

BENTLEY PAUNCEFOOT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes Of The Ordinary Meeting of Bentley Paucefoot Parish Council Held On Tuesday 16th July 2013 at 7.30pm In Bentley Village Hall

Present : Cllr J Manley - Chairman Cllr J Winslow
Cllr A Boss - Vice Chairman Cllr T Green
Cllr J Harris Trevor Jarvis
Cllr M Sansom Alan Smith
Cllr R Boss 11 Residents
Cllr L Teague

Public Participation

Residents were present at the meeting to express concern over a proposed new build on the Banks Green Nursery site. Notes taken are under point 6.d) of the agenda.

1. Apologies & Approval Of Absence

None.

2. Declaration Of Interest

a) None.

b) None

c) None.

d) None.

3. To Approve The Minutes Of The Last Meeting Held Tuesday 18th June 2013

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

4. Progress Reports

a) Lengthsman

Cllrs requested that the Lengthsman take a look at some overhanging branches in Holyoakes Lane on Twin Oaks property which need cutting down as they are becoming dangerous. Lengthsman to carry out all other general maintenance tasks.

b) Village Hall Team

Bookings and functions are looking healthy for October, November and December. BAAG are holding a summer fete at the village hall on 28th July in order to raise funds towards the Housing Growth project.

c) Footpath's

Strimming around the footpaths has now been completed by the Lengthsman. The work on the gate on A Gibbs land has now been completed.

d) Tree Warden / Bentley Bugle

Nothing to report on trees apart from the fact that they may need watering during the hot summer months to ensure they survive. Cllr Winslow has started to chase articles in readiness for the next edition of the Bugle. Hopefully we will have received news on the Housing Growth Consultation so that an article can be put in the magazine.

e) Tardebigge Relief, In Need & Sickness Charity

Nothing to report.

5. Clerks Update

a) WCC Highways Concerns / Road Signs

Council discussed the definite need for signs to help slow the traffic down - Clerk to chase highways on where we stand to get the signs from them directly. Concern was raised with regards to 3 bridges just outside our parish in Stoke Prior which appear to be used more and more frequently by heavy vehicles and lorries. Clerk to check on the weight limits for the bridges with the Canal Trust in order for us to possibly report our concerns to highways directly or through Stoke Prior Parish Council.

- b) Broadband
Cllr Harris reported that the contracts are to be signed at the end of July with regard to BT carrying out the work with WCC to upgrade Broadband within the county. Survey responses have now been completed and data produced at to where the needs are greater. We now have to wait and see where work will commence and how the contract develops. Cllrs Harris will keep council informed and updated.
- c) Website
We must try and use the webpage we have on the WCC website more and put more as much information on there as we can. It was discussed whether a joint website with the village hall would be useful. Clerk to ensure a link is added to the bottom of the "E-Newsletter" to the My Parish Website.

6. Planning

No new Planning Applications received this month.

a) Sheltwood Range Concerns

Council still have concerns on the flammable material used in the fencing. Council were not satisfied with the response from BDC, Clerk to speak to planning again for more clarification.

b) Redditch Housing Growth Consultation

The next stage of the consultation will not be released until the end of Sept, beginning of October. Clerk to chase up a response to our letter to Roger Hollingsworth.

c) Banks Green Nursery

Trevita Homes attended the meeting to put forward their plans for building three new houses on the Banks Green Nursery site. Residents looked at the initial plans which will be put forward to BDC in the near future, and expressed concerns that they would prefer for just one, possibly two, new builds on the site. They were also concerned that the green house type buildings would be staying at the back of the property which could, in the future, leave land available for further development. Trevita Homes stressed that these plans were in the very early stages and that they were happy to listen to concerns so that things could be amended if necessary. They are also very aware that this site is a greenfield site which makes it harder to obtain planning permission. Council will now await notification from BDC of the official planning application and keep residents informed.

7. Finance

Parish Council Account Bank Balance As At (Account Number 70927848)	27.06.2013	£ 7922.04
Footpath Account Bank Balance As At (Account Number 53168980)	04.04.2013	£ 2090.10

Cheques To Be Signed At This Meeting : -

Clerks Wages (July 2013)	£ 169.24	Chq No : 100302
Clerks Expenses (July 2013)	£ 49.30	Chq No : 100303
A Farnsworth (Lengthsman May/June 2013)	£ 372.00	Chq No : 100304
Post Office HMCUSTOMS Clerks PAYE (July 2013)	£ 47.20	Chq No : 100305
CALC - Clerks Gathering Training (Grant Thornton)	£ 10.00	Chq No : 100306

Monies Received Since Last Meeting : -

None

8. Correspondence For Information

Incoming Mail

Letter - Boundary Commission Conclusion
Public Notice - WCC Highways Holyoakes Lane
Bank Statement Barclays
Various Emails - WCC/BDC/CALC/Cllrs/Residents/Misc

Outgoing Mail

Cheques Posted From Last Correspondence List (Payments)
Letter - National Savings Bank Re Closing Savings Account
Letter - BDC R Hollingsworth Housing Growth Consultation
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

Update on the status of Twin Oaks. Is there still an agricultural licence on the land.

11. Date Of Next Meeting

To confirm the date of the next meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday 15th October 2013.

Meeting Closed at 9.30 pm

Signed :

**Cllr J Manley
Chairman**

Date :