

BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BENTLEY VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 4 JANUARY 2018 AT 7.30 PM

Present

Cllr M Bamford - Chairman Mrs J Scott – Clerk Cllr R Feltwell Cllr J Wheals
Cllr K Spicer Cllr C Goodwin Cllr N Moxey Cllr A Graffham

Also in attendance, District Councillor Hinton & Footpath Warden- 5 members of the public.

Cllr Bamford welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Clerk received no notification of anyone planning to film or record.

1. **To record apologies for absence:** — Cllr K Hutchings & Cllr P Cross (away). Tree Warden and –. County Councillor Gordon Jones
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 December 2017 -**
The minutes were approved as a true record and duly signed.

Proposed Cllr K Spicer Seconded Cllr J Wheals All in favour CU

5. **Matters Arising from the minutes: Page 889** tyres have been reported to Babergh again – not heard anything. WI have been contacted and they have sent a copy of their accounts a copy of the leaflet has been received and the WI will come back with cost details– Clubs had been sent an e-mail informing them of grants to be paid in May **Page 892 item 13** – The Village Hall AGM is 22 January 2018 **Page 893** – Meeting dates for May and July have been changed to 10 May and 12 July they are on the notice boards and have been sent to Bentley Bugle

Action: Clerk to contact WI

Public Session

County Councillor Gordon Jones – No report available.

District Councillor John Hinton – Councillors had been forwarded a copy of District Councillor Hinton's report **Appendix 1** in the minute book and on the Parish Council website. Cllr Hinton wished everyone a Happy New Year he had just returned from a Council meeting where a new Council Leader (John Ward) had been appointed following the resignation (before a vote to remove her) of Jennie Jenkins. He said Planning is still in a mess and that the Council is involved in so many legal disputes indicates that it has lost the trust and co-operation of the people it is supposed to serve. The next major decision is on the Budget which must reflect the actual financial situation of the Council and if necessary reduce spending to balance the books. In the wider field there is talk of extra investment in infrastructure but little sign that our own County Council is preparing to bid for some of the monies.

Resident: spoke about his planning application and told Councillors that it was going to be a family home.

6 Planning Applications

- a) **To note decisions of Planning Authority on previous applications** -

DC/17/04756	Alcove, Capel Road	Amendment details approved
DC/17/03175	Trevlac, Capel Road	Discharge of conditions
DC/17/03472	17 Highfields	Amendment details approved
DC/17/05497	Land East of Grove Road, Grove Road	Permission has been granted
DC/17/04729	Little Dodnash Farm, Bentley Road	Permission has been granted

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

DC/17/06071	Linkfield, Hazel Shrub	Outline planning (Access to be considered) Erection of a dwelling following demolition of existing barn
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RECOMMEND APPROVAL

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

DC/17/06221	Satis, Potash Lane	Erection of replacement dwelling & cartlodge
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RECOMMEND APPROVAL

Proposed Cllr M Bamford Seconded Cllr A Graffham All in favour CU

DC/17/06290	The Apple Loft, Dodnash Fruit Farm, Hazel Shrub	Use of ground floor of barn in conjunction with first floor as part of agricultural/equine workers accommodation as a variation to planning permission B/12/01009/FUL
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RECOMMEND APPROVAL

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

Cllr B Feltwell declared an interest in the TPO's mentioned in the Tree Warden report below.

7. **Report by Exception – Tree Warden/Footpath Warden – Tree Warden** – in the absence of the Tree Warden the Clerk read to a written report **Appendix 2** in the minute book. There were no reports of tree damage or trees blown down in the windy conditions. A request has been sent to Babergh & Mid Suffolk Tree Officer and his assistant for TPO's to be placed on all oak trees around the boundaries of the proposed developments west of Church Road, along Bergholt Road and its adjacent field boundaries. **Capel Library:** Next Committee Meeting 13 January 2018. AGM 4pm Saturday 27 January in the library – all welcome. The January film is Dunkirk. **Bentley Long Barn** – No further news. **Footpath Warden** - Nothing to report - no reports received of any trees down.

8. **To sign Precept Charging Authority Form** - The completed form requesting a precept of £14,500 was duly signed by the Chairman, two members of the Parish Council and the Clerk and will be returned to Financial Services at Babergh District Council.

Proposed Cllr B Feltwell Seconded Cllr C Goodwin All in favour CU

Action: Send Precept Form to Babergh

9. **To discuss Suffolk Minerals & Waste Local Plan –** No further feedback – take off agenda.
10. **To discuss Data Protection Legislation – May 2018** - We await more information from SALC. Keep as an agenda item.
11. **To discuss provision of bird boxes on Playing Field** - It was proposed that the Tree Warden be asked to provide details and quotes for the proposed bird boxes using the balance awarded at the March 2015 meeting. (£150 less £60 paid for the owl box). If any further money was needed he was to contact the Council.

Action: Contact Tree Warden

12. **To discuss/sign Mandate Change Form for Clerk to become signatory -** The Clerk informed the meeting that she had been unable to transfer monies between the accounts and was advised to either complete a Mandate Change Form to become a signatory or send a letter signed by the signatories giving the authority to move money between the three accounts. After some discussion it was proposed that a signed letter be sent to the Bank.

Proposed Cllr A Graffham

Seconded Cllr C Goodwin

All in favour CU

13. **Response to Joint Local Plan Consultation Document** - Bentley Parish Council's response (delivered to every household) had been sent to Babergh District Council and an acknowledgement had been received. No feedback had been received although one or two people had responded online.
14. **Boundary Commission – Electoral Review of Babergh Warding Arrangements - Update** Bentley Parish Council input has been acknowledged but nothing further has been heard.
15. **Traffic Calming – Signage – Play Area – Update** – We are awaiting further information about Number Plate Recognition. The Clerk has spoken to SCC this morning regarding the signage which County Councillor Jones has agreed to pay for – the signs are now waiting to be ordered. The latest speedwatch figures show there are a lot of people speeding through the village.
16. **Babergh Alliance of Town & Parish Councils** - Bentley's input on the Joint Local Plan Consultation was acknowledged but no dates for further meetings have been received.
17. **Affordable Housing – Report on progress – Update** - No news to date. Clerk to chase.
18. **Playing Fields Society –Bentley Family Fun Day – Firework Display** - Fun Day (£382.92) and Fireworks (£1663.70) was banked following the December meeting. E-mail had been sent to Capel U 11 Football Club re fees. Permission has been given to the Astronomical Society to hold a Star Party on the field on Saturday 6 Jan – weather dependent - or if not on Saturday 28 February.
19. **To receive Correspondence** – The Clerk drew Councillors' attention to the following - Letter from EE Broadband service price increase £2 –E-mail Friends of Capel Library – thanks E-mail Village Hall re change of meeting dates May & July plus thanks from Tuesday Club – E-mail SCC re future notification of road closures & restrictions – E-mail –SALC latest information from NALC on GDPR (Data Protection officer) – e-mail from Peter Baldwin – thanks to Bentley PC enclosing quote for 2018/19. **Late Correspondence:** Letter from HMRC re impending changes updating their IT systems – e-mail UK Power Networks re storm Eleanor – e-mail re Star Party Orwell Astronomical Society Playing Field 6 Jan or 28 Feb and letter from James Cartlidge he is holding a surgery in Bentley on Friday 12 January
20. **Exchange of information by Councillors and matters for consideration at future Meetings**
Cllr Bamford – Will attend James Cartlidge surgery on 12 January and talk about infrastructure. **Cllr N Moxey** – has membership forms for Capel Library and 100 Club if anyone wants a copy. **Cllr B Feltwell** - Churchyard Maintenance – Agenda item

Action: Churchyard Maintenance – Agenda item

21. To Authorise Payments - The following payments were authorised

101278	I Chapman	To replace cheque 101276.		£100.00
101279	Bentley Village Hall	Hall Hire Oct/Nov/Dec		£45.00
101280	P Baldwin	Grass cut./leaf clear Nov/Dec		£220.00
101281	Mrs J Scott	Salary December	£479.00	£519.43
		Minus tax	<u>Nil</u>	
			£479.00	
		Plus Expenses	<u>£ 40.43</u>	
				£519.43

It was proposed that these be paid en bloc.

Proposed: Cllr B Feltwell Seconded: Cllr J Wheals All in favour CU

22 To confirm date of next scheduled meeting – Parish Council Meeting Thursday 1 February 2018 at 7.30 pm. Preceded by Playing Field Society Meeting at 7 pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.46pm.

CHAIRMAN:

DATE: