

# BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON AT BENTLEY VILLAGE HALL ON -THURSDAY 7 April 2022 AT 7.30 PM

### Present

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

Also, in attendance - District Councillor D Busby, Tree Warden, Speedwatch Co-ordinator and 1 member of the public.

Cllr Munday welcomed everyone to the meeting. 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 C Perry, County Councillor Georgia Hall and Footpath 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 3 March 2022** - The minutes were approved as a true record and were duly signed.

Proposed Cllr N Moxey      Seconded Cllr D Schumacher      All in favour      CU

5. **Matters arising from the Minutes - Page 1104 item 5** – Internal Control Report – signed and put on website – Agenda and Notice for Annual Parish meeting on notice board & sent to Clubs, County Cllr & District Cllr. Cllr M Bamford will pick up the oak bench from Nelson Potter. Rest covered by agenda items.

## Public Session

**County Councillor G Hall** -. had sent her written report which had been circulated to Councillors – **APPENDIX 1** in the minute book and on the website.

**District Councillor D Busby** – read to a written report **Appendix 2** in the minute book which had been forwarded to Councillors and put on the Parish Council website. He spoke about infrastructure projects affecting this area – 6 solar farms – Bramford/Twinstead overhead lines – new line coming from Norfolk, Suffolk & Essex by A12 – consultation starts shortly – need to keep an eye open for it. He was asked about article in EADT.

### 6. **Planning Applications** –

- a) **To note decisions of Planning Authority on previous applications** – None
- b) **To give comments on any new applications in hand** –

<b>DC/21/00989</b> <b>APP/D3505/W/21/3275413</b>	Ruseley, Hazel Shrub,	<b>Appeal Dismissed</b>
<b>DC/21/01223 -</b> <b>APP/D3505/W/21/3274928</b>	Land Adjacent 4 And 5 South View Green	<b>Appeal Dismissed</b>
<b>DC/21/05139</b>	Former Pump House, Dodnash Fruit Farm, Hazel Shrub	<b>Permission has been granted</b>

**DC/22/01673** Land adjacent Redwoods, Demolition of agricultural building & erection of  
Bergholt Road 1 no detached dwelling

Councillors **RECOMMENDED APPROVAL** with the caveat that it is within the setting of the

Suffolk Coasts and Heaths AONB and Dodnash Woods (a County Wildlife Site) that is light sensitive. The site is immediately adjacent to the boundary (see map attached) and thus is located within its setting and has the potential to impact on both. Under the National Planning Policy Framework 130 & 176, the conservation and enhancement of wildlife and cultural heritage are important considerations in these areas, and should be given great weight and development within their setting should be sensitively located and designed to avoid or minimise adverse impacts on the designated areas.

As reported by Suffolk Wildlife Trust for application DC/21/01315 *With the proximity of the site to Dodnash Woods CWS and the potential connectivity offered by the hedgerows onsite, then foraging and commuting bats have been identified as potentially using hedgerows and trees adjacent to the site. Therefore, it is important that there is no light spill from external lighting and that dark corridors are retained around the site for the foraging and commuting bats. Therefore, a lighting strategy in accordance with current guidelines should be designed. It is particularly important there is no light spill on the neighbouring CWS.*

Proposed Cllr D Schumacher    Seconded Cllr N Moxey    All in favour    CU

**DC/22/01676**    3 The Link    Erection of front porch extension, construction of  
2no front dormer windows, installation of 1no  
rooflight, installation of a roof lantern & rear  
dormer extension in conjunction with loft  
conversion

Councillors **RECOMMENDED APPROVAL** but were concerned that the block paving drive may contribute to flooding in the road – could consideration be given to a permeable surface.

Councillors received one objection from a parishioner: *This application should not have roof extension fronting Bergholt Road as it is out of keeping with all the other similar bungalows fronting Bergholt Road. The proposed driveway should not be block paved but should be porous to prevent further flooding of Bergholt Road and to allow rain water to drain into the ground.*

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

**SCC/0027/22**    Folly    Farm    Quarry,    RIA Screening & coping request for a proposed  
**B/SCREEN**    Tattingsstone    eastern extension to Folly Farm Quarry for the  
extraction, processing, sale & distribution of sand  
& gravel & subsequent restoration using inert  
materials

Councillors **RECOMMENDED APPROVAL** – This is a well run site - but should not cause increased traffic from the site on Station Road and Capel Road through the Village (as previously agreed) and all access should be from A137. on the main road.

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

7. **Report by Exception – Tree Warden/Footpath Warden/Capel Library/ Bentley Long Barn /Footpath Warden & Speedwatch - Tree Warden– Nothing to Report - Friends of Capel Library – Next Committee meeting Wednesday 15 June. Bentley Barn – No further news. - Footpath Warden - Two finger posts still to be reported, and one out standing to fix.**

**Speedwatch** - Unfortunately due to my absence, Covid and the recent bad weather only 4 sessions were held since the last meeting - 3 at the Village Hall and 1 at Capel Road 21 vehicles were reported, 8 at Capel Road, 13 at the Village Hall. Highest recorded speed was 43 mph by 2 vehicles. One on Capel Road but also one at the Village Hall (which is going some!) - **Community Fibre Broadband** – No report available.

8. **Proposed Quarry Brockley Wood – Belstead** – The application for the Quarry has been approved this proposal is for siting a major piece of industrial plant adjacent to Bentley Parish Boundary to process the gravel. This will have a major impact on the setting of the Grade 2\* listed building, Bentley Old Hall and important ecological sites at Brockley Wood and Old Hall Wood, together with the recreational amenities of footpaths and bridleways from the village towards Belstead. After some discussion it was proposed that we get in touch with Andrew Rutter SCC Case Officer and find out if we did write an initial response as it is not listed then we need to decide what our response will be -

Proposed Cllr M Munday      Seconded Cllr D Schumacher      All in favour      CU

9. **To consider grants – Tuesday Club, MAGPAS, SARS, EACH** - Grants were proposed for the following;

Tuesday Club	£250
MAGPAS	£100
SARS	£100
EACH	£100

Cheques will be raised for the Annual Parish Meeting.

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

<b>Action:</b> Inform associations of the grants
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10. **To discuss how the Parish Council can support Bentley Outdoor Bowls – Update** - Following a short discussion it was proposed that the Parish Council would give a further donation of £200 to help towards mower costs. A cheque for £400 will be raised for the Annual Parish Meeting.

Proposed Cllr M Munday      Seconded Cllr N Moxey      All in favour      CU

11. **To ratify payment – Domain Name (£57) & Places4People (£80)** - It was proposed these payments be ratified.

Proposed Cllr M Bamford      Seconded Cllr P Cross      All in favour      CU

12. **To agree & Sign Neighbourhood CIL Expenditure Report** - Councillors had been sent a copy to the Neighbourhood CIL Expenditure Report and it was proposed that it be signed and sent off to Babergh. It will also be put on the website.

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

<b>Action:</b> Signed copy to be sent to Babergh and put on the Parish Council website
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13. **Renewal of Play Area Lease – Update** – The Clerk informed the meeting that SCC were getting things moving and will provide an estimate of costs to renew the lease.

14. **Telegraph Poles – Corner of Church Road & Capel Road** - The Clerk informed the meeting that this had been reported to SCC who are investigating.

15. **To discuss damage to Oaks along Bergholt Road** - Both SCC and BDC were contacted re the damage and confirmed that they had not undertaken the work – it was probably a contractor on behalf of the landowner – they would also have been responsible for clearing up after the works had been completed. Apparently, farmers are allowed to “trim” trees without seeking permission. It was felt however, that the damage to the oaks along Bergholt Road is substantial and that the

Arboriculture Officer at Babergh should be contacted again. The landowner is Johnson Family Trust.

**Action:** Contact David Pizzey at Babergh

16. **To discuss Torch Relay –** This is happening on 19 May at ten past five and is coming through Bentley main road. It will be an E-Rickshaw and the two nominees (Ray Bloomfield & Ellie Kirwin) are happy to take part. This relay is moving round towns in Suffolk over a period of about a month carrying the torch.
17. **Improvements to War Memorial –Quotes for work to tree -** Clerk told the meeting that Blake Tree Services have quoted £550 plus VAT £110 to remove all ivy chip and remove rubbish from the Site. Dedham Vale Tree Surgery were also contacted – they would cut the ivy down round the bottom of the tree – it would take about a year to completely die off – cost would be in the region of £100. It was proposed that Blake Tree Services quote be accepted.

**Action:** Contact Blake Tree Services

18. **Reprinting Six Country Walks from the Case is Altered - Update** – Deferred until Footpath Warden returns. Cllr Spicer told the meeting that 32 page booklet would cost in the region of £225.
19. **Purchase of Projector - Update -** Cllr Munday told the meeting we can borrow the projector used at tonight’s meeting anytime so there was not need to purchase one. She will be using the projector at the Annual Parish Meeting.
20. **Traffic Calming – SID/ANPR/Road Markings – Update -** The road markings have now been done and the signs have been removed. Cllr Munday informed the meeting that the ANPR Project is part of the Suffolk 2020 Fund and there have been a lot of problems getting it off the ground. There was a problem siting on Capel Road due to the pole – if we are able to get it again – it will be best sited at the Village Hall. We need a solar powered permanent SID in Capel Road which will require a new more substantial pole to take the solar panel. Cllr Schumacher was told that the SID in Bergholt Road was not working – he was aware the battery need changing and was going to move it to the pole at Highfields. He is also going to download Bergholt Road SID data.
21. **Playing Field Society – Maritime Report & Gym Equipment – Update -** Report received from Maritime re state of pitch since deep aeration treatment of the field – seems to be working providing the rain is not torrential it holds up well and everyone is very impressed.. The progress of the access via the School Entrance – this has been on hold over the winter due to condition of the ground and an access road has been installed through the gate to prevent cars getting stuck. The parking area will be completed during the summer for thirty cars. The report also gave an update on Maritime’s progress during the year.. Cllr Munday told the meeting that confirmation has been received from Babergh that the S106 application has been successful and because of that our CIL application will be successful. The Neighbourhood portion of CIL Receipts between 1 October 2021 and 31 March for Bentley Parish is £7,244.13.

**Tudor Re-enactment –** Cllr Moxey reported that there will be lots of attractions including the dog show with lots of Village people. It is happening the first weekend in September for two days. Volunteers will be needed.

22. **Neighbourhood Plan –Update** - Cllr Moxey reported that the report from the Examiner promised at the end of February has still not been received. Once it is received the PIIP Report and CIL money can be updated before we go to referendum.
23. **To receive Correspondence** – The Clerk drew Councillors’ attention to the following Quotation from Blake Tree Care – NWA Planning x 2 re proposed Quarry Brockley Wood, Belstead – Babergh District Council x 5 Caravan at Highfields, Community Governance Review – Notice on Notice Boards, Confirmation of CIL payment. Resident x 2 Garage access between garages Silver Leys – Suffolk County Council x 4 Play Area Lease, Report re Trees Bergholt Road, Electricity Poles Church Road - Suffolk Community Organisation – Torch Relay – PKF Littlejohn AGAR 2021/22 external auditor instructions, Bentley Outdoor Bowls – info on Mower

& R Lansdell re State of Footpaths 27/30 and 58.- It's the responsibility of the landowner for their footpaths – ask Footpath Warden to investigate

24.. **Exchange of information by Councillors and matters for consideration at future Meetings – Cllr Munday** – Received a visit from Landowner re letter from British Horse Society – Bridle Path, Case Lane- As a Parish Council we do not support it - this is not yet a formal application for the Parish Council to comment.

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

101573	Places4People	Invoice Difference – NHP- <b>ratified</b>		£80.00
101574	Cllr M Bamford	Lock & Keys – Playing Field		£30.00
157175	Cllr B Feltwell	Domain Name Renewal		£29.99
101576	Suffolk County Council	Charges SID/TVAS posts		£380.00
101577	GeoXphere Limited	Parish Online - Subs		£90.00
101578	Mrs J Scott	Clerks Salary April	£520.00	
		Minus tax	<u>00.00</u>	£602.22
			£520.00	
		Plus, Expenses	<u>£87.22</u>	
			<u>£607.22</u>	

It was proposed that these be paid en bloc.

Proposed Cllr J Wheals                      Seconded: Cllr C Perry                      All in favour                      CU

26. **To confirm date of next scheduled meeting** –. Annual Parish Council Meeting Thursday 5 May 2022 at 7.30 pm.

27. **To consider the exclusion of the public & Press in the public interest for consideration of item 28 -** It was proposed that the remaining member of the public be asked to leave.

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

28. **To discuss Clerk's Salary – NALC 2021-22 National Salary Award** – It was proposed that the recommended NALC Pay scale (backdated) be applied to the Clerk's salary?????

Proposed Cllr                                      Seconded Cllr                                      All in favour                      CU

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.50 pm.

**CHAIRMAN:**

**DATE:**