

# BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF AN EXTRA ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN COMMITTEE ROOM @ BENTLEY VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 PM ON MONDAY 27 JUNE 2022

### Present

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

Also in attendance – 1 member of the public.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. **To record apologies for absence** – Cllr C Perry
2. **To receive Declaration of Interest relating to Agenda items:** None received.
3. **To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 9 June 2022** –  
The minutes were approved as a true record and duly signed.

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

4. **Matters arising from the Minutes - Page 1118** – Telephone call received from landowner re who damaged oaks on Bergholt Road. -**Page 1119 item 8** – Notice of Public Rights & Publication of unaudited Annual Governance & Accountability Return Notice was put on the notice boards on 9 June 2022 – **item 12** – Gym equipment has been installed plus the “surfer” but not the matting underneath it or the additional matting – should have been sorted by 16 June. – Payment has not yet been made. **Page 1120 item 13** – East Anglia Green Consultation is now closed.

### **Public Session**

5. **To approve Audited end of year accounts for Smaller Authorities – 2021/2022** - *The Clerk* told the meeting that Financial Working Party (Cllrs Cross & Schumacher) went through the accounts via a Zoom meeting before they were e-mailed to SALC for the internal audit. Councillors have been sent a copy of SALC’s Report which will be an agenda item at the July meeting.
  - i) **To approve the Annual Governance Statement 2021/22 (Section 1) – Page 4** – It was proposed that the Annual Governance Statement 2021/22 be approved.

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

- ii) **To approve Accounting Statements 2021/22 (Section 2) -Page 5** - Clerk/RFO reported Councillors had been issued with a copy of the 12 month Receipts and Payments 2021/22 - Receipts for the year 2021/22 amounted to £23,935.27 this figure includes precept £14,500, VAT repayment £1,816.71, interest (£1.35), £998.00 from Groundworks re Neighbourhood Plan -, £1664.877 CIL monies, £258.00 Babergh Parish Grant, & £3,500 from Gordon Jones Locality Budget for Maritime – re car parking. Total payments over the 12 months included general admin £8,649.20 which includes Clerks salary/expenses, grants under the power of S137 £800, S142 (citizens Advice) £100, S138B £100 (British Legion) & S19 (Bentley Bowls £200 – grass cutting/leaf clearance –closed churchyard £1,450 – SID/ poles etc £2,015.56- unplanned expenditure - £8,000 Terrain Aeration - £3, 500 Maritime & £466 re leaflets & Oak Bench for Play Area otherwise payments are within budget. There were 4 uncleared cheques Applewood Acres £100 Cllr Bamford (signs) £48 & Places4People £1,117 & £80. Current Account total £4,460.48 – Family Fun Day Tracker Account £4,396.79 which includes firework

accounts and Parish Council Tracker account £9,699.49. It was proposed that the Accounting Statements be approved.

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

5. **6To consider the Neighbourhood Plan Examiner’s suggestion to consult on the deletion of housing requirement figures and Policies BEN1, BEN2, BEN 3 and BEN 4 and the supporting text for these policies in the Plan. -** Councillors had been sent a copy of the Note from the Examiner to the Parish Council and Bentley District Council. - Cllr Moxey told the Councillors that following a meeting with the Inspectors, BDC issued a briefing note that explained that the Joint Local Plan will be split into two parts – Part 1 will contain all strategic policies (less Policy SP04 – Housing Spatial Distribution) and all development management policies (less Policy LP30 - Designated Open Spaces). Current settlement boundaries and open space designations would be saved from existing adopted policy and carried forward into the Part 1 document. She explained BEN1 – Spatial Strategy – built up area is where we would like to see it. BEN2 – Housing development and housing numbers – includes the Oakleigh development as well. BEN3 – is specifically about development – we are not expected to produce a given number of houses in the NHP so 3 and 4 need to come out. 2 is housing development and talks about 58 additional dwellings. We have no figure to meet so that also needs to come out. BEN1 and Spatial Strategy describes the potential development Places4 People think we should retain BEN1 with an amended map of the boundary which can be a supporting document. BEN11 refers to “Vegetated Built Edges” – it was agreed to change predominantly to largely and to remove supporting text at paragraphs 8.6 and 8.7. After some discussion re the Assessment by Alison Farmer it was proposed that BEN1 and 8.6 and 8.7 be retained (which described the landscape assessment done by Alison Farmer) but BEN2, 3 & 4 be deleted. It was proposed that we provide BDC with this response.

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

7. **To confirm date of next scheduled Meeting** – Thursday 7 July 2022 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15pm.

CHAIRMAN:

DATE: 7<sup>th</sup> July 2022