

BENTLEY PAUNCEFOOT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Bentley Paucefoot Parish Council Held On Tuesday 20th March 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 J Harris
 Cllr B Spence
 Cllr J Winslow

Public Participation

7 members of the public was in attendance (please refer to signing in book).

Mr G Bewsher asked if the PC were aware of any other sewage drains from properties in Manor Road (other than that of Mr Dykes property) that were emptying into ditches. Chairman Boss advised they were not. Mrs L Hancock of the Village Hall committee advised that the VH were prepared to take over the maintenance of the Telephone Box but asked if the PC were prepared to carry out paying the costs – the PC agreed to this.

1.	Apologies & Approval of Absence
	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 16th January 2018
	An amendment to be made to Minute 10 Finance – Precept 2018. The Clerk will amend this and the Minutes will be signed at the next meeting
4.	Progress Reports
	a) <u>Village Hall Team</u> A number of events have been cancelled due to inclement weather. These would be rearranged but no dates had been set. The annual Bluebell walk will take place, probably in May but again dependent on weather conditions.
	b) <u>Footpaths</u> Mr Milles, Footpath Officer, has attended a course run by WCC which was very informative. Mr Milles has asked WCC for help clearing the bridle path at the top of Gambols Lane – this work has commenced. Mr Milles has also been working with the Footpath Officer from Stoke Prior on boundary paths which has been very useful. In the future Mr Milles would like to attend a course on strimming and then possibly request the PC to purchase a strimmer. Unfortunately WCC have no funds available to help with such requests.
	c) <u>Tree Warden</u> Following recent weather, a tree has fallen down in Lower Bentley. No other damage has been recorded.
	d) <u>Tardebigge Relief, In Need & Sickness Charity</u> Mrs G Teague agreed to take the role of 2 nd trustee for the PC for the Charity. At a recent meeting the Charity confirmed 2 grants for distribution.

	<p>e) <u>Broadband update</u> Cllr Bewsher had been advised to submit separate bids for Upper Bentley and Lower Bentley for co-funding with Open Reach as a joint bid could prove more costly. However, as the Village Hall is in Upper Bentley and is a charity which could qualify for a grant of up to £30K, she had concerns that residents in Lower Bentley may feel unfairly treated. The PC advised Cllr Bewsher to put in separate bids. Information has been received from EE regarding 4G home & external antenna – the Clerk will send this information to residents.</p>
5.	Lengthsman
	<p>C Cooke (Lengthsman) is becoming incredibly frustrated with the lack of response from Highways. He has recorded several issues which have been ignored. Requested bollards and signage are still outstanding. The Clerk will write to DC P Whittaker to see if he can authorise these items. The Lengthsman contract is due for renewal at the end of March – Councillors agreed to the renewal of this contract and thanked Mr Cooke for his work.</p>
6.	Councillor Vacancy / Succession plan
	<p>Cllrs Winslow, Beard and Vice Chairman Stubbs announced their intention to resign (official resignation letters to be sent to Chairman Boss). 3 members of the public attending the meeting said that they would be interested in putting themselves forward for election at the Annual meeting on May 15th 2018. A vacancy notice for the 3 vacant positions will be sent to all residents. Cllr Spence stressed the amount of time and hard work necessary if the role of Parish Councillor is to be performed effectively. His sentiments were echoed by Cllr Winslow who spoke of the link between interest and commitment. As part of her current role on the PC Cllr Winslow produces the annual Bentley Bugle, Chairman Boss asked if she would be prepared to carry on with this once she has stepped down from the PC. Cllr Winslow has edited the Bentley Bugle since its inception and stated that the question of who was to edit in the future would be a decision for the new PC to take since the magazine was published under its name.</p>
7.	Road Safety Campaign
	<p>Cllr Spence submitted an application for funding to Tesco Bags of Help. If this funding becomes available, together with money from the PC and funding that was left over from the BAAG group, a campaign involving signage, events could take place. However, in the interim period, it was decided that wheelie bin stickers would be distributed to residents on Curr Lane and Copyholt Lane. Cllr Spence had sourced the stickers free of charge and will distribute these along with letters to residents advising them how to use the stickers and what the PC were trying to achieve. The Clerk will provide names and addresses of residents on these lanes to Cllr Spence. Cllr Bewsher said she would help with distribution. Since the last meeting further letters had been received from residents concerned about traffic issues with the village.</p>
8.	Communications
	<p>Cllr Bewsher, who consolidates the newsletter each quarter, asked if the PC felt this communication should still be distributed or email sent to residents when there was information which they might be specifically interested in. The PC would like the newsletter to continue as well as specific emails when necessary.</p>
9.	New data protection rules
	<p>The new rules come into force on May 25th 2018 and are very specific. A Data Protection Officer needs to be appointed. The Clerk has contacted CALC to enquire as to whether she can cover the role. An update will be given at the next meeting.</p>

10.	Planning																			
a)	<p>Small(er) scale planning applications in the Parish – new notifications / updates:</p> <p>17/01278/FUL – Proposed first floor extension – Besford, High House Lane, Tardebigge – the PC had no objection to this proposal</p> <p>17/01477/FUL – Construction of 3 no. dwellings – land adjacent to Foxlydiate Farmhouse, Foxlydiate Lane, Redditch - the PC had no objection to this proposal</p> <p>Cllr Winslow advised that the FUL on the above applications referred to the name of the case officer Andrew Fulford who has now resigned and has been replaced by Emily Farmer.</p>																			
b)	Foxlydiate Temporary Working Party Update – the deadline for this consultation has been extended to the end of April. Simon Jones of BDC is trying to arrange a meeting with the FTWP and the developer to explain the changes being submitted to the planning application.																			
c)	BDC High Quality Design Consultation –Cllr Winslow's draft response had stressed the need for an inclusive approach i.e. that the local community should be consulted about all planning applications, large and small.																			
d)	Greater Birmingham Area Housing Growth – a consultation document will be sent on this between June & September and Cllr Winslow stated it was imperative that the PC MUST respond when it is received as strategic planning always takes precedent over local planning and at least 14 other local authorities will be putting their cases forward.																			
e)	NPPF/ Government Policy – this is an on line survey which needs to be completed by 10th May 2018. Cllr Winslow asked Councillors to send her their comments and she will complete the survey.																			
11.	Finance																			
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12	Clerks Update & Correspondence																			
	The Clerk distributed the correspondence list to all Councillors. No new updates recorded since the last meeting.																			
13	Councillors Reports / Items for Future Agenda																			
	Nothing new for future agendas																			
13.	Date of Next Meeting																			
	Tuesday 15 th May 2018 at 8.00pm, preceded by the Annual meeting at 7.30pm in Bentley Village Hall.																			

Meeting Closed at 21.00 hrs

Signed: A Boss **Date: 15.05.18**
Cllr A Boss - Chairman