

BENTLEY PAUNCEFOOT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Bentley Pouncefoot Parish Council Held on Tuesday 16th May 2023 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Cllr R Cheape Chair C Wood – Clerk & RFO
 Cllr N Rands Vice Chair A Dyson (Outgoing Clerk)
 Cllr A Boss
 Cllr M Morgan

Visitors: R Bewsher, G Bewsher, B Dyson, Jo Slade (SNT), S Harrop

Public Participation: Thanks received from resident S Harop, which were extended to outgoing Chairperson R Brewsher and outgoing Vice Chairperson B Spence, who said that the community were grateful and gave a wholehearted thanks for all the work carried out and perseverance shown with the Foxlydiat planning application.

1	<p><u>Apologies:</u> No apologies were received from District Councillor P Whittaker or County Councillor K Taylor (The Clerk asked Cllr Boss to ask District Councillor P Whittaker to address his apologies through the Clerk in the future). Lengthsman C Cooke</p>
2	<p><u>Minutes and Actions:</u> The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 21st March 2023 were accepted and approved by Councillors. They were signed by Chair Cheape. All outstanding actions had been completed</p>
3	<p><u>Declarations of Interest:</u></p>
a	<p>Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda Nothing to declare.</p>
b	<p>Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda Nothing to declare</p>
c	<p>Written requests to the clerk to grant a dispensation. The Clerk had not received any requests for a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011)</p>
4	<p><u>Co option of new Councillor Ben Coleman at July meeting</u> Ben Coleman to be invited to the July meeting to be co-opted as a Councillor. Action: Clerk to invite Ben Coleman to the July meeting.</p>
5	<p><u>Village Hall Update:</u> The Bluebell walk took place on the morning of the 7th May 2023 as part of the King's Coronation celebrations, followed by afternoon tea and was attended by 60+ residents. This was followed by a BBQ organised by the Young Farmers in the evening attended by 20-30 residents.</p>
6	<p><u>Footpaths Update</u> Cllr Morgan has attended a course at WCC for footpaths. Cllr Morgan has been in contact with Patrick White of WCC and C. Cooke, the Lengthsman. Will map out faulty styles / what is wrong with them and work out a plan of works, which is a big task – will update at July meeting. Action: Cllr Morgan to update at July meeting.</p>

7	<p><u>CALC</u> Quarterly meetings via Zoom. After discussion it was proposed that the Clerk would attend, there may be important information to pass to the Parish Council. CALC update weekly – the Clerk will check and circulate the update.</p>
8	<p><u>Road Safety Campaign</u> Chair Bewsher and Cllr Meads met with Bob Haines, Paul Green and Paul Waterhouse. The take away from the meeting was that the police confirmed they would enforce a 40ph speed limit, contrary to the statement by WCC. Following the meeting, Chair Bewsher sent a document justifying why the lane should be 40mph to Paul Green of WCC. At the date of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting no further information had been provided, a holding response had been received from Paul Green. Action: The Clerk to contact Paul Green for an update prior to the July meeting.</p>
9	<p><u>Insurance Renewal 1st June 2023 to be signed</u> The renewal invoice was signed off and the Clerk subsequently paid the premium for the current period.</p>
10	<p><u>Police / SNT Update</u> Jo Barnes (SNT) West Mercia Police attended the meeting. Jo will have a chat with Paul Waterhouse about Copyholt Lane, as she was meeting him imminently to discuss roads around Stoke. Paul Green’s response is awaited following the meeting at item 8 above.</p>
11	<p><u>Lengthsman</u> Mr Cooke sent his apologies. The Clerk explained that WCC have sum of money allocated to the Lengthsman Scheme for the Parish Council. Mr Cooke invoices the Parish Council and the Parish Council then invoice WCC. Mr Cooke’s salary is currently £12 an hour. The Clerk proposed an increase to £15 per hour, in line with current market rates. The Councillors agreed to the increase (fixed for 2 years), and the Clerk to issue a new contract on that basis. Action: Clerk to send a new contract to C Cooke, the Lengthsman, with a new salary of £15 per hour.</p>
12	<p><u>Planning & Consultations</u></p>
a)	<p><u>Foxlydiat Working Party</u> Views were sought from the Councillors as to whether they considered it necessary to continue with the Working Party following the outcome of the Judicial Review. It was felt that given the knowledge and expertise of the former Chair R Bewsher and former Vice Chair B Spence, it would be worthwhile if a Councillor could be designated a contact for R Bewsher and B Spence should any further matters arise. Action: To be added as an Agenda item for discussion at July meeting. Simon Jones, the Bromsgrove District Council Planning Officer who worked on the Foxlydiat planning application has now left Bromsgrove District Council. The Clerk will make enquiries to find out his replacement. Action: Clerk to find out Simon Jones’ replacement and feedback at the July meeting.</p> <p>b) 23/00241/FUL_– Sheltwood Grange, Sheltwood Lane, Tardebigge - New day room for established traveller /gypsy site – Cllrs had no objection to this application, noting the concise design and access statement.</p>

13	Finance a) Sign off of accounts was agreed and actioned. b) Clerks Correspondence list agreed.
14	<u>Report from County Councillor</u> No report received.
15	<u>Report from District Councillor</u> No report received.
16	<u>Councillors Reports & Items for future Agenda</u> Cllr Morgan indicated that he may be in touch with someone who would like to join the Parish Council. Action: Cllr Morgan to provide an update at the July meeting. Cllr Boss discussed a development of eco houses being built in Hereford, and raised whether this could be relevant to the Foxlydiate development (local people who could live in an eco-type village), a small rural community as part of the development which has already received approval – Cllr Boss will email the Chair further details. Action: Feedback at July meeting. Webheath Development (Church Road) – Cllrs had been made aware of flooding / damp issues raised by residents.
17	<u>Date of Next Meeting</u> The next Ordinary Parish Council meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday 18 th July at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting Closed at 8.00p.m.

Signed: *R Cheape*

Chair, Bentley Pauncefoot Parish Council

Date: 18th July 2023