

# Bentley Annual Parish Meeting

## **Chairman's Report 2023**

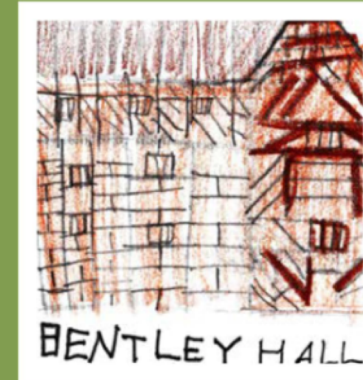


# Bentley Neighbourhood Plan

- 90% voted 'YES' for the Neighbourhood Plan
- Babergh District Council have 'adopted' Bentley Neighbourhood Plan on 12 December 2022
- Our Neighbourhood Plan will be used to help determine future planning applications
- Many thanks for all the hard work over 4 years put in by the NP working party team to achieve this.

## BENTLEY

Neighbourhood Plan 2018 - 2037

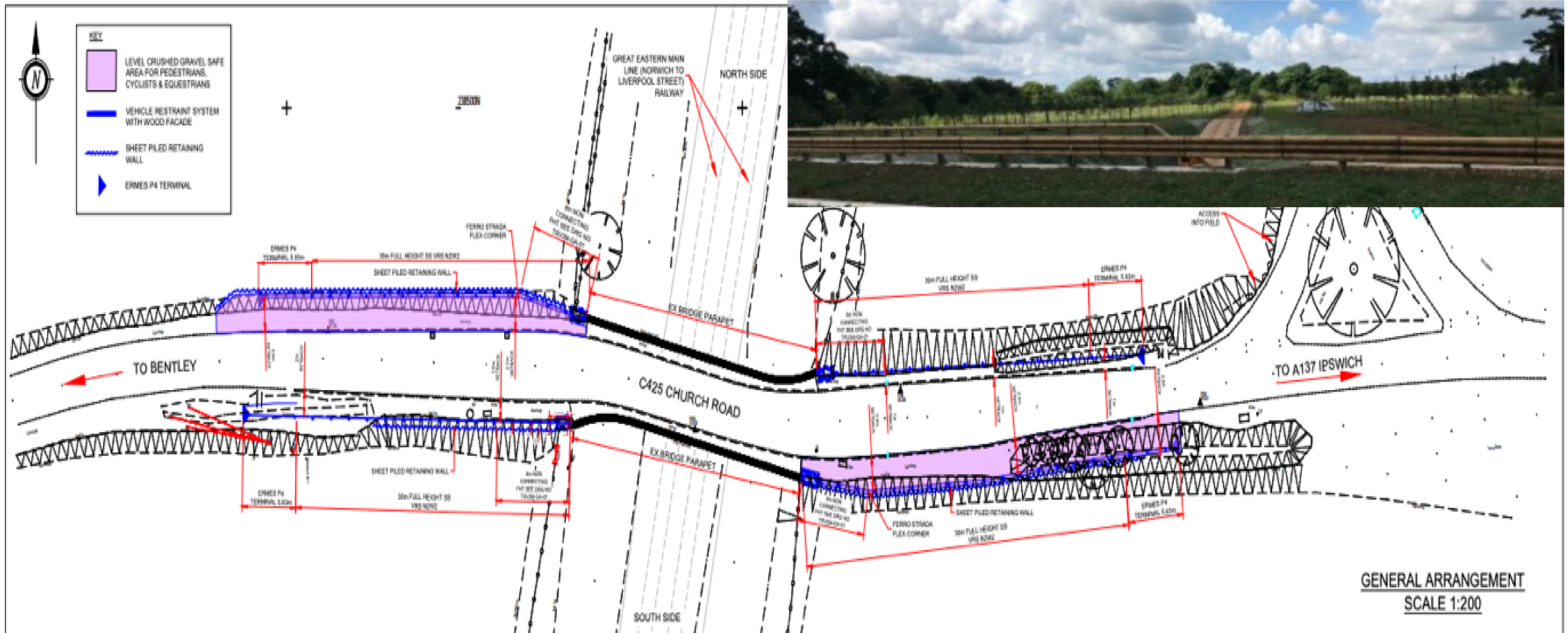


**REFERENDUM  
DECEMBER 2022**

**BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

# Bentley Bridge Barrier – Church Road

Planned work to be carried out January-April 2023 has now been cancelled by Suffolk Highways..





# Water main replacement – Bergholt Road

## Scheme Update - Headlines

- Commencement Date: w/c 30 May 2023
- Construction Duration: 7 weeks
- Start Location: Junction of Capel Road and Bergholt Road
- End Location: Junction of Bergholt Road and Hazel Shrub / Bentley Road
- Also includes: The Link
- Total Cost: £ 190k





# Planning Applications

- **Solar Farm –**

- no further news since village consultation last year

- **Brockley Wood Quarry waste processing & concrete batching–**

- opposed by Parish Council and many residents
  - Concerns re
    - Ecology
    - Landscape
    - Groundwater contamination
    - Impact of through traffic
  - Suffolk County Council have issued a Regulation 25 request for more information on 10 March 2023
  - Applicant has 28 days to respond



# Bentley Village Playing Field

- Thanks to Jon Haines, Maritime FC for maintaining the Village Playing Field.
- Drainage work funded with CIL money carried out in 2021 has enabled year round use of the field.





# Outdoor Gym Equipment installed July 2022

- Work to improve the surroundings is ongoing.
- Weedkilling and mowing should allow the grass to grow through.
- Plans for a special surface to be purchased.





# Bentley Village Playing Field

- Bins on Playing Field
- Kindly emptied by Jon Haines, Maritime FC
- Also many thanks for addition of dog poo bin emptied by local residents



# Events on Playing Field

**Company of Merrie Folke Fair**

on 2 & 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023

organised by Nicky Moxey



**Fireworks Display organised by Tim & Jan Hamstead**

Many thanks to volunteers who help make this a very successful event.

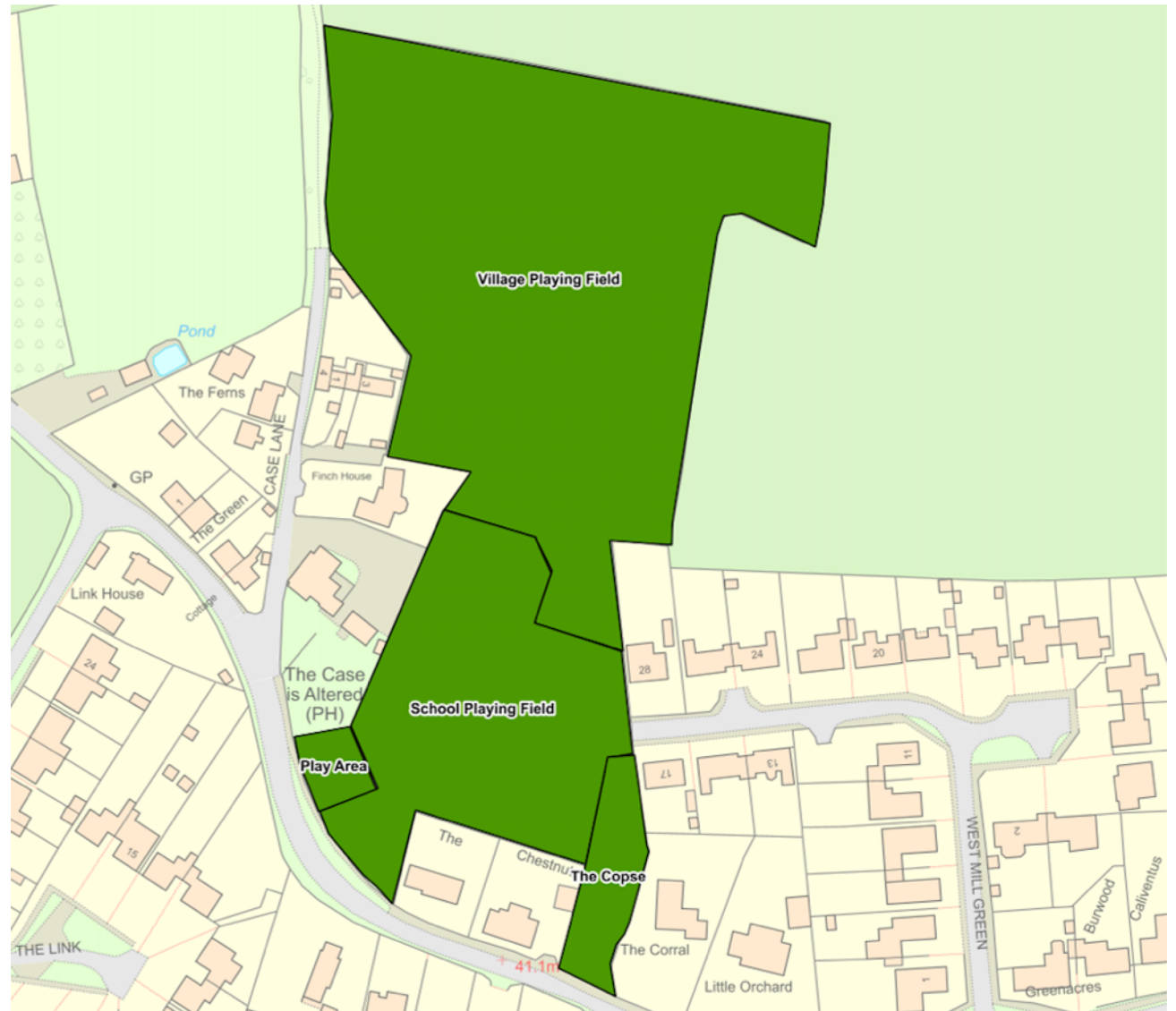
Profits from last year's display will buy equipment for future events





# Access and parking

- Improvements to entrance of School playing field on Capel Road have been completed.
- Discussions re lease arrangement with the Parish Council to support the School with maintenance of the School Playing Field and Copse





# Road Safety – 2<sup>nd</sup> Speed Indicator Device

- Purchase and installation of a 2<sup>nd</sup> solar powered SID
- Installed in Capel Road outside Rowan Acres
- Battery powered SID at other end of village at Highfields
- Thanks to Robert Munday for changing and charging the batteries.



# Road Safety – ANPR trial

- ANPR – Automatic Number Plate Recognition
- Trial by Suffolk County Council in partnership with Suffolk's Police and Crime Commissioner and Suffolk Constabulary
- Bentley one of the trial villages to share ANPR camera.
- Eventually will result in fines for persistent offenders



# Road Safety – Community Speed Watch

## Many thanks to Community Speedwatch team

- In the last year, 56 sessions held and 313 vehicles were reported to the Police.
- The highest speed recorded (several times) was 48 mph.
- Work in various parts of the village
  - Capel Road (where most speeding occurs)
  - Village Hall
  - War Memorial
  - Bergholt Road
- **THEY NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS! ONLY 1 HOUR PER WEEK. CONTACT OUR CLERK, JOY SCOTT [joyvscott@outlook.com](mailto:joyvscott@outlook.com)**





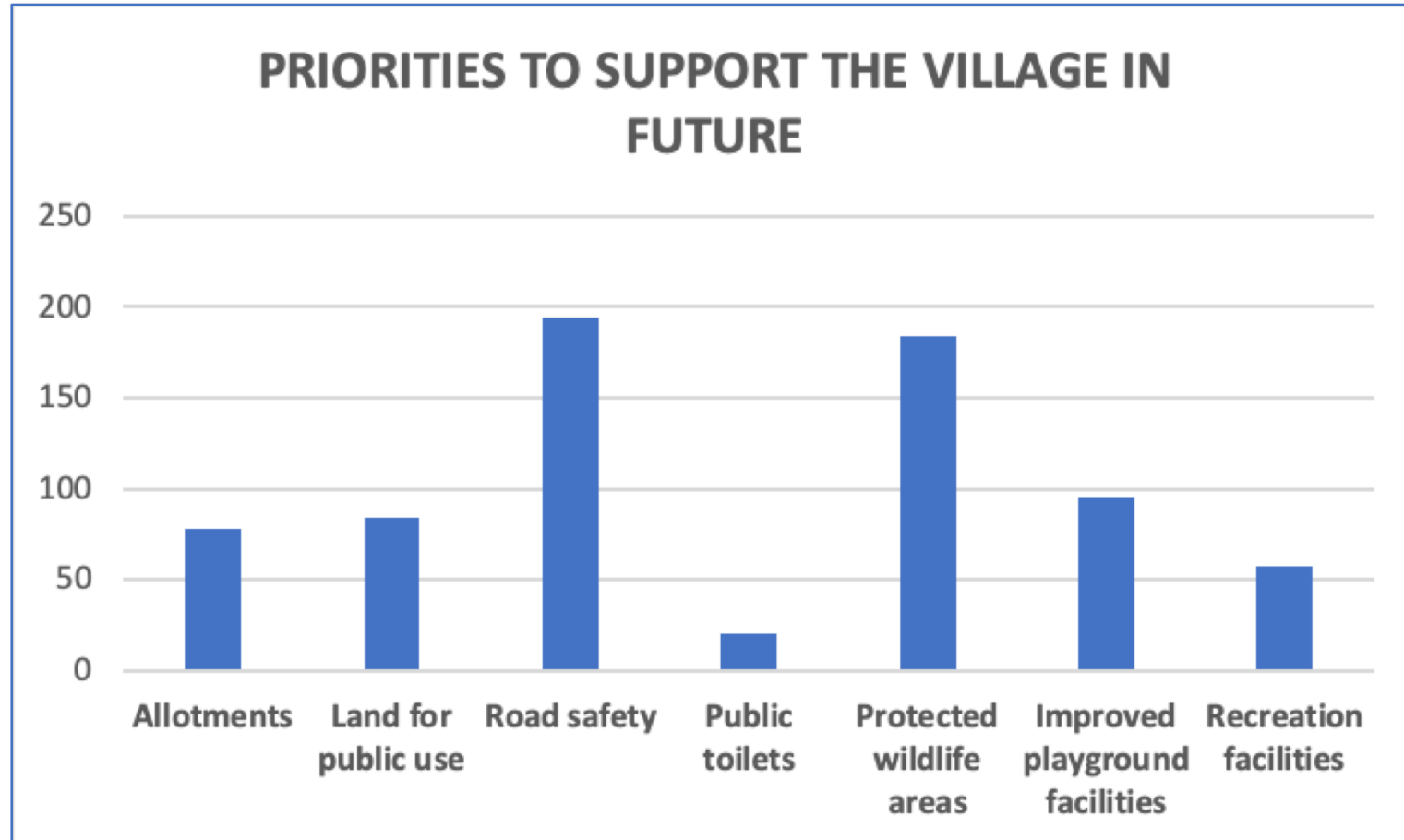
# Improvements requested by residents



- Improvements to War Memorial Area
  - Ivy removed from tree
  - Memorial bench and new bin installed
- New benches
  - Purchased for Play Area and green at Silver Leys

# Update to the Neighbourhood Plan

- Parish Infrastructure Investment Plan (PIIP)
- What the Parish wants to spend money on
- You told us in 2018 these were your priorities
- Needs to be updated
- We are given CIL money to spend on infrastructure
- We need your ideas!



# Thanks to..

- Cllr Georgia Hall, our County Councillor for all her help with Highways matters
- Cllr Dave Busby, our District Councillor for all his support and advice with planning matters
- Our Clerk, Joy Scott whose sterling work helps support the the Parish Council in so many ways
- All the clubs and organisations in the village and
- Our Tree Warden, Footpath Warden and other volunteers who help make Bentley such a vibrant community