

BENTLEY PAUNCEFOOT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Bentley Pouncefoot Parish Council Held on Tuesday 19th July 2022 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall

Present: Cllr R Bewsher Chair A Dyson – Clerk & RFO
 Cllr B Spence Vice Chair
 Cllr N Rands
 Cllr R Cheape
 Cllr P Meads
 Cllr M Morgan joined the meeting at 7.30

Visitors: G Bewsher, C Cooke, L Halls, S Harrop, M (Reg) Hollingworth - SNT

Public Participation: No questions or issues were raised

1	<u>Apologies :</u> Cllr A Boss, BDC Councillor P Whittaker, Worcester County Councillor Kit Taylor
2	<u>Minutes and Actions:</u> The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting & the Annual meeting held on 17 th May 2022 were accepted and approved by Councillors. They were signed by Chair Bewsher. All outstanding actions had been completed – Vice Chair Spence will remain vigilant on the days/hours Bromsgrove Flying Club fly.
3	<u>Declarations of Interest:</u>
a	Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda Nothing to declare
b	Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda Nothing to declare
c	Written requests to the clerk to grant a dispensation The Clerk had not received any requests for a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011)
4	<u>Progress Reports:</u>
a	Village Hall Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The monthly coffee mornings will resume on Tuesday 6th September 2022 - Chair Bewsher sent the PC's thanks to the village hall team for the excellent Jubilee celebration event they had organised on the 3rd June 2022. The PC donated half the cost of the commemorative Jubilee mugs which were handed out to children on the day. Chair Bewsher & Cllr Morgan attended the Village Hall AGM and it was agreed that the PC and the Village Hall should try and work closer together. To that end Cllr Morgan has been co-opted on to the Village Hall Committee and will report back at PC meetings.

b	<p>Footpaths:</p> <p>The Clerk had received a note from a resident regarding maintenance required on the bridlepath at the top of Upper Gambolds which she passed to Cllr Morgan asking that he have a look at it and report back.</p> <p>John Milles passed the maps etc of the Parish dating back to the 1950s that he had in his possession to the Clerk at the beginning of this meeting.</p> <p>The trees which are partially obstructing a footpath that crosses Cllr Cheape’s land still need to be looked at – they are on Cllr Cheapes to do list</p>
5	<p><u>Commemorative Tree planting:</u></p> <p>The site for the tree had been cleared but due to some miscommunication the tree has still not been planted. Cllr Cheape will try to sort the situation out. Chair Spence advised that if any Councillor was struggling with any actions allocated to them, to ask for assistance from any other Councillor rather than let the situation drift.</p>
6	<p><u>Email addresses – should the format be changed on the web page</u></p> <p>Cllrs Meads and Rands had received emails purporting to be from Chair Bewsher, it was felt that whoever had sent the emails had picked up the email addresses from the web site and therefore should we change the email addresses to be less personal on the web site. It was agreed and the Clerk will send out a suggestion for the format to be used.</p>
7	<p><u>CALC:</u></p> <p>Chair Bewsher and the Clerk attended the latest meeting via Zoom. Chair Bewsher voiced her concerns at the meeting that CALC did not seem to recognise the needs of small Councils and felt that they could take up issues with other organisations on our behalf. Sue Baxter, Chair of NALC, asked Chair Bewsher to send her an email detailing this, Ms Baxter has responded that she will speak to CALC at a conference which is to be held later this year. Vice Chair Spence said that if we are not getting the level of support from CALC required that we should look at whether we renew our subscription with them next year.</p>
8	<p><u>Road Safety Campaign</u></p> <p>20’s plenty campaign – a decision was made not to take part in this campaign as it may distract from the speed limits the PC are trying to get imposed on Curr/Copyholt Lanes.</p> <p>An email was sent to WCC Cllr K Taylor asking him to try and arrange a meeting with Mike Rouse the portfolio holder for WCC but there has been no response. Reg Hollingworth (SNT) said he would email the West Mercia Road Safety Team to request they meet with the PC.</p>
9	<p><u>Planning & Consultations</u></p>
a)	<p><u>Foxlydiate Working Party</u></p> <p>Chair Bewsher thanked all Councillors for attending the residents meeting on 18th July 2022. The meeting was well attended and it was clear that residents appreciated the very thorough presentation made by Chair Bewsher & Vice Chair Spence. The consensus from meeting attendees was for the PC to keep fighting the Planning decision and a number of monetary pledges were made on the evening to help pursue the legal action required.</p>
b)	<p><u>22/ 00758/FUL – resubmission of 20/01568/FUL</u> – redevelopment and change of use to a large portion of an existing mixed use commercial site known as Curr Lane Farm, involving the demolition of existing storage buildings and the erection of 7 new homes, set around 2 new courtyards, access from a new roadway ingress off Curr Lane. Two of the existing storage barns will remain to the northern end of the site – Cllr Cheape has thoroughly read the resubmission and no significant changes have been made to the application – therefore the PC is once again opposing the application.</p>

10	Finance																		
a)	<p>Vice Chair Spence circulated a finance spreadsheet to all Councillors showing the financial position of the PC and pointing out that all monies received towards the judicial review were being shown as a completely separate line to all other monies required for the day to day running of the PC. Vice Chair Spence confirmed that the PC is operating within the budget set in January 2022.</p> <p>With regard to judicial donations, there had been a good response so far but we need to keep the momentum going and ensure that pledges are followed up by actual donations.</p> <p>Parish Council Account Bank Balance as at 27.06.2022 £10,985.27 (Account Number xxxx7848)</p> <p>Footpath Account Bank Balance as at 04.02.2022 £138.70 (Account Number xxxx8980)</p>																		
b)	<p><u>Consider payments to be paid via BACS – approved by all Councillors</u></p> <table> <tr> <td>ASAP Printing</td> <td>£ 60.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ICO (Data Protection)</td> <td>£ 40.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CALC (service fee)</td> <td>£234.66</td> </tr> <tr> <td>N Power (phone box)</td> <td>£ 21.01</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Village Hall (jubilee mugs)</td> <td>£175.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A Dyson (Salary & exes)</td> <td>£701.84</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C Cooke</td> <td>£267.30</td> </tr> </table> <p>Received monies</p> <table> <tr> <td>WCC Lengthsman remittance</td> <td>£193.25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Judicial review contribution</td> <td>£1100.00</td> </tr> </table>	ASAP Printing	£ 60.00	ICO (Data Protection)	£ 40.00	CALC (service fee)	£234.66	N Power (phone box)	£ 21.01	Village Hall (jubilee mugs)	£175.00	A Dyson (Salary & exes)	£701.84	C Cooke	£267.30	WCC Lengthsman remittance	£193.25	Judicial review contribution	£1100.00
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11	Lengthsman – issues / updates																		
	Chris Cooke advised that he had helped resolve an issue on Angel Street for a resident by digging out a ditch. He had received more complaints about the overhanging trees on Cllr Cheape’s land (Woodgate Road) – as per item 4b this is in hand. He is struggling to get responses from WCC as the main contact appears to be on long term sick with no one replacing them so reported issues seem to be going into a black hole and never getting sorted out.																		
12	Report from County Councillor No report received from the County Councillor																		
13	Report from District Councillor: No report received from the District Councillor																		
14	Councillors’ Reports and Items for Future Agenda: Chair Bewsher advised the SNT officer present that her recycling wheelie bin (full at the time) had been stolen from the end of her drive – there was CCTV coverage of the theft, but no car registration could be seen. Chris Cooke said he had heard of several similar cases. Officer Hollingworth asked if she had looked around to see if the bin had been disposed of locally – she had but the bin was nowhere to found – Officer Hollingworth noted this.																		
15	Date of Next Meeting: The next Ordinary Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 19th September 2022 at 7pm in the Village Hall																		

Meeting Closed at 19.42

Signed: *R Bewsher*

Chair, Bentley Pauncefoot Parish Council

Date: 15th November 2022