BENTLEY PAUNCEFOOT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Bentley Pauncefoot Parish Council Held On Tuesday 20th January 2015 at 7.30pm in Bentley Village Hall

Present : Cllr J Manley - Chairman A Dyson - Clerk

Cllr A Boss Cllr R Boss Cllr J Harris Cllr M Sansom Cllr J Winslow 3 Residents (Refer To Signing In Book)

Public Participation

Resident N Rand raised the matter of trenches that had been dug out in Lower Bentley Lane. The Clerk will contact the Lengthsman to enquire if he has dug them.

District Councillor P Whittaker 2. Declaration of Interest a) None b) None c) None d) None Chairman Manley reiterated the importance of Councillors declaring any pecuniary interests they have. 3. To Approve the Minutes of the Last Meeting Held Tuesday 18 th November 2014 The Minutes for the OM held on September 23 rd 2014 which had been amended to reflect the	PCs		
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Progress Reports			
a) <u>Village Hall Team</u>			
The Christmas party was very successful. The Village litter pick is taking place on Sunday 1 st Febr			
2015 followed by lunch. Councillor Sansom to provide a risk assessment prior to the event. An eve	_		
of musical entertainment has been arranged for March and a bingo evening on the 11 th April 201	5. A		
hedge has been removed from the grounds of the Village Hall and will shortly be replaced with a fen	ce.		
b) Footpaths			
Nothing to report.			
c) <u>Tree Warden</u>			
Nothing to report. A vacancy notice to be sent to residents and a copy put on the Village Hall no	otice		
board for the position of Tree Warden.			
d) Tardebigge Relief, In Need & Sickness Charity			
Nothing to report			
e) <u>Broadband</u>			
The village is scheduled for Broadband update by June 2016.			

f) Roads & Drains

The Lengthsman reported that drains were blocked outside of Sheila Gibbs property; Councillor A Boss will investigate the blockage. The Lengthsman will be requested to ensure the culverts are kept clear outside of Anna White Cottage on a regular basis. It was agreed that the roads have improved over the last 12 months.

g) Telephone box

Chairman Manley and Councillor A Boss to investigate further the practicalities of installing a CCTV in the box and a method of locking the box. Any costs incurred by Councillor A Boss should be reimbursed by the PC.

5. Clerk's update

a) Precept meeting date

The precept amount for next year was discussed and agreed and signed by Chairman Manley.

b) Litter Pick

All items have been ordered for the litter pick on 1st February 2015.

c) May elections

Preparations need to commence for the forthcoming elections. A vacancy notice will be put on the Village Hall notice board and will be advised to all residents via the Parish newsletter.

6. Planning

a) The Stables

Erection of stable block – the Parish Council agreed they would not be responding to this application.

b) Bromsgrove & Redditch Housing Growth

A new date has been agreed for the Examination in Public of the BDP – June 23rd 2015. Before this time there will be a 5 week consultation period regarding the new work commissioned from consultants by both RBC and BDP. Their findings should be made public on March 23rd 2015.

c) House of Commons report on the operation of the National Planning Policy Framework

This report raised concerns as it appears that in the future pressure will be put on inspectors to approve housing plans regardless of the criteria. Chairman Manley and Council Winslow to draft a letter outlining the PC's concerns which will be sent to Sajid Javid for his records.

d) Housing Needs Survey

A copy of the 2010 document had been located and it was agreed that the needs of the village had not dramatically changed since that date, however the survey is very general and not at all specific. Discussions took place regarding resident Mr N Rands proposal to build 2 affordable houses on his site

e) on Woodgate Road. The PC had concerns over who would occupy the properties once completed. The PC asked Mr Rands to attend the next meeting with more detail on occupation criteria going forward and the physical nature of the development.

f) Twin Oaks

The response from BDC was unclear. Clerk to check with Forestry Officer regarding replacement of trees with new fruit trees.

7. Finance

Parish Council Account Bank Balance as At	28.11.2014	£11,439.90
(Account Number 70927848)		
Footpath Account Bank Balance as At	03.10.2014	£ 1950.10
(Account Number 53168980)		

Cheques Signed At This Meeting

URS Infrastructure & Environment UK Ltd	£2400.00	Chq No 100366
ASAP Printing	£ 322.00	Chq No 100367
Bentley Village Hall	£ 171.00	Chq No 100368
Allen Farnsworth (Lengthsman Nov / Dec)	£ 356.00	Chq No 100369
Post Office HM Customs Clerks PAYE (November 2014)	£ 55.00	Chq No 100370
A B Dyson (December salary)	£ 220.52	Chq No 100371
A B Dyson (January salary)	£ 370.24	Chq No 100372
A B Dyson (postage)	£ 16.43	Chq No 100373

8.	Corres	pondence			
	Incoming mail				
	Bank Statement Barclays				
	Bank Statement Barclays (Footpath account)				
	Lengthsman invoice				
	Various Emails – WCC/BDC/CALC/Cllrs/Residents/Misc				
	Letter from Bromsgrove District Housing Trust				
	Litter pick insurance information from AON				
	Outgoing Mail				
	Cheques – Payments (See Previous Minutes)				
		Various Emails – WCC/BDC/CALC/Cllrs/Residents/Misc			
9.	Councillors Reports & Items for Future Agenda				
	a)	Bromsgrove District Housing Trust had responded that the correct criteria had been achieved by the			
		residents that recently purchased Thriftwood Cottage on Manor Road.			
	b)	Bentley Bugle			
		Councillor Manley thanked Councillor Winslow for her hard work in producing an excellent issue of			
		the recent Bugle. Councillors would try to get more advertisers to support the next issue.			
10	Date of Next Meeting				
	17 th March 2015 at 7.30 Bentley Village Hall				

Meeting Closed at 21.30 hrs

Signed:		Date:
	Cllr J Manley	
	Chairman	