

BENTLEY PAUNCEFOOT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Bentley Paucefoot Parish Council Held On Tuesday 15th July 2014 at 7.30pm in Bentley Village Hall

Present :

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| Cllr J Manley - Chairman Cllr A Boss Cllr R Boss Cllr J Harris Cllr M Sansom Cllr L Teague Cllr J Winslow District Councillor P Whittaker | A Dyson - Clerk 2 Residents (Refer To Signing In Book) |
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Public Participation

The residents enquired as to the latest position regarding the flooding situation at Becks Corner. Councillor A Boss has been in contact with the highways and they are not willing to investigate the matter as the water is currently running through the drain. Cllr Boss did clear the front of the culvert which has helped however the residents are concerned that should heavy rainfall occur the culvert will again become blocked and cause flooding and would like the Highways to put a camera into the culvert to understand the routing of it. The residents have been in contact themselves with the Highways and have been told that the reference number given to them in January has been closed. The PC would again contact Faye Tomalin of North Worcestershire Water Management and Richard Clewer the Highways department regarding the issue.

Councillor Manley has recently had a meeting with Richard Clewer who was very helpful but unfortunately has a very long list of matters that he is dealing with.

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| 1. Apologies & Approval of Absence | |
| | Councillor Laurence Teague |
| 2. Declaration of Interest | |
| a) | None |
| b) | None |
| c) | None |
| d) | None |
| 3. To Approve the Minutes of the Last Meeting Held Tuesday 20th May 2014 | |
| | The minutes were accepted as seen, approved and signed by the Chairman. |
| 4. Progress Reports | |
| a) | Lengthsman The Lengthsman to carry out all general maintenance tasks as per his monthly job sheet |
| b) | <u>Village Hall Team</u> The Barn Dance was very successful. A new sewage system has been installed. |
| c) | <u>Footpaths</u> Councillor Sansom has been checking the stiles and has cut back some hedges. Some sign posts have moved / fallen down Councillor Sansom will check them. |
| d) | <u>Tardebigge Relief, In Need & Sickness Charity</u> Councillor R Boss did not attend the last meeting, update to be given at the next PC meeting. |
| e) | <u>Tree Warden</u> No evidence of any disease. Fruit trees have been pruned. |

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| | f) | <u>Village Hall Notice Board</u> Councillors Harris and A Boss left the meeting to take a look at the current notice board and reported back that with some modifications it could be moved to the road side and used jointly by the Village Hall and the PC. Councillor Sansom will discuss this with Glanville as a priority. |
| 5. | Clerk's update | |
| | a) | <u>Lengthsman</u> Nothing to report |
| | b) | <u>Free NHS checks</u> This may be something to offer to villagers. The Clerk would obtain further information and report back |
| 6. | Planning | |
| | a) | <u>Banks Green Nursery Site</u> The owner has appealed the planning decision made against him to the Secretary |
| | b) | <u>Sheltwood Range update / Twin Oaks update</u> Nothing new to report. Councillor Manley said that he was still unhappy with Bromsgrove Councils response to the PCs concerns and them not agreeing to a meeting. Councillor Whittaker said that he had spoken to Hazel Bailey and she said she would contact Councillor Manley. This has not happened; Councillor Whittaker said Councillor Manley should telephone her direct. Chairman Manley asked Councillor Whittaker to remind Bromsgrove Council that the PC has a set of duties to uphold and when an issue of concern is raised Bromsgrove Council do not acknowledge or communicate with the PC which is wrong. Councillor Whittaker agreed that Bromsgrove Council should communicate with the PC. <u>Dormer Plant site</u> |
| | c) | This site is due to be cleared by 27 th July 2014. Councillor Whittaker suggested writing a letter to Hazel Bailey reminding her of the date. <u>Redditch Housing Growth</u> |
| | d) | Councillor Winslow attending both days of the recent hearing and précised her notes for the PC meeting. The date of the next hearing is scheduled for September. The Independent Inspector's report is due on the 18 th July 2014. Following this report, if the September hearing date is going ahead, the PC may want to hold a meeting before that date to discuss the outcome of the report. |
| 7. | Finance | |
| | | Parish Council Account Bank Balance As At 27.06.2014 £10426.16 (Account Number 70927848) |
| | | Footpath Account Bank Balance As At 27.06.2014 £ 1950.10 (Account Number 53168980) |
| | Cheques Signed At This Meeting | |
| | | CPRE £ 36.00 Chq No: 100346 |
| | | Alan Farnsworth (Lengthsman May / June) £356.00 Chq No: 100347 |
| | | Postage (End of year accounts recorded delivery) £ 6.40 Chq No: 100348 |
| | | Clerk's salary (June 2014) £220.52 Chq No: 100349 |
| | | Post Office HM Customs Clerks PAYE (June 2014) £ 55.00 Chq No: 100350 |
| | | Mr J Manley (gift for Mrs Harris) £ 36.97 Chq No. 100351 |
| | | Clerk's salary (July 2014) £204.84 Chq No: 100352 |
| | | Post Office HM Customs Clerks PAYE (July 2014) £ 51.00 Chq No: 100353 |

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| 8. | Correspondence |
| | <u>Incoming mail</u> Bank Statement Barclays Various Emails – WCC/BDC/CALC/Cllrs/Misc <u>Outgoing Mail</u> Cheques – Payments (See Previous Minutes) Various Emails – WCC/BDC/CALC/Cllrs/Residents/Misc |
| 9. | Councillors Reports & Items for Future Agenda |
| a) | <p>Chairman Manley recently met with Richard Clewer of Worcestershire CC and discussed a number of outstanding issues. Regarding flooding outside of Anna White cottage, it appears that the drains are silted up and Richard Clewer will arrange to get them cleared out. The water would then be able to run off the side of the road on to the Twin Oaks site. OS maps show a pond on this site where the water could run into - Councillor Whittaker recommended asking the Highways to open a ditch to route the water to the pond.</p> <p>Following the recent road resurfacing, the Clerk was asked to send a letter to the Highways thanking them and to pass on the PCs thanks to the contractors as it was felt they had carried out a very good job with the minimum of disruption.</p> <p>A kerb had been damaged by one of the vehicles on the small roundabout and Councillor A Boss would repair this.</p> <p>It was noted that the local Council did not appear to be cutting the grass edges, Councillor A Boss enquired whether Neil Harper should be asked to do this. The Clerk will write to the Council asking if they intend cutting the grass before speaking with Mr Harper.</p> |
| b) | <u>Broadband</u> Bentley Pouncefoot is not on the list for the 1st or 2nd phase of broadband upgrade. Councillor Manley said that Orange can provide a box which can be attached to your router giving better mobile coverage through your internet supplier. |
| c) | <u>CALC</u> Councillor Manley recently attended a CALC meeting. An item on the agenda was next year's PC elections and how to get people involved and aware of them. Ideas would be welcome. The next CALC meeting is scheduled for 10th September and Councillor Manley said he would be attending and would like other Councillors to try and attend also. |
| d) | <u>Village Telephone box</u> Still needs attending to. |
| e) | <u>Defibrillator</u> Chairman Manley has discussed the purchasing of a Defibrillator for the village hall with Malcolm Glainger. A resident of the village is a first responder and already has defibrillator so it was felt a second one was unnecessary. Councillor Whittaker said that Tutnall & Cobley had discussed the same issue and decided not to go ahead with the purchase. |
| 10 | Date of Next Meeting This date will be set once the outcome of the Inspectors report on the Housing Growth has been published. |

Meeting Closed at 21.40 Hrs

Signed:

Date:

Cllr J Manley
Chairman