

BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON AT BENTLEY VILLAGE HALL ON -THURSDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2021 AT 7.30 PM

Present

Cllr M Munday - Chairman Mrs J Scott – Clerk Cllr B Feltwell Cllr N Moxey
Cllr M Bamford Cllr P Cross Cllr K Spicer Cllr J Wheals
Cllr C Perry

Also, in attendance - County Councillor Georgia Hall, District Councillor D Busby, Tree Warden, Speedwatch Co-ordinator and 9 members of the public

Cllr Munday welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologised for the cold room –Covid restrictions were still being observed – and gave a short explanation of how a Parish Meeting worked for residents who had not attended a Parish Council meeting before. The Clerk received no notification of anyone planning to film or record this meeting. A risk assessment had been carried out for 9 Councillors and up to 24-28 members of the public with seating 1 metre plus apart.

1. **To record apologies for absence:** Cllr D Schumacher
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 Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 7 October 2021** - The minutes were approved as a true record and were duly signed.

Proposed Cllr N Moxey Seconded Cllr P Cross All in favour CU

5. **Matters arising from the Minutes - Page 1082 item 5** – Remembrance Service is on Sunday 14 November when the road will be closed from 10.50 to 11.30 – notices have been posted on the notice boards. Not heard anything about the caravan on Highfields. **Page 1083 item 7** – e-mail thanks sent to Ray Bloomfield for the work he has undertaken on the playing field. – Rest covered by agenda items

Public Session

County Councillor G Hall - had sent her September written report which had been circulated to Councillors – **APPENDIX 1** in the minute book and on the website. She reported on extra Covid 19 support from the Government – more resources to avoid unsustainable pressure on the NHS – Bus Services – Cabinet to study £50 million plan to boost Suffolk bus services – the funding bid is being made to the government’s £3 billion fund under its Bus Back Better National Bus Strategy for England, The Lorry Route Review Survey was sent to every Parish Council & their County Council will then endorse the key issues from information gathered. Regarding possible extension to Footpath – its scheduled to be an agenda item with Right of Ways but need the Parish Council to get agreement from the landowner – e-mail regarding safety of horse riders – PC needs to find out width of the road - until that is known Highways can’t get central marking of the road – they were very concerned and are looking at it. County Councillor Hall asked if the PC were going to consult on the buses – she was told about the saga of the Bentley Bus and that we would definitely be responding and completing the lorry route survey.

District Councillor D Busby – had sent his written report which had been circulated to Councillors **APPENDIX 2** in the minute book and on the website – He told the meeting he really enjoyed the firework display it was very well organised. He was asked about pressure on bin collection drivers but said there were no problems.

Resident: A number of residents at Silver Leys asked if it would be possible to have a bench on the green. – this will be an agenda item at the December meeting.

Resident: Asked for traffic calming measures on Capel Road – coming from A12 its 60 mph then drops down to 30 mph – there have been several accidents – he wondered if it would be possible to lower the speed limit. He was told it is very difficult to get the speed limits changed and outside the PC’s remit but asked him to let them know of any incidents. He was also told to contact our MP James Cartlidge with his concerns.

Resident: County Broadband had given two presentations re faster Broadband and it sounds like a good deal as a lot of people now work from home and want faster Broadband. However, he wanted residents to be aware that once you register an interest and sign up you cannot move to another ISP in the interim. The first six months is £28 then it doubles unless you drop down. They need 30% of households to sign up, He urged residents to read the Terms and Conditions very carefully - Network Provision and who provides Broadband – be aware you are tied in for two years – the first six months is very good but then it is the top of the market – once signed up you are locked in - Connection is free but it doesn’t say installation is free – it could be more costly depending on your location also new contracts may have to be negotiated for infrastructure. Openreach is another option - you have to go to them and show there is a demand but they have already got half their infrastructure in place. All of the big Broadband providers (Sky, Talk Talk etc) are with Openreach. You only have to sign up for 12 months and sign up with your chosen Broadband provider. He spoke about the Giga Voucher Scheme and read out a paragraph about it.

6. Planning Applications –

a) To note decisions of Planning Authority on previous applications – None received

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

DC/21/05139	Former Pump House, Dodnash Fruit Farm, Hazel Shrub	Change of use & conversion of former pump house to form a holiday let unit
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RECOMMEND APPROVAL.

Proposed Cllr N Moxey	Seconded Cllr C Perry	All in favour	CU
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7. To discuss response to Planning Application DC/21/05110 Land to the South of Thompson & Morgan, Poplar Lane, Sproughton – Five objections to this application were online. It has been assessed and refused by Highways so no response will be sent by Bentley Parish Council.

8. Report by Exception – Tree Warden/Footpath Warden/Capel Library/ Bentley Long Barn /Footpath Warden & Speedwatch - Tree Warden– Reported strong winds brought down a tree and telephone line on Church Road between the Church and Station Cottage – the tree has been removed and the line repaired. The 150 tree whips and 100 m of hedgerow tree whips, guards and stakes from the Woodland Trust will be delivered to the Playing Field during the third week of this month – (Rotary Club of Ipswich have volunteered to help with planting). Suffolk Tree Wardens and officers of the Tree Council met at Redgrave Park, Redgrave Suffolk on 20 October to learn about “Trees for a Changing Landscape” and for practical seed gathering in Redgrave Park – this was filmed by the BBC and will be shown on Countryfile on 7th (unfortunately I was unable to attend). Reminder The Regional Tree Warden Forum for East Anglia takes place on 20 November 9.30-15.45 at St Osyth Village Hall (I have registered to attend – cost £15). **Friends of Capel Library** – Reminder the library is now open without restrictions, however, hand hygiene and mask wearing is encouraged. Quiz night on 16 October was greatly enjoyed by 12 teams. Library Clubs are now all back. Three Community Cinema nights have taken place – the October film was attended by some 40 people that covered the cost of hiring the film. A traditional Guy for 5th November was placed outside the library to raise money for Capel Primary School. Christmas raffle tickets are now available from the library giving you a chance to win a photography shoot with a prize of two photos sent digitally to the winner in time from Christmas. A coffee shop has been added to the adjacent hall and is open Monday to Saturday. Next Friends committee meeting is on 23 November to discuss events for 2022. **Bentley Barn** – No further

news received. - **Footpath Warden** – Nothing to report. **Speedwatch** – There have been four sessions held since the last meeting. 16 vehicles were reported. 2 at the Village Hall, 1 at the War Memorial and 13 on Capel Road. The highest was recorded at 41 mph at the Village Hall. I should like to record my thanks to all volunteers, but especially Peter and Jane Day, who carried out the sessions during my absence."

Action: Reimburse Tree Warden (£15) – Agenda item

9. **To Approve Six Month Accounts – April – September 2021 -** Deferred
10. **To discuss 2022 quote for Grass Cutting Services – Closed Churchyard –** Confirmation re extra cuts not yet received from PCC – deferred until the next meeting.
11. **To discuss Parking – Garages in Silver Leys -** Tree Warden clarified that this land is now Crown Land and should be sorted out by residents that use that area – the Parish Council cannot get involved it is up to Silver Leys residents to sort it out.
12. **To discuss purchase of projector & Dongle – Broadband Village Hall -** It was agreed that a projector to show planning application details would be more transparent – the usual printed copies had not been available for residents due to Covid restrictions. A dongle was not deemed necessary. Cllr Cross will find out if the Village Hall does have a projector for use by residents.
13. **To discuss Community Fibre - County Broadband/Openreach –** The information given to the meeting by a resident in the Public Session was very helpful – Cllr Munday had been in touch with Open Reach and the approach would have to be from the Village proving there is a demand. A discussion ensued and it was agreed that it needs to be fully researched by a Working Party of four to six people from different parts of the Village. (Peter Chapman & Allyn Thomas) to find the best option for the Village. The difference between Openreach, County Broadband or any other provider needs to be publicised in the Bugle and Bentley Facebook Page. - It was proposed that the Parish Council would sponsor any costs.

Proposed Cllr C Perry Seconded Cllr N Moxey All in favour CU

It was also proposed that a printed leaflet be delivered to every house in the Village.

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

Action Working party to be formed – leaflet printed & delivered to every house in Bentley

14. **To discuss quote for Play Area Bench Plinth –** The Clerk told the meeting she was struggling to get two quotes for the plinth. Cllr Perry to send telephone number of a local contractor.
15. **Dangers of Horse Riding in the Village – Update –** Already covered in the Public Session by County Councillor Georgia Hall – Measurements will be taken of the road and sent to Highways – a letter had been sent from the Parish Council to the resident asking for the hedge to be cut back.
16. **CPR Training re Defibrillators –** 30 people had replied on Bentley Facebook Page wishing to undertake training. Cllr Moxey told the meeting that Steve Willis is willing to do the training and will bring the equipment. Probably 8 at a time in the pub. Keep on the agenda
17. **Litter Bins for Playing Field & Play Area -** Waiting to hear from Babergh.
18. **To discuss possible extension to a Bentley Footpath -Update -** Cllr Wheals reported that he had met with the landowner but was told that because sheep might be in the field it might be unwise to extend the footpath. The landowner was invited to speak - he was not happy about the advice given out on Facebook regarding flicking dog poo on fields as it can cause disease and is a cause of abortion in grazing sheep. He was told that the item was removed from the website and Facebook as soon as that information was received - however the Dog (fouling of Land) Act 1996 does not apply to agricultural land. He was told that the Parish Council want to work with him but he said he preferred to keep things on hold at the moment as sheep would be going on that field this week. Leave on the agenda.

19. **To discuss Tree on Silver Leys – Update** - Babergh have reported that the tree in question plus the ones in Highfields are within the Adopted Highway and as such are managed by Suffolk County Council. Clerk will contact SCC via their reporting tool.

Action: Contact Suffolk County Council

20. **Traffic Calming – SID/ANPR/Road Markings – Update** - Already spoken about SID and ANPR is ongoing. Clerk to chase SCC re white lines on road.

Action: Contact Highways re white lines

21. **Playing Field Society** – Drainage of the pitch has been completed by Terrain Aeration Services Limited. A CIL application has been submitted to Babergh for gym equipment on the Playing Field. A draft Policy for Use of the Field has been drawn up and accepted by Trustees.

22. **Neighbourhood Plan – Update** Cllr Moxey told the meeting there was nothing to report. The Inspector is back and picking it up again. Consultation has been given an extension to the end of next week for comments.

23. **To receive Correspondence** – The Clerk drew Councillors’ attention to the following e-mails - Babergh & Mid Suffolk x 5 - Recycling bring Sites, Tree Silver Leys & Highfields, Waste Collection Schedule Christmas & New Year, Parish Precept 2022/23, Draft Housing land supply position statement consultation, & Tree Silver Leys & Highfields. – Suffolk County Council x 3 Quiet Lane Bergholt Road hedges, Lorry Route Map Review in Suffolk & Horse Rider safety in Bentley – SALC x 3 Survey request Babergh website, Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch, & Remembrance Sunday Messaging to Suffolk’s veterans & families community - Residents x 2 Riding Community Concerns & Fish Lakes leaking water onto road. Agenda item

24. **Exchange of information by Councillors and matters for consideration at future Meetings**
Cllr Moxey - requested agenda items Headway App and Help for Heroes **Cllr Spicer:** Suggested a Bentley Cook Book as part of the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee celebrations. **Cllr Bamford** – Requested a letter of thanks be sent to Ian Chapman for cutting the Play Area grass – also offer him some reimbursement for petrol etc. – Agenda item

Action: Agenda items – Contact SCC re leaking water from fish lakes - Headway app and Help for Heroes. Re-imburement for Petrol

25. **To Authorise Payments** - The following payments were authorised

101558	Terrain Aeration Services Ltd	Drainage Playing Field		£9,600.00
101559	Peter Baldwin	Grass cut/strim C/yard		£140.00
101560	Mrs J Scott	Clerks Salary October	£520.00	
		Minus tax	00.00	£636.82
	NB: Expenses include BACS payment to One Suffolk (£60) for Annual Website Hosting Renewal		£520.00	
		Plus Expenses	£116.82	
			<u>£636.82</u>	

It was proposed that these be paid en bloc.

Proposed Cllr N Moxey Seconded: Cllr C Perry All in favour CU

24. **To confirm date of next scheduled meeting** –. Parish Council Meeting Thursday 2 December 2021 at 7.30 pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

CHAIRMAN:



DATE: 02/12/2021