

BENTLEY PAUNCEFOOT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Bentley Paucefoot Parish Council Held On Tuesday 20th September 2016 at 7.30pm in Bentley Village Hall

Present : Cllr A Boss - Chairman
Cllr K Beard
Cllr R Bewsher
Cllr J Manley
Cllr D Stubbs

A Dyson – Clerk

Public Participation

2 members of the public were in attendance (please refer to signing in book).

Mr Bewsher of Becks Corner enquired as to whether a grid could be placed at the entrance to a ditch which has been cleared out near his property to ensure the ditch did not become blocked again. Chairman Boss said he did not think this would be possible but would ask the Lengthsman to look at it. Mr Bewsher also asked the PC to clarify their reasons for objecting to current planning permission he has in place for a replacement double garage. The concern of the PC is the construction will have a detrimental impact on the green belt and potentially leave open further applications for garages within plot frontages elsewhere in the Parish.

Mr Glainger had concerns regarding vehicles using Pump House now that it has been reopened despite signage saying it was unsuitable for motor vehicles and asked if Highways could impose greater restrictions on its use. The Clerk will contact Highways department to see if anything can be done to enforce the signage.

1.	Apologies & Approval of Absence
	Cllr J Harris, Cllr J Winslow, BDC Cllr P Whittaker, Mr C Cooke - Lengthsman
2.	Declaration of Interest
	<p>a) None</p> <p>b) None</p> <p>c) Cllr Bewsher currently has a planning application in place with BDC</p> <p>d) None</p>
3.	To Approve the Minutes of the Last Meeting Held Tuesday 19th July 2016
	The Minutes were accepted and signed by Chairman Boss.
4.	Progress Reports
	<p>a) <u>Village Hall Team</u> The hall has been redecorated and new, improved lighting installed. The next first aid course will be on the 23rd September. After that a Barn Dance is due to be held on the 29th October commencing at 19.30pm.</p>
	<p>b) <u>Footpaths</u> Nothing to report.</p>
	<p>c) <u>Tree Warden</u> Nothing to report.</p>
	<p>d) <u>Tardebigge Relief, In Need & Sickness Charity</u> No update given as Cllr Winslow was unable to attend the PC meeting.</p>
	<p>e) <u>Broadband update</u> Superfast Broadband has not made a decision on funding issues. Coverage appears to be getting worse within the village. One of the residents had told Vice Chairman Stubbs of a 4G card he had personally purchased which was receiving a good signal. Vice Chairman Stubbs would get more details.</p>

	<p>f) <u>Telephone box</u> The telephone box has been repainted and is a much improved sight within the village. Currently waiting for the electrician to return from holiday to install a camera, a lock will then be placed on the box.</p> <p>g) <u>Parish Website</u> Worcester County Council do not appear to be doing anything about improving the web site. The Clerk to ask WCC Councillor K Taylor if there is anything he can do to improve the situation.</p> <p>h) <u>Speeding Concerns in the village</u> Residents are still very concerned about speed vehicles within the village. The Clerk will contact Highways department to see if any signage is available to help address the situation. Could Highways department put passing points in place?</p> <p>i) <u>Crime prevention</u></p> <p>j) Unfortunately there have been a number of break ins within the village. The Police have said they will have a patrol car visit the area but their resources are stretched. The Clerk will invite the local officer to the next PC meeting.</p> <p>k) <u>Bentley Bugle</u> Advertising – the Clerk will ask residents if anyone would like to advertise in this year’s edition.</p>
5.	Lengthsman
	Chris Cooke was unable to attend the PC meeting but had advised that a meeting with himself and North Worcester Water Management and Highways Department investigation team was due to take place on 21 st September 2016. He would advise the PC on the outcome of that meeting.
6.	Clerk’s update
	<p>a) The Clerk distributed the correspondence list to all Councillors.</p> <p>b) 2017 meeting dates were agreed.</p>
7.	Planning
	<p><u>New planning applications since last meeting</u></p> <p>a) 15/0548 - Relocation of dayroom approved at appeal – Sheltwood Range - the PC had no objections to this application.</p> <p>b) 16/0775 – Attached double garage& replacement porch - Becks Corner, Banks Green – Cllr Bewsher left the meeting whilst this item was under discussion. The PC objected to the application on the basis that the construction will have a detrimental impact on the green belt and potentially leave open further applications for garages within plot frontages elsewhere in the Parish. Cllr Bewsher re-joined the meeting</p> <p>d) 16/0863 – Independent dwelling C3 – Portability, The Retreat, Curr Lane 16/0864 – Use of buildings marked C & E for storage (Class B) with ancillary offices located in unit B – Portability, The Retreat, Curr Lane Cllr Stubbs would investigate exactly what is being asked for before the PC makes a comment on the above 2 applications.</p> <p>e) Twin Oaks – the resident has been issued with an enforcement notice effective 10th October 2016.</p> <p>f) Bromsgrove & Redditch Housing Growth update – Cllr Manley and Chair of BAAG Malcolm Glainger met with Sajid Javid on 16th September to discuss ways in which he, as constituency MP, could help the PC in their opposition to the proposed local plan. Cllr Manley will be drafting a letter to Mr Javid suggesting possible actions on his part. (Copy of letter attached to Minutes) Chairman Boss thanked Cllr Manley and Mr Glainger for attending this meeting.</p>

8.	Finance	
	Parish Council Account Bank Balance as at 26.08.2016 (Account Number 70927848)	£9,308.58
	Footpath Account Bank Balance as at 03.06.15 (Account Number 53168980)	£ 1,589.10
	The Council resolved to make the following payments. Cheques in respect of those payments were signed	
	A Dyson (August / September salary)	£526.44
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	Bobbys Foods (paint for phone box)	£ 99.52
	St John Ambulance	£ 50.00
	C Cooke (Lengthsman)	£ 432.59
	Received monies	
	Lengthsman payment from Worcester CC	£441.89
9.	Clerks Report on Urgent decisions since last meeting	
	Nothing to report	
10.	Councillors Reports & Items for Future Agenda	
	Local Police / Highways to be invited to next meeting to discuss speeding issues.	
10	Date of Next Meeting	
	15 th November 2016 at 7.30pm in Bentley Village Hall.	

Meeting Closed at 20.40 hrs

Signed:

Date:

**Cllr A Boss
Chairman**