

BENTLEY PAUNCEFOOT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Bentley Pouncefoot Parish Council Held on Tuesday 18th July 2023 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall

Present: Cllr R Cheape Chair C Wood – Clerk & RFO
 Cllr N Rands Vice Chair
 Cllr A Boss
 Cllr M Morgan

Visitors: G Bewsher

Public Participation: G Bewsher suggested including the democratic 10 minutes / public question time as an Agenda item going forwards.

1	Apologies : WCC Cllr K Taylor sent his apologies retrospectively.
2	Minutes and Actions: The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting & the Annual meeting held on 16 th May 2023 were accepted and approved by Councillors. They were signed by Chair Cheape. All outstanding actions had been completed – Unfortunately there was no update from Paul Meads or Paul Green regarding traffic / speeding issues.
3	Declarations of Interest:
a	Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda Nothing to declare
b	Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda Cllr A Boss – Item 10(b) – discussed at Item 10.
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	Co-option of New Councillor Benedict Coleman Chair R Cheape motioned the co-option of Benedict Coleman as Councillor for Bentley Pouncefoot Parish Council, this was seconded by Cllr Morgan and supported by Cllrs Rands and Boss.
5	Village Hall Update The next meeting of the Bentley Village Hall gardening group will take place on 25 th July 2023 @ 7.30pm. The subject for discussion is peat-free compost. There would be refreshments available.
6	Footpaths: Cllr Morgan reported as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • maintenance required on the bridlepath at the top of Upper Gambolds, which Cllr Morgan will trim back. • The Monarchs Way public right of way in Tardebigge had become blocked by the rapeseed which had grown and covered the public right of way, commonly used by walkers, DofE students etc., who had been walking around the perimeter of the field instead of following the designated pathway.

12	Lengthsman
	<p>The Lengthsman had spent the day digging out a flooded ditch at Banks Green, which had failed to be maintained, with assistance from Vice Chair N Rands and Cllr M Morgan. The Lengthsman would speak to his contact at WCC regarding payment for the works (and once cleared, intends to include it on his invoice to Bentley Pauncefoot PC for processing in the usual way).</p> <p>Chris Cooke, the Lengthsman had not been notified of the meeting (the Clerk accidentally omitted to send an invite and would contact Chris to apologise).</p>
13	Police / SNT Update
	No report / update received from the Police / SNT.
14	Report from County Councillor
	No report received from the County Councillor
15	Report from District Councillor:
	No report received from the District Councillor
16	<p>Councillors' Reports and Items for Future Agenda:</p> <p><u>Tutnall & Cobley Parish Council Planning Training</u> Cllr A Boss informed the meeting that Tutnall & Cobley Parish Council have been offered planning training by Ruth Bamford, Head of Planning at BDC. Chair R Cheape asked to have sight of the email and intended to follow up with Ruth Bamford to check if the training could be made available for Bentley Pauncefoot Parish Council.</p> <p><u>Parish Boundary (Foxlydiate development)</u> Chair R Cheape asked for help with the redrawing of the parish boundary. Following a discussion between the Councillors, it was considered prudent to wait until planning applications started going through and also it would need enough support from residents to implement any review.</p> <p><u>Footpaths and Bridleways</u> Cllr B Coleman is happy to help where he can in trimming branches on the bridle path (Hill Lane) which is overgrown from the Nook to Upper Bentley. Waterlogging is an issue, which appears to have been made worse by a rise in the water level of the stream (approximate location from <u>what3words</u> "motivate.melt.ferried") and if some stone could be added to raise the path this should address the problem. There is also another bad patch of waterlogging at "online.offshore.cornering" where the path goes below a small pond. This may be harder to improve and is continually waterlogged.</p> <p>Cllr M Morgan had spoken with WCC regarding the issue previously, who indicated they had run out of budget in the last financial year, and indicated they would look at it in the current financial year.</p> <p>Action: Cllr M Morgan to follow up and report back at next meeting.</p> <p><u>Tardebigge Cemetery</u> Cllr A Boss aware that St Bartholomew's Church is in Tutnall & Cobley Parish Council, however it is our local Church, and raised concern about the upkeep of the churchyard and cemetery.</p> <p>Action: Cllr A Boss to draft a letter to the Chair of Tutnall & Cobley Parish Council to highlight his concerns.</p> <p><u>Eco Development Sites</u> Cllr R Cheape asked Cllr A Boss to forward details.</p> <p><u>Bentley Bugle</u> Cllr R Cheape requested this to be added to the Agenda for the September meeting.</p>

17	Date of Next Meeting: The next Ordinary Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 19th September 2022 at 7pm in the Village Hall
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Meeting Closed at 19.40

Signed: *R. Cheape*

Chair, Bentley Pouncefoot Parish Council

Date: **19th September 2023**