

# **BENTLEY PAUNCEFOOT PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes Of The Annual Meeting Held On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall**

**Present** : Chair Cllr R Bewsher  
A Dyson (Clerk)  
Vice Chairperson – Cllr B Spence  
Cllr R Cheape  
Cllr N Rands

**Apologies:** Cllr A Boss

**Visitors:** 1 visitor – the Clerk entered everyone’s names into the signing in book

**1. Election Of Chairperson**

Cllr B Spence proposed Cllr Bewsher for the role of Chair for the next 12 months, Cllr Rands seconded the vote, all other Councillors accepted this proposal and Cllr Bewsher accepted the position. The Clerk presented the Acceptance of Office to Chair Bewsher for sign and the duly witnessed it.

**2. Election Of Vice Chairperson**

Vice Chairperson B Spence resigned his position as Vice Chairperson. Cllr R Cheape proposed Cllr B Spence for Vice Chairperson, seconded by Chair R Bewsher. Cllr Spence said he would accept the position. The Clerk presented the Acceptance of Office to Chair Bewsher for sign and the duly witnessed it.

**3. Declarations Of Interest**

- a) Councillors - nothing new to declare.
- b) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests – nothing new to declare
- c) Other Disclosable Interests in items and their nature – nothing new declare
- d) Written requests for the clerk to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) – nothing to declare

**4. Minutes of last meeting**

Minutes of the Last Annual General Meeting Held Wednesday 5th May 2021 (via Zoom owing to the Coronavirus Regulations) were approved and signed by Chair Bewsher at the OM held on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2021.

**6. Chairperson's Report on Parish Council Achievements In 2021/2022**

Chair Bewsher gave a full account of the achievements of the Parish Council and thanked all Councillors and the Clerk for their work and efforts over the last 12 months. A notable achievement had been the introduction of a 30-mph speed limit through Upper Bentley, but she expressed frustration at the lack of support from WCC Highways in the introduction of a 40-mph speed limit along Cur and Copyholt Lanes. Chair Bewsher thanked WCC Cllr Kit Taylor for his continued support on both introducing the speed limit but also on several other issues.

Chair Bewsher updated the AGM on the work in relation to potential legal proceedings concerning the Foxlydiat development and highlighted the inconsistency between financial contributions to support School Travel for much smaller developments compared to Foxlydiat. Chair Bewsher particularly wished to thank the members of the local community who had contributed to the Parish Council's legal "fighting fund" and thanked Cllrs Boss and Rands for their work in generating donations.

Vice Chair Spence remarked that the Chair's presentation gave such a clear view of the work of the Parish Council and the issues that it is addressing that this should be circulated to all residents. He suggested that if Chair Bewsher sent him the script he would add some graphics in the style of the Bentley Bugle. Clerk Dyson could then distribute the document electronically. The council supported this proposal.

**7. Parish Council's priorities going forward and Councillor roles**

Chair Bewsher led a discussion in relation to the various roles performed by each individual Councillor. Some slight amendments were made, and these were agreed as follows.

<b>Communications:</b>	Chair Bewsher and A Dyson
<b>Planning Applications:</b>	Cllr Cheape
<b>Foxlydiat:</b>	Chair Bewsher, Cllr Rands and Meads (Vice Chair Spence to support as required by Chair Bewsher)
<b>Local Plan Review:</b>	Cllr Cheape et al
<b>Tardebigge Charity:</b>	Vice Chair Spence
<b>Environment:</b>	Cllr Cheape
<b>Consultation:</b>	All as required by the issue
<b>Police:</b>	Cllr Boss
<b>Lengthsman:</b>	Cllr Rands (It was noted that C. Cooke should instigate any issue for support with Cllr Rands)
<b>Road Safety:</b>	Cllr Meads
<b>Trees:</b>	Cllr: Cheape
<b>Footpaths:</b>	Cllr Morgan
<b>Bentley Bugle:</b>	Vice Chair Spence
<b>Financial Reporting:</b>	Vice Chair Spence
<b>Village Hall Cttee:</b>	Cllr Morgan (it was proposed by Vice chair Spence that to improve communication between the Village Hall Committee and the Parish Council, a Councillor should apply to join the Village Hall Committee.

With regards to the above responsibilities, whilst each role has a Councillor assigned to it, all Councillors are expected to actively take an interest and assist where necessary with any of the areas listed and not just with roles specifically allocated to them.

**AGM MEETING CLOSED**

**19.28 pm**

**Signed** .....R Bewsher..... **Chairperson**

**Dated** .....15<sup>th</sup> November 2022.....