

BENTLEY PAUNCEFOOT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Bentley Pauncefoot Parish Council Held on Tuesday 18th January 2022 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
 WCC Cllr K Taylor joined the meeting at 7.55
 District Cllr P Whittaker joined the meeting at 8.09
 A Dyson - Clerk

Visitors : G Bewsher, C Cooke, L Halls, L Hancock, R Hay, M Morgan

Public Participation

Mr Richard Hay of Lower Bentley asked the PC if they would write to Bromsgrove Model Flying Club on behalf of residents to ask if they would be prepared to limit the hours / days they currently fly due to the incessant noise of the model planes. At the moment they fly 365 days a year 10.00 until dusk. He has spoken to local residents and he has their backing to speak to the PC. He wanted to make the point that they did not wish to stop the Club flying merely to reduce the amount of flying time. This item will be covered under item 7 on the Agenda.

EXTRA ORDINARY ITEM	
	Mr Matt Morgan was co-opted onto the PC by a unanimous vote, he signed his Declaration of Acceptance and joined the meeting as a Councillor
1	Apologies & Approval of Absence
	Cllr Paul Meads
2	Minutes
	To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary meeting which was held on 16 th November 2021.
	All items were accepted by Councillors and signed by Chair Bewsher. Actions arising from the last meeting – All outstanding items had been completed.
3	Declarations of interest
a)	To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary interests in items on the agenda and their nature. Nothing to declare.
b)	To declare any other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature Vice Chair Spence, Cllrs Cheape & Rands declared that they have an interest in Item 7 Bromsgrove Model Flying Club as Vice Chair Spence & Cllr Rands are affected by the noise and Cllr Cheape owns the land where the planes fly. No other Councillor had any interests to declare.
c)	The Clerk had not received any requests for a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011)
4	Progress Reports
a)	<u>Village Hall update & upcoming events</u> The litter pick is planned for Sunday 6 th March 2022. The Clerk has been in contact with the Environmental department at BDC asking for a skip, hi viz, pickers and bags. No further details on the event that is being held for the Queens Jubilee on 3 rd June 2022. It is unlikely that the Bluebell Walk will take place this year due to its proximity to the Jubilee celebrations.
b)	<u>Footpaths</u> John Milles has been unable to contact Patrick White at WCC regarding the stile on High Elms Lane. Chris Cooke asked that the details be sent to him and he would chase WCC on our behalf.

5	<p>Bentley Bugle feedback</p> <p>Vice Chair Spence has concerns that people are not reading the Bugle as it is now on line. He asked the PC for their agreement to him sending out a short survey to residents asking them had they received the Bugle / did they read it / is it worth carrying on with – the PC agreed this would be a good thing as a lot of work is put into producing the Bugle.</p>
6	<p>Tardebigge Relief, in need & Sickness Charity</p> <p>Vice Chair Spence said he will continue representing BPPC on the above Charity and review the situation again in May 2022 when Councillor roles are reviewed.</p>
7	<p>Bromsgrove Model Flying Club</p> <p>Councillors had heard what Richard Hay had said at the beginning of the meeting and considered what could be done. It was decided that Vice Chair Spence on behalf of the PC would write to the Chairman asking if they would be prepared to reduce their days or times. Cllr Cheape owns the land that the planes fly on but the land is leased to Mr Graham Gibbs, a reduction of flying time may affect any income Mr Gibbs receives from BMFC and therefore Cllr Cheape will speak to Mr Gibbs to let him know what the PC is doing before any letter is sent. Chair Bewsher will approve the letter before it is sent</p>
8	<p>Commemorative Tree planting – Queens Jubilee</p> <p>The PC discussed some residents' suggestions but agreed that one statement tree which could be planted properly and looked after going forward would be appropriate. As there is no available space in the VH grounds a site was proposed on the corner of Manor Road near the bridle path. Cllr Boss said he would speak to the residents nearest this position and Highways will also be informed.</p>
9	<p>CALC</p> <p>The Clerk was unable to attend the last meeting. A copy of the Minutes had been received – no actions arising from them were applicable to the PC.</p>
10	<p>Road Safety Campaign</p> <p>The 30 mph speed limit signs have now been erected on Banks Green, Angel Street & Manor Road. The disappointing news has been received that Sarah Gilmour Head of Traffic has overruled the decision to enforce a 40mph limit on Curr Lane and Copyholt Lane. One of the reasons given was that the Police would not be able to enforce the limit so Chair Bewsher has written to the OPCC querying this statement. Although road safety is one of his top priorities he admitted he had little influence on local policing decisions. It would seem that speed limits on country roads are not a priority until there is a fatality and then everyone takes notice (neighbouring PCs have the same problem). Many residents have written to the Head of Traffic, WCC Cllr Amos and the OPCC expressing their disappointment at the decision. Chair Bewsher asked whether we should speak to the local press about the problem, Councillors agreed that may help.</p> <p>Cllr Rands advised that the NFU is promoting a campaign encouraging cyclists to be more aware of horse riders. Currently horse riders have to wear hi viz clothing but cyclists do not. He has not had a response from Cycling UK as to why this is the case.</p>
11	<p>Risk assessment</p> <p>Following minor amendments to the Financial Regulations, Chair Bewsher signed the risk assessment document.</p>
12	<p>Planning & Consultations</p>
a)	<p><u>Foxlydiat Working party – update</u></p> <p>The decision notice for the Foxlydiat development has still not been issued. No decision has been made on the Foxlydiat Hotel.</p>

b)	<p><u>Small(er) scale planning applications in the Parish</u> 21/0161/S73 – Variation of condition 2 to substitute plans showing access improvements. Variation of condition 10 to substitute plans showing additional car parking spaces – Barn at Fosters Green Farm, Fosters Green, Lower Bentley – no objections to this application 21/01787/LBC – Proposed demolition of existing annexe and replacement 2 storey side extension and interior alterations to existing house – Upper Bentley House, Manor Road, Upper Bentley - no objections to this application 21/01786/FUL – Proposed demolition of existing annexe and replacement 2 storey side extension and interior alterations to existing house – Upper Bentley House, Manor Road, Upper Bentley - no objections to this application</p>																		
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a)	<p><u>Precept 2022 / 2023</u> Vice Chair Spence explained what the Precept is and how it is funded. Based on the current cash flow and expected outgoings for the coming year, Vice Chair Spence proposed that the Precept request be kept at the same figure as last year. All Councillors agreed with this and on that basis the Chair and Clerk signed the Precept form to be forwarded to BDC.</p> <p>b) Vice Chair Spence advised that the PCs spending is in line with budget and financially the PC is in a good position.</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="220 891 1037 958"> <tr> <td>Parish Council Bank Account xxxx7848 as at 24.12.2021</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£8394.33</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Footpath Bank Account xxxx8980 as at 04.02.2021</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£138.70</td> </tr> </table> <p>Payments To Be authorised and paid via BACS –</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="220 1077 1037 1290"> <tr> <td>A Dyson (Dec / January salary & exes)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£667.29</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Eon</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£28.71</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C Cooke (Rock salt)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£240.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SLCC</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£134.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C Cooke</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£347.04</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Village Hall Hire charges</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£210.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>Received monies</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="220 1368 1037 1402"> <tr> <td>WCC Lengthsman remittance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£181.65</td> </tr> </table>	Parish Council Bank Account xxxx7848 as at 24.12.2021	£8394.33	Footpath Bank Account xxxx8980 as at 04.02.2021	£138.70	A Dyson (Dec / January salary & exes)	£667.29	Eon	£28.71	C Cooke (Rock salt)	£240.00	SLCC	£134.00	C Cooke	£347.04	Village Hall Hire charges	£210.00	WCC Lengthsman remittance	£181.65
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14	<p>Lengthsman – issues / updates Chris Cooke reported that he had used some of this year’s salt supply since the last meeting gritting the designated routes. It is weather dependent whether any more salt will need to be purchased. He is still having problems with WCC clearing not clearing gullies. Cllr Rands will try and speak to someone at WCC to sort this. Cllr Boss will speak to the WCC to ask if the PC employ a company to carry out this work, that WCC will repay the costs. District Councillor Kit Taylor asked Mr Cooke to copy him in on all issues that he sends to Highways.</p>																		
15	<p>Report from County Councillor District Councillor Taylor expressed his own frustration with the Highways department. Richard Clewer has now left WCC and his replacement is not yet in situ. He asked that a copy of all reported issues be sent to him and he would pass them direct to the Portfolio holder. With regard to the decision being revoked on the speed limit on Curr Lane & Copyholt Lane, he would try and arrange a meeting with Cllr Alan Amos and Sarah Gilmore. He suggested residents report all accidents / near misses on the lane however minor. Chair Bewsher asked if he could help extend the gritting routes that WCC currently do, Chris Cooke will send the current routes to him and he will look into it. Chair Bewsher thanked him for his efforts.</p>																		

16	<p>Report from District Council</p> <p>A Strategic Planning meeting looking at the local planning review has taken place and BDC say they need 383 new houses per annum.</p> <p>BDC have been awarded £14.5M from the Governments levelling up fund which seems destined to improving Bromsgrove High Street.</p> <p>He has not heard when the decision notice will be issued regarding the Foxlydiate development.</p>
17	<p>Councillors Reports & Items for Future Agenda</p> <p>ClIr Boss advised that Tardebigge Church is not keeping the grounds in the graveyard in good condition.</p> <p>Chair Bewsher advised that a letter from the OPCC said he had limited influence on what decisions local Police forces made regarding local speeding limits. Coincidentally she had heard local SNT officers on the radio saying that they have to respond to local community concerns at least every 3 months and advise what they are doing about those concerns and asked whether an officer should be invited to the next PC meeting.</p>
16	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p>
	<p>This is scheduled for Tuesday 15th March 2022 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.</p>

Meeting Closed at 21.02

Signed:

Date:

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