

BENTLEY PAUNCEFOOT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Bentley Paucefoot Parish Council Held On Tuesday 17th March 2015 at 7.30pm in Bentley Village Hall

Present : Cllr J Manley - Chairman
 Cllr A Boss
 Cllr R Boss
 Cllr J Harris
 Cllr M Sansom
 Cllr J Winslow

A Dyson - Clerk
 5 Residents (Refer To Signing In Book)

Public Participation

Resident G Bewsher said that residents had now received their council tax amount for the next financial year and that the Precept amount to the PC had increased. Could the PC explain the reason for this increase. The Clerk would check what Precept amount had been requested from BDC.

1.	Apologies & Approval of Absence	
		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 may have.
3.	To Approve the Minutes of the Last Meeting Held Tuesday 20th January 2015	
		Councillor Winslow asked that item 6b Planning be amended to better reflect the situation. This will be amended and the Minutes will be signed at the next meeting.
4.	Progress Reports	
	a) <u>Village Hall Team</u>	The musical evening in the Village Hall in March was a great success although not many residents from the village attended. The PC and Village Hall team would encourage residents to attend. The next event is a Bingo evening on the 11th April. A bluebell walk followed by afternoon tea will be held one Sunday in May. Date to be confirmed. The Village Hall will be closed during the week of Easter for repair work to brickwork etc.
	b) <u>Footpaths</u>	WCC have put grips into the road in Lower Bentley and 2 gates have been erected at Woodgate and at Tardebigge. Neither of these gates was requested nor necessary, whereas a request for finger posts some months ago has been ignored.
	c) <u>Tree Warden</u>	Nothing to report. However, the Tree Warden has been advised that Ash dieback is advancing across the country and would ask everyone to be vigilant. There has been no response to the vacancy notice for the position of a new Tree Warden.
	d) <u>Tardebigge Relief, In Need & Sickness Charity</u>	Money has been given to a school who applied for help with transport. The money is not being used for its original intention as no requests have been forthcoming.
	e) <u>Broadband</u>	The village is scheduled for Broadband update by June 2016. The PC believes this date will not be achieved as no work has commenced on the roll out. It is now becoming an issue in the village. Chairman Manley and Councillor A Boss will raise the PCs concerns at the next CALC meeting.

	<p>f) <u>Roads & Drains</u> WCC had been contacted regarding grips that had been put in the road in Lower Bentley. A resident living close to these grips had said they were unnecessary. The PC discussed the situation and believe that grips where properly excavated do serve a function but will write to WCC regarding residents' concerns. Councillor A Boss to look at drains outside Mrs S Gibbs property.</p> <p>g) <u>Telephone box</u> The PC agreed to the installation of a CCTV in the telephone box and a lock to be fitted to door. This is following a number of thefts in the village.</p> <p>h) <u>Parish Website</u> Councillor Winslow had a number of suggestions to improve the website. It was not fully understood how much the Clerk could change. The Clerk would look at the site and contact WCC is they needed to change anything. Discussions took place regarding a village website not linked to WCC. The Clerk would make the changes discussed and the PC would look at the site again before a decision would be made on commissioning a new website.</p> <p>i) <u>Affordable Housing</u> Resident N Rand had been informed that he needed the PCs backing before applying for permission to build 2 affordable housing units on his land. Chairman Manley had contacted CALC for their guidance on the matter. He was advised that any affordable housing would need to be incorporated into a neighbourhood plan which would then be subject to approval by all residents. As Bentley Pouncefoot is currently in consultation with RDC & BDC regarding the proposed housing growth, a neighbourhood plan is not workable at present. Chairman Manley has informed the resident that therefore the PC cannot agree to his request at present. If in the future the PC is in a position to revise a neighbourhood plan then Mr Rand's request would be back on the agenda.</p>																					
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	<p>a) <u>May 2015 Elections</u> Nomination packs were distributed to councillors. Councillor Sansom declared that he would not be standing for re-election. He would also resign as official Footpath warden. There are 7 positions to be filled on the PC. Councillors R Boss and Harris said if new Councillors could be found they would be happy to resign also.</p> <p>b) <u>AGM Meeting</u> The AGM will be take place at 7.00 on Tuesday 19th May at 7.00pm prior to the OM commencing at</p> <p>c) 7.30pm.</p>																					
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	<p>a) <u>New House Farm</u> Erection of stabling for Alpacas. This has been approved, as an agricultural building.</p> <p>b) <u>Bromsgrove & Redditch Housing Growth</u> 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.</p> <p>c) <u>Twin Oaks</u> BDC planning department to be asked for evidence of what each unit is being used for on the site.</p>																					
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8.	Correspondence
	<u>Incoming mail</u> Bank Statement Barclays Lengthsman invoice Various Emails – WCC/BDC/CALC/Cllrs/Residents/Misc 2015 Lengthsman scheme renewal Notice of End of Year Audit – Grant Thornton EON notice of increase to contract rates <u>Outgoing Mail</u> Cheques – Payments (See Previous Minutes) Various Emails – WCC/BDC/CALC/Cllrs/Residents/Misc
9.	Councillors Reports & Items for Future Agenda
	a) Councillor A Boss to arrange CCTV camera for village telephone box.
10	Date of Next Meeting 19 th May 2015 at 7.30pm Bentley Village Hall preceded by AGM at 7.00pm.

Meeting Closed at 21.30 hrs

Signed:

Cllr J Manley
Chairman

Date: