discussion took place around issues that have arisen due to the sharp rise in walkers during the pandemic and the requirements of the country code. It is important that walkers should always remain on the footpath, but it was acknowledged that both landowners and walkers have obligations and responsibilities in respect of public rights of way. In summary the landowner has an obligation to maintain the footpaths appropriately and walkers have an obligation to behave responsibly. Councillor Boss volunteered to write an article for the forthcoming Bentley Bugle highlighting the responsibilities of walkers whilst the Parish Council through WCC should seek to maintain the footpaths appropriately. There has been no response from WCC regarding the Parish Council’s request for a kissing gate to be installed on High Elms Lane. The Parish Clerk will chase them again.
<b>7</b>	<b>Lengthsman</b>
	Chris Cooke was unable to attend the meeting. There is still an issue with the speeding sign on the Alcester Road the Lengthsman believes is in the Bentley Pauncefoot boundary. Cllr Rands has spoken to Highways regarding this matter, WCC have said they will deal with it and have given him a case number.
<b>8</b>	<b>CALC</b>
	No one from the PC was available to attend the last meeting. However, as Mike Dunphy from BDC planning was to be in attendance, Chair Bewsher submitted several questions regarding the new NPPF planning document. Minutes from the meeting have not yet been received. The Clerk will raise a query with regard the lead in time for notifications of the CALC meetings.
<b>9</b>	<b>Road Safety</b>
	The PC has been advised that a 40 mile per hour enforcement zone from the roundabout at Webheath to the edge of Coalash Lane has been approved by Highways and should be effective from the end of November 2021. Cllr Rands is still pursuing various organisations with regard to the best way of keeping pedestrians / horse riders and cyclists safe whilst respecting each other’s right to use the road. Cycling UK advised they have signs to put along verges but they are quite small and unreadable.
<b>10</b>	<b>Crime Prevention Drop in event</b>
	Cllr Boss has arranged a tentative date of Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2021 for the above event. He will check with the Village Hall to confirm it is available. Once confirmed the Clerk will send an email to residents inviting them to come along.
<b>11</b>	<b>Bentley Bugle 2021</b>
	Councillors confirmed what articles they would be supplying for this year’s edition. Vice Chair Spence said if he could have the articles by the end of October 2021 it would be appreciated.
<b>12</b>	<b>The Platinum Jubilee – the Queens Green Canopy</b>
	This item was covered by item 6a on the Minutes.

<b>13</b>	<b>Planning &amp; Consultations</b>				
a)	<p><u>Foxlydiat Working Party update</u>  Cllr Cheape has asked to stand down from the FWP due to other commitments. Chair Bewsher thanked him for his contributions.  Chair Bewsher gave a precis of what has happened over the last few years to new residents who were in attendance and explained what the PC were trying to achieve and their frustrations with BDC. It was also disappointing that there had been no response from Sajid Javid to the letter sent to him on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021. The letter has been passed on to a Mr Peter Backhouse and after several emails chasing him, he did telephone Chair Bewsher today to say he is hoping to speak to Mr Javid later this week and would email an update by the end of this week. The Freedom of information requests have been received. Cllr Rands has spoken to a number of residents who are willing to donate monies to cover the cost of instigating a first phase towards applying for a judicial review should the PC decide this is the next course of action.</p>				
b)	<p><u>Foxlydiat Hotel</u>  No further information on this application at present.</p>				
c)	<p><u>Small(er) scale planning applications in the Parish</u>  <b>21/01333/FUL</b> – Erection of new shed in which to store feed, hay and straw. The Old Drying Barn, Leasowes Farm, Forest Lane = the PC has no objection to this application.  <b>21/01374/FUL</b> – Demolish existing garage and construction garage – 5 Holyoakes Lane, Bentley – the PC has no objection to this application</p>				
<b>14</b>	<b>Finance</b>				
a)	<p>Vice Chair Spence advised that the PCs spending is in line with budget.</p> <table> <tr> <td>Parish Council Account xxxx7848 balance as at 27.08.2021</td> <td>£6241.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Footpath Account xxxx8980 balance as at 04.02.2021</td> <td>£138.70</td> </tr> </table>	Parish Council Account xxxx7848 balance as at 27.08.2021	£6241.50	Footpath Account xxxx8980 balance as at 04.02.2021	£138.70
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b)	<p><u>Payments to Be authorised and paid via BACS -</u>  A Dyson (August / Sept salary &amp; exes) £708.93</p> <p><u>Received monies</u></p> <table> <tr> <td>WCC – Lengthsman payment</td> <td>£ 211.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC – VAT reclaim</td> <td>£1535.06</td> </tr> </table>	WCC – Lengthsman payment	£ 211.40	HMRC – VAT reclaim	£1535.06
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<b>15</b>	<b>Councillors Reports &amp; Items for Future Agenda</b>				
	Chair Bewsher advised that she had completed the Clerks biannual appraisal.				
<b>16</b>	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>				
	This is scheduled for Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.				

**Meeting Closed at 20.20**

**Signed:** ..... Chairperson

**Date:** .....