

BENTLEY PAUNCEFOOT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes Of The Ordinary Meeting of Bentley Pauncefoot Parish Council Held On Tuesday 21st |May 2013 at 7.30pm In Bentley Village Hall

Present : Cllr J Harris - Chairman Cllr J Winslow
Cllr J Manley - Vice Chairman T Green (Clerk)
Cllr A Boss
Cllr R Boss
Cllr L Teague

Public Participation

None.

1. Apologies & Approval Of Absence

Cllr Sansom - Approved.

2. Declaration Of Interest

a) None.

b) None

c) None.

d) Cllr Manley, Cllr Harris, Cllr A Boss and Cllr R Boss all sent in written requests to apply for a Dispensation with regard to the Redditch Housing Growth Consultation and their disclosure of a Pecuniary Interest. These requests were voted on and granted by council and will be in place until May 2015, until the next election.

3. To Approve The Minutes Of The Last Meeting Held 16th April 2013

The minutes were accepted as seen, approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. Progress Reports

a) Lengthsman

Jobs for the Lengthsman were noted as trimming over hanging branches from trees by the Twin Oaks property, hedge also need trimming. The road sign at Sheltwood Lane needs re-positioning and securing. The culverts at the end of High Elms Lane need clearing on a regular basis and also the culverts near the field entrances in this lane too. Clerk to email the Lengthsman with this information.

b) Village Hall Team

The Village Hall Committee AGM is being held tomorrow Wed 22nd May, 7pm. The Parish Council will have a table at this meeting but unfortunately it clashes with the Redditch Borough Council Planning meeting so some Cllrs will attend the Village Hall AGM and a few Cllrs will attend the RBC planning meeting. The organisation of Village hall functions have been put on hold for a while due to the Redditch Housing Growth Consultation and BAAG's involvement in this, but there will be the usual functions organised for around Christmas and may be some functions later in the summer.

c) Footpath's

Council have received the annual Footpath Agreement which has been signed and returned to Countryside Access by the Clerk. We have been allocated funds of £300.00 for this year which will cover works that need to be carried out but the work must be completed and the funds used up, by January 2014.

d) Tree Warden / Bentley Bugle

The fruit trees which were planted are doing well. Work on the Bugle will commence later during the year due to the Redditch Housing Growth and Cllr Winslow will contact the residents who are interested in helping with articles this year, in due course.

e) **Tardebigge Relief, In Need & Sickness Charity**

Nothing to report. - next meeting is June.

5. **Clerks Update**

a) **WCC Highways Concerns / Road Signs**

Emma Moffett, Richard Clewer (Highways) and Kit Taylor have recently done a tour of our lanes and a lot of work has now been carried out, especially re-surfacing. A lot of work has been done in High Elms Lane and Blacklake Lane which will hopefully help alleviate flooding. Highways have asked that the Lengthsman check the culverts in this area on a regular basis. The plastic reflector bollards are still to be done in Coalash Lane and the Clerk is to report some large pot holes that need looking at in Curr Lane by the water station. Cllr R Boss agreed to talk to one of the landowners with regard to trees that need cutting back in Foxlydiat Lane. Clerk to ask highways whether they would supply road signs with regard to animals crossing - this may help with speeding traffic for the time being. County have also written to some land owners with regards to keeping culverts clean in certain areas i.e Bentley Estate.

b) Cllr Harris attended a broadband seminar last month which he said was very informative. WCC have been given a grant of £8.5 million to get the county working under faster broad band. At the moment there are 3 potential providers who are tendering for the contract The contractor will be selected over the summer then work can begin. Bentley will come under the umbrella of the 10% of rural areas where they may struggle to get broadband up graded so we need to ensure that county know our broadband demands in the village. This is why it is vital that residents complete the survey. Cllr Harris has agreed to become our Broadband Champion to try and ensure that Bentley gets a better service. There are also other private options that can be looked into to get better broadband but these will of course be costly.

c) **Lobbying WCC, BDC & Conservative Party**

To go on next agenda for further discussion.

d) **Neighbourhood Plan**

No work has been carried out on this due to the Housing Growth Consultation so it was decided to put this on hold and take this item off the agenda until further notice.

e) **Mineral Waste Consultation**

Nothing further to report.

6. **Planning**

a) 13/0339 (P.R 462)	Sawmill Barn Manor Road Upper Bentley B97 5TB	Demolition Of Existing Garage & Erection Of Replacement With New Porch (No Objection)
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b) **Sheltwood Range Concerns**

BDC confirmed that they felt the high fence in question was an inner fence and therefore, according to regulations, wasn't a planning issue. Clerk to report back saying the fence is made of combustible material and can council see a copy of the regulation stating that there is no breach of Planning. Also, Clerk to report to highways that a concrete pipe has been used on the roadside as a tree sapling protector and this may be hazardous on the verge.

c) **Housing Growth Consultation**

Our response was handed over in person on 10th May so we now need to wait until the consultation report is looked at. Council wished to thank Cllr Winslow for all her hard work on the report and a letter of thanks is to be sent to Helen Spence who helped on the Transport and Deliverability area of the report. Council have also attended meetings with MP Karen Lumley, along with BAAG where some of the figures in the report are being strongly questioned. We now need to wait until the next consultation period but we must ensure we keep the pressure on.

d) **Angel Street Concerns**

There has been an enforcement notice placed on the Plant Hire Company that is in Angel Street for sometime now - what is happening with this? Clerk to contact BDC.

7. Finance

Parish Council Account Bank Balance As At 29.04.2013 £ 9481.35
(Account Number 70927848)

Footpath Account Bank Balance As At 04.04.2013 £ 2090.10
(Account Number 53168980)

Cheques To Be Signed At This Meeting : -

Clerks Wages (May 2013) £ 267.76 Chq No : 100294

Clerks Expenses (May 2013) £ 14.40 Chq No : 100295

Post Office HMCustoms Clerks PAYE (May 2013) £ 66.80 Chq No : 100296

Post Office HMCustoms Clerks PAYE Underpayment 2012/3 £ 78.80 Chq No : 100297

A Farnsworth (Lengthsman March/April 2013) £ 362.00 Chq No : 100298

Monies Received Since Last Meeting : -

Paid In By BACS From WCC (Ref : 3910720314) £ 203.00

8. Incoming Mail

Letter/Form - WCC P3 Scheme Agreement/Funding 2013/2014

Letter/From - Central Care Planning Advertorial

Various Emails - WCC/BDC/CALC/Cllrs/Residents/Misc

Outgoing Mail

Cheques Posted From Last Correspondence List (Payments)

Various Emails - WCC/BDC/CALC/Cllrs/Residents/Misc

9. Clerks Report On Urgent Decisions Since The Last Meeting

None.

10. Councillors Reports & Items For Future Agenda

None. Cllr Harris gave his apologies for the next meeting.

11. Date Of Next Meeting

To confirm the date of the next meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday 18th June 2013.

Meeting Closed at 10.30 pm

Signed :

Cllr J Manley
Chairman

Date :