BENTLEY PAUNCEFOOT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Bentley Pauncefoot Parish Council Held On Tuesday 21st January 2014 at 7.30pm in Bentley Village Hall

Present

Cllr J Manley - Chairman Cllr A Boss Cllr R Boss Cllr M Sansom A Dyson - Clerk

1 Resident (Refer To Signing In Book)

Public Participation

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The residents enquired as to what the procedure was regarding planning and the Committee only holding bimonthly meetings. The Chairman explained that if there were any contentious issues arising between meetings that an extra ordinary meeting would be held. However, the planning process usually allowed enough time for response to be covered with bi-monthly meetings.

1. Apologies & Approval of Absence

Councillor J Harris Councillor L Teague Councillor Peter Whittaker Councillor J Winslow

2. Declaration of Interest

- a) None
- b) None
- c) None
- d) None

3. <u>To Approve the Minutes of the Last Meeting Held Tuesday 26th November 2013</u>

The minutes were accepted as seen, approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. <u>Progress Reports</u>

a) Lengthsman

The Lengthsman to carry out all general maintenance tasks as per his normal monthly job sheet. The C is still waiting to hear from the Lengthsman regarding the contribution he has asked for towards a safety course that he is to attend. Still awaiting a response from the Lengthsman.

b) Village Hall Team

The Village hall has 2 upcoming events, a Casino evening 15th march and a barn dance on the 27th June.

c) Footpath's

Nothing to report.

d) Tree Warden

Nothing to report on the trees at the moment

e) Tardebigge Relief, In Need & Sickness Charity

Nothing to report. Councillor R Boss said that the money is in the fund waiting to be used for good causes and for people to bear this in mind if they heard of any person / school etc. that would benefit from the fund.

5. <u>Clerks Update</u>

a) <u>Village Hall</u>

Councillor Harris had requested that the PC see a copy of the Village Hall accounts. This was discussed and it was decided this was not necessary. The Village Hall accounts are available to be viewed at their AGM if anyone wished to see them.

- b) <u>Flooding at High Elms Lane</u>
 This appears to be the responsibility of the land owner. The Clerk will send a letter to Richard
 Banks at the Estate office asking that he contacts the owner asking him to clean out the drains.
- c) <u>Broadband</u> Nothing to report.
- d) <u>Litter Picking</u>
 - Arrangements have been made for the litter picking event on Sunday 26th January.
- e) <u>Village Hall Notice Board</u>

The makers of the Board will look at the locking system on the board to see if it can be improved. Councillors Manley & A Boss to look at the Village Hall Notice Board and how that works.

f) <u>Telephone Box</u>

Councillor Manley will look at cleaning the box when the weather improves. Originally it was thought that the box could be used as a mobile library but due to the box not being weatherproof, it was decided that this was not a feasible use of the box.

g) <u>Meeting dates</u>

Councillor Whittaker had asked if the PC meetings could be moved to a Wednesday as his diary would then allow him to attend more meetings. The Clerk will contact the Village Hall booking clerk to enquire.

6. <u>Planning</u>

The Clerk had written a letter to Kit Taylor at BDC asking why BDC had a planning applications were regularly being held before sending on to the PC resulting in the PC having to ask for an extension to the planning application deadline. K Taylor was having a meeting with Ruth Bamford on the 21st January and would respond accordingly.

Banks Green Nursery site

New plans have been submitted for the 2 properties on the site. After discussion the PC decided to respond in the negative to this application. The reason being that although the land had been used as a nursery, the site is still deemed to be a green field site and as there are no exceptional circumstances to build on it, the PC considered that it could not support the application for 2 properties.

b) <u>Sheltwood Range Update</u>
Nothing new to report.
c) <u>Twin Oaks</u>
Nothing new to report.
d) <u>Redditch Housing Growth</u>
Nothing new to report
e) <u>Dormer Plant</u>
Still awaiting a date for the appeal hearing.
f) <u>General</u>
The Chairman asked that the planning application

The Chairman asked that the planning applications we received are looked at carefully to ensure there is nothing on the edge of Bentley Pauncefoot that might impact on the village

7. <u>Finance</u>

Precept

Chairman Manley and Councillor Sansom held a meeting to decide on the presept budget for the next year. It was decided to exclude the provision for a parish plan as if the planned housing development takes place, this figure would be irrelevant.

Councillor Manley is meeting with Councillor Sajid David on 31st January, Councillor Sansom if he could remind Councillor David of a letter that Councillor Sansom had sent regarding the repayment of a loan the Village Hall committee had obtained for panels on the village hall.

Parish Council Account Bank Balance As At (Account Number 70927848)	27.12.2013	£ 9899.91	
Footpath Account Bank Balance As At (Account Number 53168980)	27.12.2013	£ 1950.10	
Cheques To Be Signed At This Meeting: -			
Clerks Wages (A Dyson Nov 2013) Clerks Expenses (Nov 2013 postage) Post Office HMCustoms Clerks PAYE (Nov 2013)		£204.84 £13.90 £51.00	Chq No: 100322 Chq No: 100323 Chq No: 100324
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A Farnsworth (Lengthsman culvert cleaning)		£ 352.00	Chq No: 100012
Expenses – J Manley stationery		£ 88.78	Chq No. 100320
Post Office HM Customs Clerks PAYE (Dec 20	£ 47.20	Chq No: 100325	
Clerks Wages (A Dyson Dec 2013)		£ 188.96	Chq No: 100326
ASAP Printing (Bentley Bugle)		£378.72	Chq No. 100327
Bentley Village Hall (meetings)		£165.00	Chq No. 100328

8. Correspondence

Incoming Mail

Bank Statement Barclays Cheque – Tardebigge Holdings (Bugle advertising) £20.00 WCC Lengthsman payment (Sept / Oct 2013) £372.00 Doc 3910776270 Various Emails – WCC/BDC/CALC/Cllrs/Residents/Misc

Outgoing Mail

Cheques – Payments (See Previous Minutes) Letter to BDC re flooding Letter to BDC re blocked drains Various Emails – WCC/BDC/CALC/Cllrs/Residents/Misc

9. <u>Councillors Reports & Items for Future Agenda</u>

The minerals survey is to be completed.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 18th March 2014.

Meeting Closed at 21.00 Hrs

Signed:

Date:

Cllr J Manley Chairman