

# BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE BENTLEY 2023 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING ON THURSDAY 13 APRIL 2023 AT 7.30 PM

**Present** - Cllr M Munday – Chairman - 18 members of the public and the Clerk to the Parish Council.  
Also in attendance - Cllr B Feltwell, Cllr Bamford, Cllr Spicer, Cllr Moxey, Tree Warden, Speedwatch Co-ordinator & District Councillor D Busby

**1. Welcome & Apologies for Absence:**

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone she explained that the Annual Parish Meeting was generally more relaxed and informal than a Parish Council meeting and any feedback would be welcomed. **Apologies:** Cllr J Wheals sent his apologies but due to Clerk's computer problem were not received in time for the meeting.

**2. To approve minutes of the 2022 Annual Parish Meeting -** The minutes were approved as a true record.

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

**3. Matters arising from the Minutes -** There were no matters arising.

**4. Presentation from Bentley CEVCP School -** Councillor Munday introduced Head Teacher Jo Austin who was accompanied by two pupils (Head Girl and Head Boy) from Bentley CEVC Primary School -. Who introduced themselves and proceeded to give an update on school life this year. They told the meeting they had been working alongside the Local Authority and Governing Body to review what is working well and where they can improve the school provision – it had been really interesting observing learning in lessons and feeding back to teachers. They had created a questionnaire to find out what the children enjoyed doing during their break & lunchtimes. They talked about Pupil Leadership, Prayer Space & Worship, Outside Spaces, their Wonderful PTA, Curriculum events and finished their presentation with What's Next. They thanked the meeting for listening to their School Report and asked if anyone was interested in becoming a School Governor as they would be interested in hearing how you could make a difference to their school too A written report - **Appendix 1** can be found in the minute book or on the Parish Council website. This excellent presentation was given a round of applause. The Chairman thanked the Head Girl and Head Boy for their very professional and interesting report she also thanked the Head Teacher for organising before they left the meeting.

**5. Parish Council Chairman's Report -** The Chairman Cllr Marianne Munday gave a presentation of her report via the projector – A written report **Appendix 4** can be found in the minute book and on the Parish Council website. She spoke of the **Bentley Neighbourhood Plan** which Babergh District Council adopted on 12 December 2022 and will be used to help determine future planning applications – she thanked the NHP Working Party Team for their hard work over four years to achieve this. Planned work on the **Bentley Bridge Barrier** – Church Road – has now been cancelled by Suffolk Highways. **Water main replacement** – Bergholt Road which commences on w/c 30 May for 7 weeks from junction of Capel Road & Bergholt Road to junction at Hazel Shrub-(also includes The Link) total cost £190K **.Planning Applications** No further news regarding Solar Farm since Village consultation last year – Brockley Wood Quarry waste processing & concrete batching opposed by Parish Council and many residents, SCC have issued a Regulation 25 request for more information – the applicant has 28 days to respond. **Bentley Playing Field** - Maritime FC, drainage, outdoor gym equipment, bins (emptied by Maritime and an addition of dog poo bin emptied by residents) Events included Company of Merrie Folke Fair 2 & 3 September 2023 organised by N Moxey and Fireworks display organised by Tim & Jan Hamstead – Improvements to entrance of School Playing Field have been completed – discussions re lease with the Parish Council to support the school with maintenance of the school playing field and copse. Thanks to Ian Chapman who keeps the Play Area grass cut. **Road Safety** – second solar SID purchased & installed in Capel Road outside Rowan Acres - Battery powered SID is at Highfield – thanks to

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Robert Munday for changing and charging batteries. -ANPR trial by SCC – Bentley is one of the trial villages – no data received yet. Clerk will chase. Many thanks to Community Speedwatch who work in various parts of the village – they need more volunteers. **Improvements requested by residents** – War Memorial ivy removed from tree, memorial bench and new bin installed – new benches purchased for Play Area and Silver Leys. **Update to NHP** The Chairman explained about the Parish Infrastructure Investment Plan (PIIP) this needs to be updated We are given CIL money (25% now the NHP has been adopted) to spend on infrastructure and we need ideas from residents The Chairman ended her report with thanks to County Councillor Georgia Hall, District Councillor Dave Busby, the Clerk, all the clubs and organisations in the village, Tree Warden, Footpath Warden, Community Speedwatch Team and other volunteers who help make Bentley such a vibrant community. Her excellent presentation was given a round of applause.

**Action:** Clerk to chase SCC re ANPR data

**Resident:** Thanked the Parish Council for organising the road closure for the Remembrance Service – it makes such a difference.

6. **Report from County Councillor Georgia Hall – To receive the report** - County Councillor Georgia Hall's written report **Appendix 3** had been received and forwarded to Councillors. It is on the Parish Council website and in the minute book.
7. **Report from District Councillor David Busby – To receive the report** - District Councillor Busby's written report **Appendix 2** had been received and forwarded to Councillors. It is on the Parish Council website and in the minute book. District Councillor Busby looked back over four years and talked about Planning, Climate change and Environment – Tree Canopy survey &, Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan approved to identify and support schemes across the district -, Leisure Centres - £2m on a new pool in Hadleigh and £2.4m on Kingfisher leisure centre improvements. Waste & Recycling, Grants obtained, the Economy and Finances -CIFCO investments continue to provide of £1m of income each year for the Council. He finished his report by saying it had been a pleasure to represent Bentley over the last four years and thanked everyone for their support and looked forward to seeing everyone in May. He also reminded residents that they would need photo ID to vote – this could be drivers' licence, passport – anything with a photograph to prove its you.
8. **Reports from Local People & Organisations – To note any written reports & to receive any presentations for local voluntary groups and organisations** - Reports were received from: Bentley CEVC Primary School, Toddler Group, Outdoor Bowls, Link Lunch Club, Whist Club, Village Hall, Carpet Bowls, St Mary's Church, Tuesday Club, Community Shop, The Case is Altered, School Governors, Bentley Bluebells WI, Bentley Scrabble Club, Tree Warden Report, Friends of Capel Library and, Speedwatch.

**The Chairman thanked everyone for their reports all of which have been published on the Parish Council website.**

9. **Parish Infrastructure Investment Plan – Utilisation of CIL Monies – We want your ideas** – N Moxey explained to the meeting about the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) money – which comes in two kinds of pots – we have Parish Infrastructure Investment Plan (PIIP) which is money that is received from developments in the Village - originally 15% but once a NHP is adopted it rises to 25% - this money can be spent by the Parish Council – drainage on the Playing field was one such case and seems to have been successful. Babergh District Council also has a pot of CIL money which can be applied for. The Parish Council received some money from that pot towards the gym equipment. We will be coming round and asking for your ideas later on – on what this money should be spent on. The suggestions have to be reasonable – the original ideas were collected via the questionnaire from the NHP.

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Refreshments were the served and residents were approached for ideas re 9 above.

The meeting closed – 9 pm

CHAIRMAN:

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