

BENTLEY PAUNCEFOOT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes Of The Annual General Meeting Held On Tuesday 21st July 2020 at 7.30pm - Bentley Village Hall

Present : Chairperson Cllr A Boss A Dyson (Clerk)
Vice Chairperson – Cllr R Bewsher
Cllr P Meads
Cllr N Rands
Cllr B Spence
Cllr G Teague

Apologies: Cllr R Cheape

Visitors: 5 visitors (per current Covid 19 advice – the Clerk entered everyone’s names into the signing in book)

1. Election Of Chairperson

Chairperson A Boss resigned his position. Cllr B Spence proposed Cllr R Bewsher for the position of Chairperson, seconded by Cllr P Meads. This proposal was accepted by other members of the PC, Cllr Bewsher signed her Acceptance of Office form, witnessed by the Clerk.

2. Election Of Vice Chairperson

Vice Chairperson R Bewsher resigned her position as Vice Chairperson. Cllr A Boss proposed Cllr B Spence for Vice Chairperson, seconded by Cllr G Teague. Cllr Spence said he would accept the position but before it was approved by all members, he wished to declare that he would not be interested in taking the Chairperson’s role at any forthcoming elections. Councillors acknowledged his comments and were happy to approve his proposal for Vice Chairperson at this time. Cllr Spence duly signed his Acceptance of Office, witnessed by the Clerk.

3. Apologies

Cllrs R Cheape. Bromsgrove District Councillor P Whittaker had not responded to his invitation to attend the meeting.

4. Declarations Of Interest

- a) Councillors - nothing new to declare.
- b) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests – nothing new to declare
- c) Other Disclosable Interests in items and their nature – nothing new declare
- d) Written requests for the clerk to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) – nothing to declare

5. Minutes of last meeting

Minutes of the Last Annual General Meeting Held Tuesday 21st May 2019 were approved at the Ordinary PC meeting on 16th July 2019.

6. **Chairperson’s Report on Parish Council Achievements In 2019/202**

Cllr Boss highlighted the main topics that the PC had been working on during the year – road safety, the proposed Foxlydiat housing development, broadband and thanked all members for the work they had carried out on these issues. The Foxlydiat proposal is a major ongoing issue and he acknowledged the many hours of work that Cllrs Bewsher and Spence, in particular, had carried out over the course of the last year. Cllrs Bewsher and Mead had worked together on improving Broadband speeds within the Parish and it now appeared that all residents in the near future would have access to Superfast fibre. The road safety campaign is ongoing but Cllr B Spence had obtained a grant through Tesco Bags of Help money which helped fund a pamphlet raising awareness of speed issues through the lanes. The local school was involved with providing the illustrations for this. Cllr Spence had also obtained money through the New Homes Bonus scheme which was used for updating play equipment at the village hall. Cllr Boss thanked all the Councillors for their hard work over the 12 months (and their spouses!).

7. **Parish Council’s priorities going forward and Councillor roles**

At the Ordinary PC meeting held in January 2020, Councillors had been asked to look at challenges facing the PC and to think about what the PC is doing or should be doing and how their roles within the Parish Council can contribute to this. Councillors responded as below:

Foxlydiat Temporary Working Party (to be renamed Foxlydiat Working Party) – Chairperson Bewsher, Vice Chair Spence, Cllr Cheape & Cllr Rands. Due to the huge amount of work still involved in this project, Chair Bewsher asked if other Councillors would be prepared to help out where necessary with different segments of the project, all agreed.

Communications, Broadband - Chair Bewsher

Road safety project and Broadband - Cllr Meads

Road safety specifically issues with cyclists - Cllr Rands

CALC & Tardebigge Relief, in need and Sickness charity - Cllr Teague

Road safety – with particular emphasis on building relationships with local Police, Councillors and media - Cllr Boss

Planning, Climate & Environmental issues within the Parish & Trees - Cllr Cheape

Financial opportunities – Vice Chair Spence.

The Bentley Bugle – Vice Chair Spence and Clerk A Dyson

Community Resilience Plan – Cllr Teague will coordinate this

With regard to the above delegations, although each role has a Councillor assigned to it, all Councillors are expected to actively take an interest and assist where necessary with all of the roles allocated and not just with roles specifically allocated to them.

AGM MEETING CLOSED

19.56 pm

SignedRoz Bewsher..... **Chairperson**

Dated 23rd September 2020