

BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF AN EXTRA ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN BENTLEY VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 PM ON FRIDAY 6 AUGUST 2021.

Present

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

Also in attendance –, District Councillor D Busby, Tree Warden and 3 members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting which was being held to discuss the planning application submitted for Capel Grove. – we have been asked to comment on the application from Bentley perspective.

1. **To record apologies for absence –** Cllr D Schumacher & Cllr C Perry
2. **To receive Declaration of Interest relating to Agenda items:** None received
3. **To approve Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 1 July 2021 –** The minutes were approved as a true record and duly signed.

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

4. **Matters arising from the minutes - Page 1072 item 10** – An order was sent to Terralift Drainage Treatment - Work due to start on 11 October - CIL funding being sought to help fund outdoor gym equipment **Page 1073 item 16** – SCC were contacted re approval of the new Bentley Bridge designs **Page 1074 item 18** – Course for Footpath Warden on hold for time being. **Item 21** Playing Field signs are in situ.

Public Session

District Councillor D Busby – Told the meeting that as well as being a District Councillor he was also Vice Chair of the Community Land Trust who were going to discuss an alternative which would leave the junction as it is. Highways have not commented on the application yet. The reason for the meeting is how much will it impact on Bentley. There is an issue with Capel Practice which is not large enough now – Bentley residents are increasingly being asked to travel to East Bergholt – there is no bus service to our Core Village – the supermarket has restricted parking. NHS will not support funding for a new Capel St Mary surgery – No NHS facilities No Build! Babergh's Joint Local Plan – Schools, Dental services, parking, Broadband, loss of arable land, noise from the A12 (it is horrendous), erosion of bridle way and footpaths, restricted access from Capel, Copdock Interchange and a cycle route from Capel St Mary to Ipswich were discussed.

A question was asked about the impact on infrastructure bearing in mind the amount of times the road from Capel to Bentley has been closed due to water leaks etc.

Bentley residents will be greatly affected by this application – especially with medical services, infrastructure in terms of services and access to those services, there will be an impact with increased traffic on the A12 and through the village to get to Manningtree Station – it is going to isolate Bentley from Capel as residents will not be able to use their Core Village due to lack of public transport.

5. **To discuss Planning Application DC/21/03954 Land at Capel Grove, Capel St Mary - Outline Planning Permission (Access to be considered all other matters reserved) – Residential development of up to 519 dwellings , provision of up to 5000 sqm of Class E (Commercial , business & service), C2 (Residential Institutions), early learners centre, extension to existing playing field, open space, allotments & associated infrastructure**

The main objection to this application is because of the size of the development and access to facilities

Following a discussion it was proposed that the Clerk compose a response to Babergh Planning and e-mail it to Councillors for approval. – which will be attached to these minutes

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

6. **To discuss repair/replacement of Play Area Bench** - Councillors had been sent details of the benches available at Nelson Potter – Tudor Bench (Pressure Treated) £249.16 plus VAT – Bench (Heavy Duty – Pressure Treated) – 3 sizes – largest £252.50 incl VAT – this is the same as the one we have got which has only lasted for 5 years and. Oak Bench Joinery grade oak £450.30 incl VAT (£375.25). Details of re-cycled plastic benches had also been supplied but were dismissed mainly due to environment issues and aesthetics.. After some discussion it was proposed that an Oak Bench should be purchased from Nelson Potter at £375.25 – with a view to replacing the remaining two benches at a later date. It was suggested that the wood from the Play Area bench could be used to refurb the other two benches for the time being..

Proposed Cllr N Moxey Seconded Cllr K Spicer All in favour CU

Action: Clerk to contact Nelson Potter

7. **To Authorise Payments**– The following payments were authorised

101544	ICO	Data Protection Renewal Fee	£40.00
101545	Cllr M Bamford	Playing Field Signs	£48.00
101546	P Baldwin	Grass cut/strim Closed Churchyard	£140.00
	HMRC	Clerk’s Tax	£0
101547	Mrs J Scott	Clerks Salary July	£520.00
		Minus tax	£0
			<u>£520.00</u>
		Plus Expenses	<u>£56.47</u>
			<u>£576.47</u>

It was proposed that these be paid en bloc

Proposed Cllr N Moxey Seconded Cllr M Munday All in favour

8. **To confirm date of next scheduled Meeting** – Thursday 2 September 2021 at 7.30pm. Preceded by Playing Field Society Meeting at 7pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.31pm.

CHAIRMAN:



DATE: 02/09/2021