

BENTLEY PAUNCEFOOT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Bentley Pauncefoot Parish Council Held On Tuesday 18th September 2018 at 7.30pm in Bentley Village Hall

Present : Chairman A Boss
 Cllr R Bewsher - Vice Chairman
 Cllr R Cheape
 Cllr J Harris
 Cllr P Meads
 Cllr B Spence
 Cllr G Teague
 District Cllr P Whittaker

A Dyson - Clerk

Public Participation

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

1.	Apologies & Approval of Absence
	None
2.	Declaration of Interest
	a) None b) None c) None d) None
3.	Election of New councillor
	This item was on the agenda in error – the Clerk apologised for this error.
4.	To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary meeting which was held on Tuesday 17th July 2018.
	The Minutes were accepted by all Councillors and signed by Chairman A Boss.
5.	Progress Reports
	a) Cllr Teague advised that the Village Hall had been closed in August for redecoration. The next event is a singing duo called Two 4 One which will be held on the 13 th October 2018. The VH Committee are still in the process of receiving tenders for resurfacing of the car park.
	b) <u>Footpaths</u> Mr Milles, Footpath Officer, had reported that the path through the Thrift was non-existent. The Clerk has written to Bentley Estates regarding the matter but has received no response. Cllr Cheape said he will contact Mr Milles directly to walk the path with him to see what needs to be done and if necessary, Cllr Cheape will contact Bentley Estates direct to ask for their assistance in clearing the path.
	c) <u>Tree Warden</u> Cllr Cheape advised that within the next few months he would be planting the replacement oak tree in Lower Bentley. He is also growing a small nursery of oak trees that could be planted as necessary in the village when the saplings area ready. Cllr Spence advised he would be prepared to help with this.

	<p>d) <u>Tardebigge Relief, In Need & Sickness Charity</u> No new applications for funding have been received. The Chairman of the Charity will write an article for this year's Bentley Bugle which hopefully will raise awareness of what is available and to who.</p>
6.	Broadband update
	<p>All five bids in the Parish are still ongoing. The process has been slowed down due to a reorganisation taking place in Openreach. Meanwhile Cllr Spence and Vice Chairman Bewsher are finalising the Funding Agreement for the various bids with WCC.</p>
7.	Lengthsman
	<p>The resident looking after the Broadband bid for Coalash Lane and Woodgate Road had erected a number of signs advertising the bid. Chris Cooke had asked the Clerk whether the PC wanted the signs removed. The PC agreed that for the moment the signs should be left in place. The Clerk would advise the Lengthsman.</p>
8.	Bentley Pauncefoot Road Safety Campaign
	<p>WCC Cllr Kit Taylor and Richard Clewer from Highways had met with Chairman Boss on 6th September 2018 in the village to assess the traffic situation. They agreed that they would put 2 data cables in the village to monitor the traffic. These are to be placed on Copyholt Lane where the footpath crosses the road and outside the village hall. WCC Cllr Taylor said WCC could provide funding towards signs to be placed on roads entering the village asking motorists to drive carefully. Cllr Harris advised he doesn't think the type of signs available deters speeding but the positioning of them could be used in the future for other signage which may be more beneficial. The Clerk will write to Cllr Taylor asking what funding is available before a decision is made to purchase. If the signs are to be purchased they will be used as part of the ongoing safety campaign</p> <p>Chairman Boss had also taken Cllr Taylor and Mr Clewer to Pump House Lane to show them how unsuitable the road was for traffic. Cllr Taylor agreed.</p> <p>Chairman Boss also pointed out that the constant closing of Church Road in Webheath by the developers was causing further traffic to use the lanes through the village. Mr Clewer agreed to look at the situation.</p> <p>Cllr Spence had received further wheelie bin stickers free of charge from the Safer Roads Partnership and had distributed them to residents on Manor Road. Slow Down wheelie bin stickers have now been distributed to all residents along Cur Lane, Copyholt Lane, Banks Green and Manor Road as the first phase of a road safety campaign.</p> <p>Vice Chairman Bewsher and 3 other Councillors had a meeting with Stephen Hawley of Highways which proved to be very unsatisfactory. Despite communications with Mr Hawley over a number of months regarding the speeding situation through the village, he stated at the meeting that it was nothing to do with him and refused to give the names of who was responsible within his department to the Councillors. His attitude towards the current residents of the village and the impact extra traffic from future housing developments will have on them was very dismissive; his only concern was for people purchasing future housing.</p> <p>Vice Chairman Bewsher asked Cllrs Harris and Meads if they were prepared to carry on working on the road safety campaign without her day to day input in order that she concentrate on the other issues she was working on for the PC. Cllr Harris said they should try and get residents involved in a working party for the campaign. Cllr Harris will speak to some residents to see if they wish to be involved.</p>

9.	Planning		
	Small(er) scale planning applications in the Parish – new notifications / updates:		
a)	17/000469/OUT – Re-consultation – the PC had requested a condition be applied that all construction traffic access the site via the A448 & Foxlydiate Lane as it was unacceptable for construction traffic to use Cur, Copyholt, Pumphouse or Norgrove Lanes.		
b)	18/010009/FUL – Redevelopment of the former Gate Hangs Well public house. Although it was not necessary for the PC to comment on this application, they had placed on record their objection to the proposal as The Gate Hangs Well had long been within the heart of the communities of Woodgate and Lower Bentley and has been the local for many of our parishioners. The PC considered the proposed clearing of the site and erasure of the original building that has been a local landmark for well over a century to be insensitive and harmful to Green Belt objectives.		
c)	BDC – plan review issues & Options consultation Councillor Spence agreed to contact Claire Holmes at BDC to establish exactly what the PC can expect from this forum in order that a meeting could be arranged for residents to attend on the 11 th October 2018. The Clerk will ascertain that the village hall is available on this date.		
10.	Bentley Bugle 2018		
	Who drives which project for this year's issue? Councillors were allotted a segment to be completed. The Clerk will confirm to Councillors what their section is. In order to coordinate the project Chairman Boss, Cllr Spence and the Clerk Anne Dyson to form an editorial group to meet separately for regular updates, the first of these to take place on Tuesday 2 nd October 2018.		
11.	Meeting Dates 2019		
	These were agreed and noted.		
12.	Audit Standards Representative		
	Cllr Meads is willing to take this role but was concerned as to what the benefit the PC would get from his attendance as the rules state that Cllrs are unable to participate in the meeting. The PC agreed that attendance at every meeting was probably unnecessary but if there was an item on the Audit Standards agenda that was of interest, Cllr Meads would attend that particular meeting.		
13.	Finance		
	Parish Council Account Bank Balance as at 24.08.18 (Account Number 70927848)	£8,732.26	
	Footpath Account Bank Balance as at 04.04.17 (Account number 53168980)	£638.70	
c)	To consider payments /receipts as per Clerks correspondence list issued at meeting.		
	A Dyson (August / Sept salary & expenses	£587.84	Chq no 100495
	CPRE Renewal – A discussion took place regarding this membership and it was decided not to renew. The Clerk subsequently cancelled the cheque.	£ 36.00	Chq no 100496
	CALC – GDPR training	£ 10.00	Chq no 100497
	C Cooke (Lengthsman)	£129.60	Chq no 100498
	Received monies		
	Groundworks UK (Tesco bags for support donation)	£1000.00	
14.	Clerks Update		
	Nothing to report		

15.	Councillors Reports / Items for Future Agenda
	Clr Teague had attended a Safer Roads event at Sanders Park run by West Mercia Police. There wasn't anything significant to report back to the PC but she did hand out response cards she had been given at the event for people to send their views to the Police Commissioner. However, the cards did not state where to respond! It was agreed to send any comments direct to John Campion at Hindlip Hall or via the website www.surveygizmo.com/s3/45604444/roads-focus until the end of October.
16	Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 20 th November 2018 at 7.30pm, in Bentley Village Hall.

Meeting Closed at 21.00 hrs

Signed: R Bewsher

Date: 20th November 2018

Clr R Bewsher – Vice Chair