

BENTLEY PAUNCEFOOT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Bentley Pauncefoot Parish Council Held On Tuesday 19th March 2019 at 7.30pm in Bentley Village Hall

Present : Cllr A Boss – Chair A Dyson - Clerk
 Cllr R Bewsher – Vice Chair
 Cllr R Cheape
 Cllr J Harris
 Cllr P Meads
 Cllr B Spence
 Cllr G Teague

Public Participation

6 members of the public were in attendance (please refer to signing in book). As there were 2 new residents to the village in attendance, Cllr Boss – Chair - introduced them to everyone and each Cllr introduced themselves with a brief resume of their background. Mrs S Harrop asked that a discussion take place regarding a good use of spending monies that were left over in the bank account from when the Bentley Action Group were trying to halt the Foxlydiat development (see Agenda item 10). Mr J Whittaker had discovered an initiative from a Parliamentary body to agree upon a common name for all Middle-Layer Super Output Areas (MSOA's and asked that the PC discuss this as Bentley did not appear to be in an area (see Agenda item 8).

1.	Apologies & Approval of Absence	
		District Councillor P Whittaker, WCC Councillor K Taylor
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 15th January 2019.	
		The Minutes were accepted by all Councillors and signed by Cllr A Boss - Chair.
4.	Progress Reports	
	a)	<u>Village Hall update & upcoming events</u> On the 22 nd March 2019 a gardener's question evening is taking place with local BBC gardening presenter Reg Moule in attendance. A BBQ is to be held at the end of June. The annual bluebell walk will take place, this event is obviously weather dependant and a date has yet to be set. Work on the resurfacing of the car park is due to take place at the beginning of April.
	b)	<u>Footpaths</u> Mr Milles (Footpath officer) advised that he is trying to get the support of the County Council to help clear the bridle path leading down from Manor Road. A path has been cleared from Wormington Farm to Upper Gambolds Lane with great success. Mr Milles is also trying to get steps up to 2 Trees hill - Cllr Cheape advised that a lot of forestry work is due to be carried out in that area shortly. Mr Milles also advised that it would be helpful if local farmers left a path through their crops for walkers and also that some gates leading to footpaths had been padlocked. Chair Boss said he would speak to those concerned. Mr Milles has also identified a number of stiles which need to be replaced.

	<p>c) <u>Tree Warden</u> Cllr Cheape advised that the 250 saplings will be arriving at the end of the month. Discussions took place regarding where they should be planted around the village when they are mature enough. It was decided that a note should be sent to residents offering them trees if they wished and also asking for any helpers to plant them.</p>
	<p>d) <u>Tardebigge Relief, in Need & Sickness Charity</u> Chair Boss explained to the visitors what the charity was and how it had developed. Cllr Teague reported that monies had recently been donated to 2 schools for pupils to attend residential courses and a sum had been donated to a Carers care line supporting carers in the Tardebigge area. The next meeting is due to take place in June.</p>
5.	Lengthsman
	<p>The Lengthsman had advised the Clerk that other Parishes he worked for paid him mileage fees of 65p per mile and asked if Bentley Pouncefoot would be prepared to do the same – this was agreed by all Councillors. Cllr Spence had observed some “litter” signs erected in Stoke Prior which may be useful to have – the Clerk will ask the Lengthsman if he obtained them on behalf of Stoke Prior.</p>
6.	CALC
	<p>Cllr Teague had attended the last meeting which had very brief. CALC are still looking at ways of getting Councils to be proactive in attending these meetings.</p>
7.	Superfast Fibre
	<p>Vice Chair Bewsher has been advised that the planned cabinet for Angel Street is proving to be more costly than Openreach anticipated and will require the transformer to be upgraded before it can be installed. Cllr Spence expressed his frustration at the delay of any action regarding the funding bids and fears that when the PC does get the go ahead that people who signed up some 12 months ago will have done something else in the meantime. The PC will continue their discussions with Openreach and WCC in an attempt to get a good broadband service for all properties within the Parish.</p>
8.	What is the name of our area in Government terms?
	<p>Resident Mr J Whittaker had discovered an initiative from a Parliamentary body to agree upon a common name for all Middle-Layer Super Output Areas which are one of the primary reporting levels for census, NHS and other government activities reporting on the population and discovered that Bentley Pouncefoot Parish did not appear to have a name. The PC discussed the same and agreed the suggestion of Bentley Pouncefoot, Tardebigge & Stoke. The Clerk will input this on the public consultation website.</p>
9.	May Election
	<p>All Councillors who wish to stand in the May elections had now received their nomination papers and would complete them at the end of this meeting to ensure that the Clerk can deliver them to BDC in a timely manner.</p>
10.	Community money
	<p>The money currently in this account has been donated by residents and the wish of the now dismantled BAAG group is that the monies should therefore be used for the community. The PC suggested that the money should be spent on planting the trees in the village that Cllr Cheape is obtaining and asked Mrs Harrop if she thought this would be a good use of the money, she agreed. The planting will not happen until the Autumn when the saplings are ready for planting and sites for the planting have been identified.</p>
11.	Bank funds
	<p>The PC agreed that a fund of £5K should be kept in the bank account for contingencies.</p>

12.	Road Safety campaign		
	<p>In the absence of WCC and Highways taking any definite measures to help reduce the speed limit within the Parish, Chair Boss had contacted John Fraser, Head of Highways with the PCs concerns. It was agreed that the PC would wait until the 1st April 2019 for Mr Fraser to respond with any actions.</p> <p>Cllr Spence suggested that a complete file be composed of all the correspondence over the last few years that the PC has had with WCC and Highways regarding the situation of speeding within the Parish. The Clerk will put this file together.</p> <p>Cllr Spence suggested that the Tesco Bags of Help (Groundworks) donation be used towards a speed awareness campaign involving 2 local schools (Webheath & Tardebigge) asking the children to design a leaflet in return for a donation from the PC to the schools. The PC agreed to donate £500 to each school. Cllrs Spence and Teague will work together and contact the schools with a view to completing the exercise before the Summer break. Cllr Spence will advise his contact at Groundworks as to how the PC will spend the money.</p>		
13.	Planning		
	Small(er) scale planning applications in the Parish – new notifications / updates:		
a)	19/00159/FUL – New stables to replace existing – Callow Farm, Angel Street, Upper Bentley – the PC had no objection to this application.		
b)	19/00151/FUL – Use of outbuilding as holiday let and retrospective change of use of 36 square meters of woodland to form part of turning/parking area on driveway – Dingleside, Holyoakes Lane, Bentley. The PC required more information on this application. Cllr Cheape would advise the PCs response to BDC planning department prior to the deadline date.		
14.	Finance		
	Parish Council Account Bank Balance as at 27.02.19 Account No. ending 7848 £8,915.05 Footpath Account Bank Balance as at 04.04.18 Account No. ending 8980 £638.70		
	To consider payments / receipts as per Clerks correspondence list issued at meeting		
	A Dyson (February 19 / January 19 salary & expenses)	£ 599.84	Cheque no 100507
	Bentley Village Hall (Contribution to car park resurfacing)	£1000.00	Cheque no 100508
	ASAP Printing (Bugle)	£ 347.00	Cheque no 100509
	C Cooke (Lengthsman)	£ 338.40	Cheque no 100510
	Received monies		
	The Barns (Bugle Advert)	£20.00	
	Cutting Edge Machinery (Bugle Advert)	£20.00	
15.	Clerks update		
	Nothing to report.		
15.	Councillors Reports & Items for Future Agenda		
	<p>An issue had been raised as to whether the play equipment in the grounds of the Village Hall was the responsibility of the PC or the Village Hall. Mrs L Hancock advised that she had a meeting with BDC regarding this matter and that the Village Hall has taken responsibility for the upkeep and safety of the equipment going forward.</p> <p>A number of new metal Smartwater signs had been delivered to Cllr Bewsher to replace any existing damaged / missing signs. Mr Whittaker asked if he could have one, Cllr Bewsher will deliver this to him.</p> <p>Cllr Cheape had a conversation with his contact regarding the land within Bentley that is part of the Minerals Consultation. It appears that this area of land is not of great importance to the Consultation group, therefore it was decided not to make any further comments to the Consultation Committee.</p>		
16.	Date of Next Meeting		
	This is scheduled for Tuesday 21 st May 2019 at 20.00 preceded by the Annual meeting at 19.30 in Bentley Village Hall.		

Meeting Closed at 21.30

R Bewsher

Signed: **Date:** 21st May 2019

CLlr R Bewsher – Vice Chair