

5. Clerks Update

- a) Village Hall
Councillor Harris had requested that the PC see a copy of the Village Hall accounts. This was discussed and it was decided this was not necessary. The Village Hall accounts are available to be viewed at their AGM if anyone wished to see them.
- b) Flooding at High Elms Lane
This appears to be the responsibility of the land owner. The Clerk will send a letter to Richard Banks at the Estate office asking that he contacts the owner asking him to clean out the drains.
- c) Broadband
Nothing to report.
- d) Litter Picking
Arrangements have been made for the litter picking event on Sunday 26th January.
- e) Village Hall Notice Board
The makers of the Board will look at the locking system on the board to see if it can be improved. Councillors Manley & A Boss to look at the Village Hall Notice Board and how that works.
- f) Telephone Box
Councillor Manley will look at cleaning the box when the weather improves. Originally it was thought that the box could be used as a mobile library but due to the box not being weatherproof, it was decided that this was not a feasible use of the box.
- g) Meeting dates
Councillor Whittaker had asked if the PC meetings could be moved to a Wednesday as his diary would then allow him to attend more meetings. The Clerk will contact the Village Hall booking clerk to enquire.

6. Planning

The Clerk had written a letter to Kit Taylor at BDC asking why BDC had a planning applications were regularly being held before sending on to the PC resulting in the PC having to ask for an extension to the planning application deadline. K Taylor was having a meeting with Ruth Bamford on the 21st January and would respond accordingly.

Banks Green Nursery site

New plans have been submitted for the 2 properties on the site. After discussion the PC decided to respond in the negative to this application. The reason being that although the land had been used as a nursery, the site is still deemed to be a green field site and as there are no exceptional circumstances to build on it, the PC considered that it could not support the application for 2 properties.

b) Sheltwood Range Update

Nothing new to report.

c) Twin Oaks

Nothing new to report.

d) Redditch Housing Growth

Nothing new to report

e) Dormer Plant

Still awaiting a date for the appeal hearing.

f) General

The Chairman asked that the planning applications we received are looked at carefully to ensure there is nothing on the edge of Bentley Pauncefoot that might impact on the village

**7. Finance
Precept**

Chairman Manley and Councillor Sansom held a meeting to decide on the precept budget for the next year. It was decided to exclude the provision for a parish plan as if the planned housing development takes place, this figure would be irrelevant.

Councillor Manley is meeting with Councillor Sajid David on 31st January, Councillor Sansom if he could remind Councillor David of a letter that Councillor Sansom had sent regarding the repayment of a loan the Village Hall committee had obtained for panels on the village hall.

Parish Council Account Bank Balance As At 27.12.2013 £ 9899.91
 (Account Number 70927848)
 Footpath Account Bank Balance As At 27.12.2013 £ 1950.10
 (Account Number 53168980)

Cheques To Be Signed At This Meeting: -

Clerks Wages (A Dyson Nov 2013)	£ 204.84	Chq No: 100322
Clerks Expenses (Nov 2013 postage)	£ 13.90	Chq No: 100323
Post Office HMCustoms Clerks PAYE (Nov 2013)	£ 51.00	Chq No: 100324

A Farnsworth (Lengthsman culvert cleaning)	£ 352.00	Chq No: 100012
Expenses – J Manley stationery	£ 88.78	Chq No. 100320
Post Office HM Customs Clerks PAYE (Dec 2013)	£ 47.20	Chq No: 100325
Clerks Wages (A Dyson Dec 2013)	£ 188.96	Chq No: 100326
ASAP Printing (Bentley Bugle)	£378.72	Chq No. 100327
Bentley Village Hall (meetings)	£165.00	Chq No. 100328

8. Correspondence**Incoming Mail**

Bank Statement Barclays
 Cheque – Tardebigge Holdings (Bugle advertising) £20.00
 WCC Lengthsman payment (Sept / Oct 2013) £372.00 Doc 3910776270
 Various Emails – WCC/BDC/CALC/Cllrs/Residents/Misc

Outgoing Mail

Cheques – Payments (See Previous Minutes)
 Letter to BDC re flooding
 Letter to BDC re blocked drains
 Various Emails – WCC/BDC/CALC/Cllrs/Residents/Misc

9. Councillors Reports & Items for Future Agenda

The minerals survey is to be completed.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 18th March 2014.

Meeting Closed at 21.00 Hrs

Signed:

**Cllr J Manley
 Chairman**

Date: