

## **BENTLEY PAUNCEFOOT PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Bentley Paucefoot Parish Council Held On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 7.30pm in Bentley Village Hall**

<b>Present</b> : Cllr A Boss - Chairman Cllr K Beard Cllr R Bewsher Cllr J Harris Cllr J Manley Cllr D Stubbs Cllr J Winslow	A Dyson – Clerk 6 residents (refer to Signing in Book) BDC Cllr P Whitaker WCC Cllr K Taylor
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#### **Public Participation**

Resident Mr P Dykes addressed the Council on the problem outside his property with sewage and assured the PC that the problem is being rectified. Resident M Glainger thanked Cllr Manley for his work as Chairman over the past 3 years. He also thanked the PC for their submissions with regard to the housing development issue and for the PCs help in getting funding for necessary renovations at the Village hall. Overall Mr Glainger felt that the PC has raised its profile within the community over the last 3 years and hoped that this would continue. Resident P Gibbs enquired if anything was being done about the ditch outside Dingleside, this is being addressed.

<b>1.</b>	<b>Apologies &amp; Approval of Absence</b>	
		Chris Cooke - Lengthsman
<b>2.</b>	<b>Declaration of Interest</b>	
	a)	None
	b)	None
	c)	None – Councillor Bewsher currently has a planning application in place with BDC
	d)	None
<b>3.</b>	<b>To Approve the Minutes of the Last Meeting Held Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2016</b>	
		The Minutes were accepted and signed by Chairman Boss.
<b>4.</b>	<b>Progress Reports</b>	
	a)	<u>Village Hall Team</u> The renovation work is now complete. The Village Hall AGM will take place on 31 <sup>st</sup> May at 8.00pm. A second First Aid workshop will take place on 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2016 and Quiz evening is scheduled for 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2016.
	b)	<u>Footpaths</u> A Finger post opposite Tardebigge Farm is down. Nothing else to report.
	c)	<u>Tree Warden</u> Nothing new to report. Cllr J Winslow suggested that councillors visit the Forestry Commission website to make themselves aware of what to look for regarding Ash Die back. Cllr Bewsher will put the link to this website in the next parish newsletter.
	d)	<u>Tardebigge Relief, In Need &amp; Sickness Charity</u> Nothing to report. Councillor Winslow urged Councillors to let her know if they felt anyone in the village was in need of this relief.
	e)	<u>Broadband update</u> Cllr Bewsher has spoken with Superfast Broadband Worcestershire and they are still going through their processes to see if funding is available. BTs Project Manager Rob Shakespeare to be invited to the next PC meeting. Chairman Boss has personally purchased an expander for his home Broadband and will advise at the next meeting on any improvements it may bring.

	<p>f) <u>Telephone box</u> Chairman Boss is purchasing Perspex panels for the box and then a socket will be installed within the next few weeks</p> <p>g) <u>Parish Website &amp; Logo</u> Councillor Bewsher still waiting for WCC to confirm that changes can be made to improve the CC website in order to make it more user friendly. No feedback had been received from residents regarding a new logo for the Parish.</p> <p>h) <u>Bromsgrove Farmers</u> Bromsgrove Farmers are holding a Euro in / out debate in the village hall on the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2016 at 7.30.</p> <p>i) <u>Speeding Concerns in the village</u> The Clerk had received a number of letters from residents expressing their concerns over the speed some vehicles are travelling through the village. Due to the speed limit within the village being the national speed limit there is nothing that can be done with regarding signs etc., however a letter will be sent to Worcester Highways with the PCs concerns. Chairman Boss is going to speak to the farmers where the milk tankers call and ask them to speak to the drivers. Via the newsletter, Cllr Bewsher will ask all residents to send their concerns to the Clerk for logging.</p>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Lengthsman</b>
	<p>Chris Cooke was unable to attend the meeting but Chairman Boss outlined what Mr Cooke would be doing for the Parish. Reflectors have been installed on verges where obstacles could cause damage to vehicles. Cllr Bewsher asked that Mr Cooke check on the ditch opposite Becks Corner to ensure it did not get blocked with debris and asked that he did not remove the wiring – the Clerk will advise Mr Cooke of this request.</p>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Clerk's update</b>
	<p>a) The Clerk distributed the correspondence list to all Councillors.</p>
<b>7.</b>	<b>Planning</b>
	<p><u>New planning applications since last meeting</u></p> <p>a) <b>16/0263</b> – Hybrid application. The PC asked BDC Cllr P Whittaker what was BDCs view on this application. Mr Whittaker said that BDC would not comment on this application until the Inspector had made his decision on the housing development application. Cllr Manley asked if BDCs planning portal website could be kept up to date with the current status of what is happening. WCC Cllr K Taylor asked Cllr Manley to send him an email of all his concerns as he was having a meeting with Ruth Bamford and he would discuss this with her.</p> <p>b) <b>16/0299</b> – Single storey extension Ivydene. The PC has been informed that as no residents had opposed this application that their input was not needed.</p> <p>c) <b>16/0095</b> - erection of a detached double garage&amp; cladding section of the front elevation of the dwelling, Becks Corner, Banks Green – the residents are currently appealing the refusal decision. The PC have</p> <p>d) <b>Bromsgrove &amp; Redditch Housing Growth update</b> – awaiting the Inspectors decision.</p> <p>e) <b>16/0298</b> – Single storey front extension – Beaver House, Banks Green – the PC had no comments to make on this application.</p> <p>f) <b>BDC Planning policy without planning permission</b> – Cllrs Manley and Bewsher attended a CALC meeting where Ruth Bamford (Head of BDC Planning) was present. Cllr Manley expressed his views to R Bamford that BDC planning department seemed to ignore comments that the PC made with regard to planning applications. R Bamford said she could always be contacted on her mobile if anyone had concerns. A further meeting with Dale Birch of BDC was more productive however Mr Birch did say that that Methodology of Enforcement had changed leading to the PC having concerns over the planning process and planning officers being open to intimidation or corruption. Cllr Bewsher said the PC should write to BDC with their concerns, WCC Cllr Taylor encouraged this.</p>

<b>7.</b>	<b>Finance</b>
	<p>Parish Council Account Bank Balance as at 27.04.2016                      £15,734.13 (Account Number 70927848)</p> <p>Footpath Account Bank Balance as at 03.07.15                                      £ 1,589.10 (Account Number 53168980)</p> <p>The Council resolved to make the following payments. Cheques in respect of those payments were signed.</p> <p>Broadway Building Company Ltd    £7,800.00                      Cheque no 100417 Glasdon UK    £ 596.40                      Cheque no 100418 Worcestershire CALC    £ 189.13                      Cheque no 100419 Worcestershire CALC    £ 30.00                      Cheque no 100420 SLCC    £ 30.00                      Cheque no 100421 EON    £ 22.61                      Cheque no 100422 A B Dyson (postage / stationery)    £ 49.60                      Cheque no 100423 A B Dyson (April / May salary)    £ 526.28                      Cheque no 100424 C Cooke    £ 739.34                      Cheque no 100425</p> <p><b>Received monies</b></p> <p>Lengthsman payment from Worcester CC    £ 168.00 Lengthsman payment from Worcester CC    £ 336.00 Worcestershire CC (1<sup>st</sup> half precept)    £2,797.00</p> <p><b>Insurance Renewal</b></p> <p>Decision made to insure through Zurich as the comparative quote they submitted was less that the current supplier AON</p>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>
	<p><b>Incoming Mail</b></p> <p>Bank Statement Barclays main account Various Emails – WCC/BDC/CALC/Cllrs/Residents/Misc Lenthsman’s invoice BACS payment Worcester CC</p> <p><b>Outgoing Mail</b></p> <p>Cheques – Payments (See Previous Minutes) Various Emails – WCC/BDC/CALC/Cllrs/Residents/Misc</p>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Councillors Reports &amp; Items for Future Agenda</b>
	Nothing to report
<b>10</b>	<b>Date of Next Meeting &amp; AGM</b>
	19 <sup>th</sup> July 2016 at 7.30pm in Bentley Village Hall.

Meeting Closed at 21.00 hrs

Signed:

Cllr A Boss  
Chairman

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