

BENTLEY PAUNCEFOOT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes Of The Annual Meeting Held On Tuesday 16th May 2023 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall

Present : Chair Cllr R Bewsher
Anne Dyson (Clerk)
Vice Chairperson – Cllr B Spence
Cllr R Cheape
Cllr N Rands
Cllr A Boss
Cllr M Morgan

Visitors: 3 visitors – the Clerk entered everyone’s names into the signing in book
G Bewsher
B Dyson
S Harrop

1. Election Of Chairperson

Cllr R Brewsher resigned her position as Chairperson. Vice Chairperson B Spence proposed Cllr R Cheape for the role of Chair for the next 12 months, Cllr Rands seconded the vote, all other Councillors accepted this proposal and Cllr Cheape accepted the position. The Clerk presented the Acceptance of Office to Chair Cheape for sign and then duly witnessed it.

2. Election Of Vice Chairperson

Cllr B Spence resigned his position as Vice Chairperson. Cllr R Cheape proposed Cllr N Rands for Vice Chairperson, seconded by Cllr A Boss. Cllr Rands said he would accept the position. The Clerk presented the Acceptance of Office to Cllr Rands for sign and then duly witnessed it.

Thanks were extended from Chairperson R Cheape to the outgoing Chairperson R Brewsher and Vice Chairperson B Spence.

3. Election of New Councillors

Cllrs N Rands, A Boss and M Morgan elected and signed their acceptance of office, duly witness by the Clerk.

4. Apologies

No apologies were received.

5. Declarations of Interest

- a) The Clerk explained the Register of Interests Form is being updated and will provide a copy for completion once the new form is circulated to her.
- b) Noted.
- c) Noted.
- d) Noted.

6. Council’s scheme of delegation

Chair Cheape led a discussion in relation to the various roles performed by each individual Councillor. Some slight amendments were made, and these were agreed as follows.

Communications: Chair Cheape and C Wood

Planning Applications: Chair Cheape

Foxlydiate:	Chair Cheape, Vice Chair Rands and Cllr Morgan
Local Plan Review:	Chair Cheape et al
Tardebigge Charity:	Cllr Boss
Environment:	Chair Cheape
Consultation:	All as required by the issue
Police:	Cllr Boss
Lengthsman:	Vice Chair Rands and C Wood (It was noted that C. Cooke should instigate any issue for support with Cllr Rands)
Road Safety:	Vice Chair Rands
Trees:	Cllr Morgan
Footpaths:	Cllr Morgan
Bentley Bugle:	Chair Cheape (to be raised for discussion at the July Ordinary Meeting)
Financial Reporting:	Vice Chair Rands
Village Hall Cttee:	Cllr Morgan

With regards to the above responsibilities, whilst each role has a Councillor assigned to it, all Councillors are expected to actively take an interest and assist where necessary with any of the areas listed and not just with roles specifically allocated to them.

7. Minutes

Minutes of the Last Annual General Meeting Held Tuesday 17th May 2022 and approved on 19th July 2022.

8. Chairperson's Report

The outgoing Chairperson R Brewsher presented her report to the Meeting as follows:

Thanks were extended to the Councillors for their support and professionalism and knowledge they bring to the Parish Council, always acting in the best interests of the Parish. Thanks to the Lengthsman, to the consultees on the planning application and to incoming Chairperson R Cheape for his help on planning consultations.

Foxlydiate Planning Application / Bromsgrove (not Redditch) area plan:

- Community Governance Review / Parish Council Boundary Referendum to be considered.
- Road traffic / increase in traffic on Copyholt Lane (construction vehicles using the lanes and consequent safety concerns)

Speed Limit on Copyholt Lane – Report submitted to Highways and awaiting response, following meetings with Highways / West Mercia Police.

Seek District Councillor P Whittaker's help to support the Parish Council with road safety concerns.

Residents' thanks mean a lot to the Councillors in the Parish Council.

R. Boss passed away at the beginning of the year and his son A. Boss will remain as a Councillor on the Parish Council.

The outgoing Vice Chairperson B Spence was thanked and acknowledged for all of his hard work, and also to B Spence's wife Helen, for her knowledge and expertise in supporting the Parish Council.

Planning and legals – thanks were extended to the residents of the Parish for their support.

R Brewsher thanked her husband Graham,
for his encouragement and support whilst carrying out the Chairperson role.

Thanks also to the outgoing Clerk, Anne Dyson for her help and support.

Best wishes were extended to the new Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

AGM MEETING CLOSED
19:32p.m.

Signed R Cheape **Chairperson**

Dated 18th July 2023