

BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON AT BENTLEY VILLAGE HALL ON -THURSDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2022 AT 7.30 PM

Present

Cllr M Munday - Chairman Mrs J Scott – Clerk Cllr B Feltwell Cllr M Bamford
Cllr N Moxey

Also, in attendance - County Councillor Georgia Hall, District Councillor D Busby, Footpath Warden & Speedwatch Co-ordinator – Mark Pryke & Grant Tufts – Anglian Water

13 members of the public

The Chairman welcomed Mark Pryke, his colleague Grant Tufts and 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 J Wheals, Cllr D Schumacher, Cllr K Spicer Cllr P Cross and Tree Warden,
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 6 October 2022** - The minutes were approved as a true record and were duly signed.

Proposed Cllr N Moxey Seconded Cllr B Feltwell All in favour CU

5. **Matters arising from the Minutes -:** **Page1136 item 8** letter sent to Charlotte Perry – Electoral Officer was informed and Casual Vacancy Notice put on Notice Boards **item 11** Village Hall Trustees informed of BDC’s Community Development Grant - **item 13** Letter sent to Village Hall Trustees **Page 1138 item 25** SCC were contacted re pavements in Capel Road CR reference 374949.

Public Session

Cllr Munday welcomed Mark Pryke Network Service Manager (Ipswich) for Anglian Water and his colleague Grant Tufts. Mark thanked the Parish Council for the opportunity to come and talk about how they investigate mains as a business – Proposals currently being looked at and Additional Services. – See attached. He told residents where their water came from (Alton Water to Raydon Tower), how they deal with leaks and the different types of leaks. He agreed that the pipework needed to be replaced at The Link and explained about funding- this is a three quarters of a million pound scheme that is being looked at in the next Five Year Investment Plan – at the moment he is trying to prioritise a smaller scheme (400 metres in Capel Road) re 3 individual properties in The Link and will advise if successful. He was asked about surface water that collects in the cul de sac following heavy rain – this is not an Anglian Water problem – Suffolk Highways are responsible for the highways. Anglian Water are not always consulted re new developments. The meeting was told how water pressures are controlled to keep the flow as stable as possible. It was hoped that Anglian Water could get a solution and wanted to work with residents and the Parish Council to achieve a good outcome. Mark & Grant left the meeting at 8.20 after being thanked by the Chairman for attending.

County Councillor G Hall -. sent her written report which has been circulated to Councillors – **APPENDIX 1** in the minute book and on the website. She reported on the newly installed replacement Fen Bridge and highlighted SCC’s Winter Matters Campaign. County Councillor Hall was happy to take any questions and was asked about new driveways in Holton St Mary – the pavements along Capel Road are in a very bad condition – this has been reported to Highways by the Clerk.

District Councillor D Busby- sent BDC Update & Monthly Town & Parish Briefing **APPENDIX 2** in the minute book and on the website. He reported that Anglian Water are consulted re new developments – it is a very important part of planning. He mentioned the campaign to name 22 new gritting lorries and was congratulated on the investment side of BDC – He predicted that next year is going to be really tough.

County Councillor Hall and District Councillor Busby were thanked for supporting Bentley.

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/22/05334	Bentley Hall, Bentley Hall Road – Picked up from John Hinton’s List	Discharge of Conditions - Application for DC/22/02041 Condition 3 (Internal Doors) (Part discharge for door to bathroom) and Condition 4 (Mechanical Ventilation)
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SCC/0105/22B	Brockley Wood, Land off A12 Belstead Suffolk IP8 3JS	Extraction, processing & sale of sand & gravel, processing of inert waste materials & concrete batching with associated plant & related sales, associated access works, phased restoration using inert recovered materials & aftercare plan. Extraction, processing & sale of sand & gravel, processing of inert waste materials & concrete batching with associated plant & related sales, associated access works, phased restoration using inert recovered materials & aftercare plan
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The proposed quarry and gravel treatment plant will have a huge impact on Brockley Wood and Old Hall Wood that are County wildlife sites and will be very close to the oldest Hall house in Bentley – Bentley Old Hall and will have a major impact on its setting, tranquillity & rural position. It will also impact on the recreational amenities of both residents & visitors to the Parish using associated footpaths to and from Belstead. Another issue will be HGV’s (approximately 257 per day) using the site – if the A12 & A137 are closed they will come through Bentley.

It was felt that 30 days to discuss this application was too short a time and County Councillor G Hall was asked if she could ask for it to be deferred until the New Year - District Councillor Busby suggested a meeting with Copdock & Washbrook to discuss. It was proposed that SCC be asked to defer the date of this application until the New Year and that an Extra Ordinary Meeting be held as soon as possible. – Clerk will check availability of the Village Hall

Proposed Cllr M Bamford Seconded Cllr M Munday All in favour CU

It was also proposed that a Zoom meeting be arranged with other parishes to discuss and that the plans are publicised widely.

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Action: Contact SCC via County Councillor Hall re date defer – arrange EOM asap – zoom meeting to be arranged with other parishes.

7. Report by Exception – Tree Warden/Footpath Warden/Capel Library/ Bentley Long Barn /Footpath Warden & Speedwatch - Tree Warden– No report available. **Friends of Capel Library** –No report available. **Bentley Barn** – No report available -. **Footpath Warden** – Nothing to report. **Speedwatch** – Six sessions were held since the last meeting plus one curtailed due to rain. One at the War Memorial, Two at the Village Hall, Three on Capel Road. 56 vehicles were reported. 6 at the WM, 5 at the VH, 45 on Capel Road. The highest recorded speed was 44

mph. A new Community Engagement Officer has been appointed and I hope to meet with her shortly."

8. **To discuss purchase of projector** – Cllr Munday told the meeting that the owner of the borrowed projector was happy to sell it to the Council – cost is not yet known.
9. **To consider funding WIFI at the Village Hall** – Letter was sent to Village Hall re Wi-Fi and purchase of defibrillator - Village Hall Trustees will get back to us in due course.
10. **To approve Six Month Accounts April -September 2022 – Deferred** Working Party had been unable to meet.
11. **Health & Safety Issue – Copse, Capel Road – The** Clerk reported that SCC were meeting to discuss the Copse on 31 October – the site visit had taken place later when the tree issues were discussed with the school. They are now arranging for removal of those trees identified as being dead as soon as possible.
12. **To discuss defibrillator at the Village Hall** – See 9 above.
13. **Registering a Domain Name for Bentley PC re E-mail addresses for Clerk & Councillors – Update** - This was highlighted by SALC in their Internal Audit Report. Cllr Munday told the meeting that 5gb would cost £120 every two years – it was thought that 5gb would not be enough so cost for 100gb will be sought.
14. **To discuss finding out Specific Plans by Landowners re 2023 Harvest – The** letter to landowners has been done – it will be sent out as soon as possible.

Action: Send out letter to landowners
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15. **Renewal of Play Area Lease – Update** – SCC were contacted by the Clerk and they have replied "*I have checked in with my legal colleague to gauge progress and will let you know when I hear but I don't expect any issues a course of action has been agreed.*"
16. **Improvements to War Memorial –Litter Bin & Bench replacement & Tree** - The Clerk was waiting for dimensions to be checked before ordering. The costs had been agreed and voted on so she was told to go ahead and order the bench and the bin.

Action: Order bench and bin

17. **Traffic Calming – SID's/ANPR -Update** – ANPR is coming to Bentley on 14 November 2022 for one week.
18. **Playing Field Society – Tudor Re-enactment & Fireworks– Update** Clerk will send cheque (£314.32) to Brain Research Trust once the account has been finalised. Looking forward another magnificent display on Saturday as always. Maritime report that the entrance to the school field is almost complete.
19. **Neighbourhood Plan –Update** - Cllr Moxey reported that the Referendum is due to take place on 8 December. A post card will be delivered to remind people to vote. She is arranging a drop-in evening for anyone who wants to ask any questions or anyone in the village who may be confused.
20. **To receive Correspondence** – The Clerk drew Councillors' attention to the following E-mails. E-mails x 5 BDC Neighbourhood CIL October £12,383.98 & Precept Indicative Tax Base should be sent out by 17 November, Planning enforcement re Rowan Acres (**Agenda item**), Bentley Referendum 8 December 2022 and Competition – Name our bin lorries. E-mail re Event Approval – Remembrance Service- County Councillor Georgia Hall re meeting 31 October re The Copse – Suffolk County Council x 2 – Rural Mobility Survey & Pavements Capel Road - Charity Commission - Changes made to Trustees and contact – Places4Peole – Confirming Bentley NHP referendum Grant applications from Friends of Capel Library & Headway (Horticultural Society & Bentley Outdoor Bowls – will not be applying for grants this year) – Resident – re plinth at Play area – could gap be filled with soil/grass so there is no lip to slip or

trip- E-mails x 2 Mounted Volunteers Poster, & Maritime FC – Progress School Entrance. – SALC News Bulletin – NALC pay scales for 2022.

Action: Agenda items – Rowan Acres – Removal of trees and hedges – Plinth Play Area

21. Exchange of information by Councillors and matters for consideration at future Meetings – Cllr Bamford – Bench purchased for Silver Leys is still in his garage- needs a plinth. Resident told meeting that the bench on the front of West Mill Green needs some attention.

22. To Authorise Payments - The following payments were authorised

101631	Cllr M Munday	Software – Bentley Bugle	£19.97
101632	Peter Baldwin	Grass cut – Closed Churchyard	£150.00
101633	Places4People	400 NHP Postcards	£120.00
101629	HMRC	Clerk’s tax	
101630	Mrs J Scott	Clerks Salary - October	£529.10
	NB: Expenses include BACS	Minus tax	<u>£0.00</u>
	payment to One Suffolk (£60)		£529.10
	for Annual Website Hosting	Plus, Expenses	<u>£122.23</u>
	renewal.		<u>£651.33</u>

It was proposed that these be paid en bloc.

Proposed Cllr N Moxey Seconded: Cllr M Bamford All in favour CU

23. To confirm date of next scheduled meeting –. Parish Council Meeting Thursday 1 December 7.30 pm.

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

CHAIRMAN:

DATE: