

BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON AT BENTLEY VILLAGE HALL ON -THURSDAY 9 JUNE 2022 AT 7.30 PM

Present

Cllr M Bamford - Chairman Mrs J Scott – Clerk Cllr J Wheals Cllr K Spicer
Cllr P Cross

Also, in attendance - County Councillor Georgia Hall, District Councillor D Busby, Tree Warden, Footpath Warden & Speedwatch Co-ordinator.

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman through illness, Cllr Bamford chaired the meeting and duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. He welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Clerk received no notification of anyone planning to film or record this meeting

1. **To record apologies for absence:** Cllr M Munday, Cllr B Feltwell, Cllr N Moxey, & Cllr C Perry - Illness
2. **To receive Declaration of Interest relating to Agenda items:** - None received
3. **Dispensations – to consider written requests for dispensation of disclosable pecuniary interest in matters relating to Agenda items –** None received
4. **To approve Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 5 May 2022**
- The minutes were approved as a true record and were duly signed.

Proposed Cllr K Spicer Seconded Cllr P Cross All in favour CU

5. **Matters arising from the Minutes - 1114 item 9** Tarmac lifting in front of 34-35 Silver Leys has been reported to SCC – They have replied - does not warrant remedial action at this time. **Page 1116 item 12&13** – cheques to Clubs & Organisations to be passed for payment at tonight's meeting **item 14** Babergh have been informed that Bentley Parish Council adopted the above at the Annual Parish Council Meeting on 5 May 2022 and that Cllrs have been advised to review their current register of interests. **Item 17** Torch Relay was a great success – **item 18**. Letter sent to landowner to try and track down who did the work/damage to Oaks. Rest covered by agenda items.

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County Councillor G Hall -. had sent her written report which had been circulated to Councillors – **APPENDIX 1** in the minute book and on the website. She commented on the Tarmac lifting at Silver Leys – takes time to go through the system and also told the meeting she had been approached by the Police regarding domestic and online abuse at Primary School level and asked if the Council had any experience of this – she was told to check directly with the school. She was asked about school meals – Years 1 & 2 get free meals – does it go beyond that? If it, doesn't it should.

District Councillor D Busby – Had not sent in a written report this month. He spoke about the Women's cycle race which was very well run and very successful and warned of up and coming road works on the A14 – Junction 46 – East Anglian Green – Babergh Cabinet have approved a response – got to go under the sea. He will send Burstall's response to Clerk to circulate. Holly Oak gates are down – the Enforcement Officer was going to have a meeting with the home owner. Finally, Bentley Barn a further meeting is to be held in June/July.

6. **Planning Applications –**

- a) **To note decisions of Planning Authority on previous applications –**

relating to	Application of a non-material amendment -	Amendment details approved
DC/20/04739	Holly Oak, Hazel Shrub	
DC/22/01696	Windy Farm, Capel Road	Permission has been refused
DC/22/01673	Land adjacent Redwoods, Bergholt Road	Permission has been granted
DC/22/01676	3 The Link	Permission has been granted
DC/22/01771	Land at Bergholt Road	Permission has been refused

b) To give comments on any new applications in hand –

DC/22/02716 Teapot House, Grove Road Erection of single storey side extensions

Councillors **RECOMMENDED APPROVAL**

Proposed Cllr J Wheals Seconded Cllr M Bamford All in favour CU

7. **Report by Exception – Tree Warden/Footpath Warden/Capel Library/ Bentley Long Barn /Footpath Warden & Speedwatch - Tree Warden**– read to a written report **Appendix 2** in the minute book and on the website - he told the meeting that Woodland Trust trees- one tree of each species has been delivered to Hadleigh Primary School on 1 June – and as a Consultant had written a report of the condition of the Sweet Chestnut tree following the removal of ivy which had been forwarded to the Clerk – he also spoke about an article in Saturday Telegraph 16 April 2022 about dangerous trees – he will scan and forward to Clerk. - **Friends of Capel Library** – Next Committee meeting Wednesday 15 June. **Bentley Barn** – This has recently been upgraded from Grade 2 and is now listed as Grade 1. - **Footpath Warden** – Case Lane footpath has been sorted. **Speedwatch** – Six sessions have been held with another four having to be cancelled or curtailed due to rain. Four at the Village Hall Two on Capel Road 18 vehicles were reported. 7 at the VH 11 on Capel Road The highest recorded speed was 42 mph by 2 vehicles. Thanks to Peter Day who organised sessions while I was away. - **Community Fibre Broadband** – No report available.
8. **To approve Audited end of year accounts for Smaller Authorities 2021/22**
i) To Approve the Annual Governance Statement 2021/22 (Section 1)- Page 4
ii) To approve Accounting Statements 2021/22 (Section 2)- Page 5 - Deferred - accounts not yet received back from SALC who are undertaking the internal audit.
9. **Service of Decision Notice (ICO Case Reference IC-120802-F2G3 -** The Parish Council provided information requested by a resident under the Freedom of Information Act – the resident was not happy with the information provided and reported the Council to the Information Commissioner who has now sent his decision - *The Commissioner’s decision is that Bentley Parish Council (the Council) disclosed all the information it held within the scope of the request, which concerned the development of a neighbourhood plan.*
10. **To discuss Bentley Barn- Change of listing to Grade 1. -** Cllr Bamford told the meeting that indirectly we had heard that Bentley Barn had been upgraded from Grade 2 and is now listed as Grade 1 by English Heritage – this is the highest listing possible. A discussion followed on the 7 species of bats – Tree Warden told of his involvement as a Trustee of the group that tried to buy the Barn for £18K. District Councillor Busby told the meeting that Babergh Heritage Officer has been for another look at it and we await her report with interest.
11. **To Discuss SALC Internal Audit Report** – Deferred – Not yet received.
12. **To agree Payment £11,986.60 to Action Play & Leisure for Outdoor Gym Equipment -** One item of equipment is missing – it was agreed at the Playing Field Society meeting that the more expensive Surfer be installed (at no extra cost to us)– as the waiting time for the Skier & Twister could be up to 10 weeks or more – The amount stated above is incorrect – should be £12,751.20 – (the latest quote December 2021 showed an increase in cost of the equipment). Babergh District Council have granted the Parish Council a total of £6,865.59 towards the project as a condition of the grant. Total cost to Bentley PC is £3,760.41. It was therefore proposed that payment will be paid upon receipt of the final invoice. The invoice will then be forwarded to Babergh for

reimbursement. District Councillor Busby advised sending a copy of the cheque to go with the invoice as proof it has been paid.

Proposed Cllr M Bamford Seconded Cllr P Cross All in favour CU

13. **National Grid Consultation on East Anglia Green –** National Grid is proposing to construct a new line of pylons and overhead transmission cables across Suffolk, District Councillor Busby suggested that Bentley could send in an objection along the lines of the Burstall objection and say that there is workable technology that could take it down the coast. He will send two articles re pylons and solar farms to the Clerk. After some discussion it was proposed that Bentley PC should write a letter objection to any onshore power lines. Cllr Bamford thought that Bentley Chair might like to reply and submit on behalf of the Councillors. Letter to be sent with agreement from Chair and Councillors.

Proposed Cllr M Bamford Seconded Cllr K Spicer All in favour CU

Action: Objection letter to be sent

14. **To discuss formalising Case Lane entrance to Parish Field -** Deferred
15. **Renewal of Play Area Lease – Update –** SCC informed the Clerk that Bentley Parish Council's costs to renew the lease would be £750 for legal fees. The work is going ahead.
16. **Proposed Quarry Brockley Wood – Belstead –** Letter written by Cllr Bamford was sent to SCC they have replied. *As SCC's Scoping opinion was issued in October 2021 it is too late for this response to be included. I will however forward this onto the agent/applicant for their consideration.* A discussion took place on pollution from the lorries – Tree Warden has a map of dormice distribution. It was agreed to take this off the agenda until a planning application is received.
17. **Improvements to War Memorial –Litter Bin & Bench replacement & to discuss Report re Tree -** The Clerk read out an e-mail from Cllr Munday who would prefer for this to be deferred to the next meeting when more Councillors will be present to discuss the fate of the tree and we have time to consider Consultant's report. It was agreed to defer until the July meeting.
18. **Reprinting Six Country Walks from the Case is Altered - Update** – Footpath Warden has not had time to do anything about this. Cllr Spicer told the meeting that Canon will be happy to print it.
19. **Traffic Calming – To agree quote for new Pole & Solar SID/ANPR -Update –** The solar SID pole has been ordered (£570) and it was proposed that the quote for new pole and solar powered SID (£2,520) be accepted.

Proposed Cllr M Bamford Seconded Cllr J Wheals All in favour CU

20. **Playing Field Society – Tudor Re-enactment – Update -** As previously mentioned (item 12) the gym equipment has been installed apart from one piece of equipment. **Tudor Re-enactment –** No report available. Tree Warden told the meeting that Capel Library has agreed to have a stand.
21. **Neighbourhood Plan –Update** - No report available.
23. **To receive Correspondence** – The Clerk drew Councillors' attention to the following E-mails from SCC x 5 – Play area lease – proposed gravel quarry, Problem report Silver Leys & Bentley Primary school detached Playing field – re planned works to improve car parking – Babergh D C x 3 letter from Enforcement Team re tree removal Rowan Acres, Letter from Monitoring Officer re New Code of Conduct, Successful CIL bid letter – confirmation receipt of signed letter -District Cllr D Busby x 2 Building Hazel Shrub being investigated by Enforcement Team, Bentley Barn Notification – Grade II to Grade 1- David Bracey – Play Area inspection 7 June – Blake Tree Care Invoice & report on Tree at War Memorial – Information Commissioner-Service of Decision Notice ref IC-120802-F2G3.

24. Exchange of information by Councillors and matters for consideration at future Meetings

– **Cllr Wheals** – Attended the Folly Farm meeting – He commented that this is a perfectly well run site that doesn't affect Bentley - **Cllr Spicer** – told the meeting that the Cook Book had been distributed to residents – Cllr Bamford thanked Councillor Spicer and everyone involved with publishing the book. **Cllr Munday e-mail** – Thanks to Tim Hamstead & Bob Munday for fixing the rainbow door to the container & building the plinth & installing the bench in the Play Area. Thanks also to Collins Skip Hire for providing the ballast free of charge. They are willing to repeat the process on Silver Leys Green – Views of residents will be sought as to where the bench will be sited.

25. To Authorise Payments - The following payments were authorised

101585	Blake Tree Care	Ivy removal – tree War Memorial	£660.00
101586	Canon UK Ltd	Print Recipe book	£270.00
157187	Peter Baldwin	2 Cuts grass Closed Churchyard	£300.00
101588	Cllr M Munday	Software – Bentley Bugle	£19.97
101589	Tuesday Club	Donation	£250.00
101590	Bentley Outdoor Bowls	Donation	£400.00
101591	Citizens Advice Ipswich	Donation	£100.00
101592	MAGPAS	Donation	£100.00
101593	SARS	Donation	£100.00
101594	EACH	Donation	£100.00
101595	Babergh District Council	Litter & Dog bin emptying	£431.53
101596	HMRC	Clerk's tax	£33.00
101597	Mrs J Scott	Clerks Salary - May	£529.10
		Minus tax	<u>£33.00</u>
			£496.10
		Plus, Expenses	<u>£58.40</u>
			<u>£554.50</u>

It was proposed that these be paid en bloc.

Proposed Cllr K Spicer Seconded: Cllr P Cross All in favour CU

26. To confirm date of next scheduled meeting – Parish Council Meeting Thursday 7 July 2022 at 7.30 pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

CHAIRMAN:

DATE: