

BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BENTLEY VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 1 JUNE 2017 AT 7.30 PM

Present

Cllr M Bamford - Chairman Cllr R Feltwell Mrs J Scott – Clerk Cllr J Wheals
Cllr K Spicer Cllr C Goodwin Cllr P Cross

Also in attendance: -, County Councillor Gordon Jones and Tree Warden - 5 members of the public

Cllr Bamford welcomed everyone to the meeting and congratulated County Councillor Jones on his re-election. The Clerk received no notification of anyone planning to film or record.

1. **To record apologies for absence:** – Cllr A Graffham & Cllr N Moxey – Work, Cllr K Hutchings - Holiday
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 18 May 2017** – change to **item 6** line 2 - ty should read to with this change the minutes were approved as a true record and duly signed.

Proposed Cllr J Wheals Seconded Cllr K Spicer All in favour CU

5. **Matters Arising from the minutes:** **Page 864** J Blackmore approached re training on remote microphones for the loop – the training takes approximately 20 minutes and will be arranged asap. **Page 865 item 12.** Friends of Capel Library have been informed of the £200 donation from Bentley Council – cheque to be passed for payment at tonight’s meeting. **Item 15** – Contacted Stutton Clerk – they don’t have a SID yet! The Clerk was informed it was Tattingsstone that should have been contacted re the SID/VAS. Rest covered by agenda items.

Action: Clerk to contact Tattingsstone Clerk

Public Session

County Councillor Jones-said it was good to be back working for the next four years. He stated that the Annual Meeting of the Council was only held last Thursday where cabinet members are put in place- he was pleased to say that he has the same responsibility as previously. Two new members in the cabinet have the responsibility for Ipswich and there is a new post for families and communities. SCC is effectively still in Purdah since March – this finishes next week and there are challenging times ahead. There will be a written report next month. County Councillor Jones was asked about SCC being in transition at the moment – he was told that Bentley PC had agreed to purchase signs for the Play Area and also informed of the e-mail from a resident asking for the 30 mph to be extended beyond Station Farm. Cllr Jones said that unless there has been any major change it is unlikely to get through the panel and there is a long legal process however he asked the Clerk to forward the e-mail from the resident to him.

Resident – informed the meeting that a 30 mph sign had been knocked over in Capel Road. Clerk to Notify SCC.

Action: Clerk to forward e-mail to County Councillor Jones & notify SCC re sign

6. **Planning Applications**

a) To note decisions of Planning Authority on previous applications

B/17/00394/FHA Woodview Nurseries, Hazel Shrub Permission has been granted

B/17/00529/FHA 3 Red Cottages, Potash Lane Permission has been granted

b) To give comments on any new applications in hand – None received

7. **Report by Exception – Tree Warden/Footpath Warden – Tree Warden** -Read to a written report – **Appendix 1** in the minute book. He reported that trees along Case Lane footpath have been in reduced in height so they do not impede overhead wires – the Holly tree by the War Memorial is touching the overhead wires and has not yet been reduced in height and it is that time of year to watch out for Ash-Dieback disease which is spreading rapidly and also to look out for Acute Oak decline disease. **Capel Library:** Mr Hawes thanked Bentley Parish Council on behalf of the Friends of Capel Library for the £200 donation which will be put towards refurbishment of the library reception area. The 100 Club membership is now 85 – the Community Cinema is very popular with 61 attending the May film -the next film “Lion” will be shown on 20 June. FoCL will have a marquee at Capel Fund Day on 10 June and second hand books in good condition will be on sale at 30p each as well as other items – half the money raised will add to FoCL funds and the remaining half helps fund Capel Fun Day 2018.

Bentley Long Barn - There is no further news on the Long Barn other than it is up for sale for £250K and if it is taken on as a Community Asset this amount will have to be raised. **Footpath Warden** - Cllr Wheals announced the next walk is on Saturday at 6pm - Harkstead Creek.

8. **To discuss date of Extra Ordinary Meeting to sign off End of Year Accounts** It was proposed that the Clerk contact Village Hall to book Committee Room for Friday 30 June if it is free.

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

Action: Clerk to book Committee Room

9. **To discuss proposed changes to communication with Babergh & Mid Suffolk Councils**- After much discussion it was proposed that future planning applications will be publicised on the Parish Council website with links to Babergh & Mid Suffolk Council’s planning pages and a notice is put in the Bentley Bugle and InTouch Magazine to inform residents.

Proposed Cllr M Bamford Seconded Cllr C Goodwin All in favour CU

Action: Neighbourhood Plan – Agenda item at the October meeting

10. **Traffic Calming – Signage – Play Area – Update** - Already discussed in the public session – keep on Agenda.

11. **To discuss possible Firework Display** - This was discussed at the Playing Field Society Meeting – Essex Pyrotechnics are doing a site survey Cost £1K for fireworks and £500 insurance premium . Cost of tickets would be £4 adult £3 children – if 400 people attended it would almost cover the cost. It was proposed that the Parish Council donate £500 towards the firework display based on a budget of £2K. Any shortfall could be made up from the Fun Day account.

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

12. **Babergh Alliance of Town & Parish Councils** -. Information received from BAPTC has been noted. Keep on the agenda

13. **Affordable Housing – Report on progress – Update** – A note had been received from Hastoe asking for Councillors’ preference for one of the sites. The Council have agreed a procedure that i) Site details are confidential and cannot be discussed in an open meeting - ii) Hastoe have been appointed to find the site and landowner prepared to sell – iii) Hastoe have discussed with

Planners and selected a site - iv) they now have to talk to the land owner – v) Hastoe will then submit a Planning Application for Parish Council to consider. We have delegated the process to Hastoe.

14 Playing Fields Society – A meeting was held before the Parish Council Meeting – Jo Willis reported everything is on track for the Family Fun Day on 10 September but volunteers are needed. The grass cut has taken place and a metre has been left round the perimeter as asked for - An acknowledgement has also been received from Tesco Bags regarding our application for funding. Firework display (28 October) was discussed (see above) Information is to be sought from Ipswich Borough Council regarding BMX ramp and wooden practice wall. Date of next meeting 7 September 2017.

15. To receive Correspondence – The Clerk drew Councillors’ attention to the following E-mail Letter of thanks from Outdoor Bowls Club – e-mails SALC latest LAIS 1400 – Precept Data 2017 and Changes to Data Protection Legislation – e-mail from Babergh & Mid Suffolk re Parish Council communication on e-consultation – planning applications going online – e-mail BAPTC - E-mails from Chairman re Post Box and Planning application circulation to Parishes - e-mail Suffolk County Council re Notice closure C426 4 June – notice put on notice boards - e-mail from Harlequin Group re proposed EE rail installation on Bentley Land at Dingle Dell Station Road Installation of mobile phone equipment.- A reply had been received from Royal Mail acknowledging receipt of Cllr Bamford’s letter.

16. Exchange of information by Councillors and matters for consideration at future Meetings – None

17 To Authorise Payments - The following payments were authorised

101241	Friends of Capel Library	Donation		£200.00
101242	P Baldwin	A2nd cut grass		£110.00
101243	Mrs J Scott	Salary May	£474.24	£525.40
		Minus tax	<u>Nil</u>	
			£474.24	
		Plus Expense	<u>£ 51.16</u>	
			£525.40	

It was proposed that these be paid en bloc.

Proposed: Cllr J Wheals Seconded: Cllr B Feltwell All in favour CU

19 To confirm date of next scheduled meeting – Parish Council Meeting Thursday 6 July 2017 at 7.30 pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.19pm.

CHAIRMAN:

DATE:

Cllr Bamford tendered his apologies for the July Meeting