

BENTLEY PAUNCEFOOT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Bentley Paucefoot Parish Council Held On Tuesday 16th January 2018 at 7.30pm in Bentley Village Hall

Present : Chairman A Boss A Dyson - Clerk
 Cllr D Stubbs - Vice Chairman
 Cllr K Beard
 Cllr R Bewsher
 Cllr B Spence
 Cllr J Winslow

Public Participation

1 member of the public was in attendance (please refer to signing in book).

1.	Apologies & Approval of Absence
	Cllr J Harris, District Cllr P Whittaker
2.	Declaration of Interest
	a) None b) None c) None d) None
3.	To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary meeting which was held on Tuesday 21st November 2017?
	The Minutes were accepted by all Councillors and signed by Chairman A Boss.
4.	Progress Reports
	a) <u>Village Hall Team</u> The annual litter pick is taking place on 4 th February 2017. The Clerk has been in contact with BDC to arrange for the necessary safety equipment to be delivered. A resident has indicated that they would be prepared to recreate the duck pond at the junction of Angel Street and Pumphouse Lane that has become overgrown. The PC agreed to this request.
	b) <u>Footpaths</u> Nothing to report.
	c) <u>Tree Warden</u> A query was raised as to what permission was needed to plant any new trees. It is generally accepted that if the planting is done reasonably, with consideration, permission is not required.
	d) <u>Tardebigge Relief, In Need & Sickness Charity</u> The Secretary of the Charity has asked for the PCs opinion on the 2 charities merging – the PC agreed that this would make sense. The Secretary of the Charity had also informed the Clerk that there should be 2 trustees from the PC on the Charity committee. Cllr J Winslow said that this could be resolved by co-opting Mrs Teague onto the PC with the sole role as a Trustee. Mrs Teague will be contacted to ascertain if this is something she would be prepared to do.

	<p>e) <u>Broadband update</u> Information has been received regarding a co-funding scheme between Superfast Broadband and private communities. Cllr Bewsher will ask Superfast Broadband for more information.</p>
5.	Lengthsman
	<p>Following recent inclement weather conditions, C Cooke (Lengthsman) has been clearing up any falling debris and clearing ditches. He has also met with Fiona McIntosh and Joe Baker from North Worcs Water Management and looked at several current and on-going issues around the area. A couple of new ditch digging enforcements will be issued and some drainage issues will be dealt with by Highways. He has also been gritting the agreed routes when necessary, however it is unlikely that there is enough monies in the Lengthsman scheme to cover this and the PC will have to fund the gritting should the need arise.</p>
6.	Foxlydiate Temporary Working Party
	<p>Following the meeting in November the FTWP submitted a new document outlining the PCs concerns regarding traffic which has been passed to both Highways and the Planners. A conference call was held with Simon Jones on Friday 12th January 2018 where he agreed to arrange for the FTWP to meet with the Developer at “about the same time” as they are due to submit new documents. Cllr Winslow said it would be more beneficial if a meeting could take place before the documents were due to be submitted in order that the PC could comment on them beforehand. A meeting with Highways has been postponed until the new documents are available. Further conference calls with Simon Jones have been arranged for 9th February 2018 and 9th March 2018.</p>
7.	Road Safety Campaign – funding application
	<p>Cllr Spence has been in contact with the funding coordinator of Tesco Bags of Help, who confirmed the funds could not be used for any safety assessments the PC wished to undertake, however they could be used for any actions required from that assessment to make the roads safer.</p> <p>Another letter from a resident worried about the traffic issues prompted further discussions regarding a possible road safety campaign based around educating drivers on the hazards of driving on country roads. The campaign will be discussed more fully at the next meeting when Cllr Harris is present. In the interim period the PC agreed that Cllr Spence should submit the funding application to Tesco. If this funding is received, more money will be required to ensure the campaign is covered fully and well. To that end, Spence had made contact with WCC Cllr K Taylor to enquire whether any funds would be available from the Councillors Divisional Fund. Cllr Taylor felt it unlikely that funding would be available for such a campaign but in principle he is supportive of the campaign. Chairman Boss will contact WCC Cllr Taylor to enquire as to how he can support the campaign. Cllr Spence will also make contact with his supplier of safety stickers that are available for resident’s wheelie bins.</p>
8.	Bentley Bugle 2017
	<p>Chairman Boss thanked Cllr Winslow on behalf of all villagers for her hard work in creating yet another excellent edition. Cllr Winslow thanked the other Councillors who had delivered the Bugle to residents. Cllr Spence enquired whether this method of distribution was the best and whether the copies could be posted to residents. With approx. 140 properties within the Parish it was agreed that this would not be a cost effective method of distribution.</p>
9.	Clerks Update & Correspondence
	<p>The Clerk distributed the correspondence list to all Councillors. No new updates recorded since the last meeting.</p>

10.	Finance																		
	Parish Council Account Bank Balance as at 27.12.17 £9004.97 (Account Number 70927848)																		
	Footpath Account Bank Balance as at 04.04.17 £638.70 (Account Number 53168980)																		
	The Council resolved to make the following payments. Cheques in respect of those payments were signed																		
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	<p>2018 PRECEPT</p> <p>Discussions took place regarding a sum to cover the cost of the safety campaign, a sum of £1000 was discussed but Councillors felt that this sum would cause too great an increase in Council Tax payments for residents, a sum of £500 was agreed. The PC agreed that the Precept for this year be set at £5525.66. Chairman Boss signed the form which will be returned to BDC by the Clerk.</p>																		
11.	Planning																		
a)	17/01320/FUL – change of use of existing building and associated outdoor space for dog care facility Bentley House Farm, Copyholt Lane – as comments on this application were required prior to the PC meeting – the PC had already responded that they did not object to this application on the basis that increased traffic using the facility and noise were taken into consideration before the planners made their decision.																		
b)	<p>Bromsgrove District Plan Update</p> <p>Cllr Winslow advised that BDC is looking for land for housing which may impinge on the Parish. BDC are looking for land for another 2000 houses, a document will be going out for consultation mid May 2018 together with a methodology green belt review, resulting in a call for sites in October with preferred sites being chosen in 2019. It is very important the PC is aware of what is happening “in the background” and not solely concentrating on planning developments that are currently in the public arena.</p> <p>Cllr Winslow advised the Clerk that the order of the meeting agenda was out of order and that item 6 should be noted closer to the Planning item. The Clerk agreed and apologised for this, future agendas will reflect the association between the two items more clearly.</p>																		
c)	17/01360/FUL – Oak Tree Cottage, Copyholt Lane, Redditch - as comments on this application were required prior to the PC meeting – the PC had already responded that they had no objections to this application.																		

12.	Councillors Reports / Items for Future Agenda
	<p>Effluent on Black Lake Lane BDC have issued both residents with an enforcement order to rectify the situation. Chairman Boss has asked a contractor to inspect the broken pipe under the road with a view to having it repaired. The situation will be monitored closely.</p> <p>Councillor Vacancy Cllr Beard will be stepping down in March 2018. A resident has expressed an interest in joining the PC, however it is a requisite that whoever takes the role is aware of the commitment required with the position. Chairman Boss will speak to the resident who has shown interest and invite them to the March meeting.</p>
13.	Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 20 th March 2018 at 7.30pm in Bentley Village Hall.

Meeting Closed at 21.20 hrs

Signed: A Boss
Cllr A Boss - Chairman

Date: 15.05.18