

BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON AT BENTLEY VILLAGE HALL ON -THURSDAY 6 APRIL 2023 AT 7.30 PM

Present

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

Also, in attendance - County Councillor Georgia Hall, District Councillor D Busby, Tree Warden Footpath Warden, Speedwatch Co-ordinator, Mark Pryke – Network Service Manager, Stuart Rowland – Project Engineer (Anglian Water) & 12 members of the public

The Chairman welcomed 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 D Schumacher, Cllr P Cross,
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 2 March 2023** –. The minutes were approved as a true record and were duly signed.

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

5. **Matters arising from the Minutes** - Page 1162 – **item 5** – Repairs to The pavement between 34-35 Silver Leys have now been addressed – **Page 1164 – item 8** - Babergh District Council were informed - Councillor’s agreed with the name Oakleigh Green -**Item 9** – Councillors have been sent copies of the relevant pages of Standing Orders and Financial Regs **item 12** – Invoice for £120 to be passed for payment this evening – Rest covered by agenda items.

Public Session

County Councillor G Hall - Had not yet sent her written report for April but had sent her Annual Report which has been circulated to Councillors – **APPENDIX 1** in the minute book and on the website. She reported on two things -Coronation application for road closure needed to be in by 2 April. SCC had obtained Government funding of £7.9 million - £46,000 has been granted to Capel St Mary and Copdock for a cycle path – she was asked several questions but was unable to give any detail. There was a short discussion on flooded road at Tattingstone – seems to be a lot of activity over there. County Councillor Hall left the meeting.

Mark Pryke – Anglian Water introduced his colleague Stuart Rowland – he told the meeting he had asked to attend to give residents an update on the Bergholt Road Water Main Scheme – there had been a lot of leaks along Bergholt Road and further down through the fields. - 4 bursts in a 7 day period causing many issues – he had attended the November Parish Council Meeting to apologise for some of these issues, explain about funding and was trying to prioritise a smaller scheme. The funding has now been allocated for that scheme which will start week commencing 30 May 2023 for 7 weeks – it will start at Junction of Capel Road and Bergholt Road and end at the junction of Bergholt Road and Hazel Shrub (this also includes The Link) – total cost £190K. Stuart Rowland gave details of the scheme (see presentation notes) - **Appendix 2** in the minute book ie drilling the new pipeline, road closures, protected trees/ecology, other utilities and services and regular updates via Parish Council. Residents asked questions mainly about alternative route for traffic - they were told that they could contact either Mark or Stuart directly or through the Clerk if they had any queries – Resident was concerned about loss of business -he was told that if he suffered a significant loss through this scheme he could apply to Anglian Water

Insurance process – he was told to give his details to the Clerk. The Chairman thanked Mark & Stuart for their presentation – they then left the meeting.

District Councillor D Busby- There was no monthly report but there will be a report covering the last four years for the Annual Parish Meeting – he thanked an excellent Bentley Parish Council – residents should be proud of the work they had done on their behalf – he said it had been a pleasure working with the Council- thanked everyone – and left the meeting.

Resident: re - Brockley Wood – told the meeting he had tried to get hold of the SCC Planning Officer three weeks ago and managed to speak to him this morning - apparently, he has served a Section 25 Notice and is waiting for the information – don’t know what the time scale is now going to be – National Highways have not raised any objection. The Air Quality Report has been highlighted as the original report is factually incorrect and flawed Ecology Report is also in doubt – an unidentified species has been seen in the wood – a naked Rambler!!! He was told to contact our Community Mounted Police Officer.

Resident- Pavement - 34-35 Silver Leys has been sorted and they have done a good job. Cyclists are still going through the Water Meadow and Dodnash Woods – he challenged & deterred 4 cyclists about to enter Dodnash Wood from Hazel Shrub & managed to send them away but one was rude. He was told that the Clerk had contacted both landowners and was expecting to receive some notices in the post any day. The Clerk was also asked to contact Rupert Eley regarding the signs. Resident also reported parking on green verges – he also reported the dog poo container on the Village Playing Field is provided for dogs who visit the field - not for residents to take their dog poo bags collected in their garden - and finally potholes in Bergholt Road – he was told that the potholes had been reported via SCC Reporting Tool – if it has already been reported it will be flagged up. – These have been reported.

Resident – Concerned about overgrown hedges at Ivy Cottage & Case Cottage – 30 cms over the path – Clerk to write to residents.

Action: Contact Rupert Eley re cyclists - Write to residents re encroaching hedge

6. Planning Applications –

a) To note decisions of Planning Authority on previous applications –

Non-Material Amendment DC/22/01673 DC/23/00329	Land adjacent to Redwoods (now known as Shrublands) Bergholt Road 3 West Mill Green	Amendment details approved. Permission has been granted
DC/23/00370 DC/23/00486	18 Highfields Oak Lodge, Bergholt Road	Permission has been granted Permission has been granted

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

DC/23/01378 The Hollies, Grove Road Erection of front porch

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

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

The Clerk informed the meeting of an e-mail from -Shotley Holdings – letter to inform us that Shotley Holdings has formally submitted a planning application to SCC in respect of the extension area for aggregate extraction to at Folly Farm. Planning application: Extraction of Aggregates & restoration by soils only

The Clerk was asked to contact Billy Richmond and ask if he will attend the June Parish Council Meeting to talk about skip lorries and this proposed planning application.

Action – Clerk to contact Billy Richmond

- c) **SCC/0105/22B - Brockley Wood application** – See Public Session above. Clerk to contact Capel Clerk as their comments are still not shown on SCC website.

Action: Clerk to contact Capel Clerk

7. **Report by Exception – Tree Warden/Footpath Warden/Capel Library/ Bentley Long Barn /Footpath Warden & Speedwatch - Tree Warden**– sent in a written report which has been circulated to Councillors – **APPENDIX 3** in the minute book and on the website. He reported on Community Orchard trees – all bar the two dead trees (peach & greengage) are coming into leaf – the WI pear tree is coming into flower. A large branch has fallen from a birch tree on Silver Leys green space – The TW has been invited to give two talks on Trees and Stag Beetles – one to Dedham Vale Farmers Group and the other to Languard Rotary Group – Felixstowe 15 June). **Friends of Capel Library** – There is a Home Library Service for residents who cannot access either the library or library van without help. Next Film is Living. This April there is a month long take home quiz with prizes – collect your quiz sheets from the library. Cake Sale 22nd April to raise funds for Motor Neurone Disease Association. **Footpath Warden** – Reported a tree down at Silver Leys – see above Footpath Warden will deal with it - Stile has been reported – Finger posts – given a list to County Councillor. **Speedwatch** – There have been 3 sessions since the last meeting with a few having to be cancelled due to the weather. One at the VH which was a nil return, One at the WM which was a nil return, One on Capel Road when 10 vehicles were reported. The highest recorded speed was 46 mph. I am grateful to Colin Rose who organised sessions in my absence.'

8. **To consider Grants- Tuesday Club, Bowls Club, Carpet Bowls & The Bumblebee Children’s Charity -** Councillors proposed £200 each for Tuesday Club, Outdoor Bowls, and Carpet bowls.

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

Following a short discussion it was proposed to grant The Bumblebee Children’s Charity £100.

Proposed Cllr K Spicer Seconded Cllr B Feltwell 5 in favour 1 abstention

Action: Clerk will inform – Clubs & Bumblebee Childrens Charity

9. **To agree and sign Neighbourhood CIL Expenditure Report -** Councillors had been sent copies of 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 B Feltwell Seconded Cllr M Munday All in favour CU

Action: Send CIL Expenditure Report to Babergh – and put on website

10. **To ratify cheque for Coronation Mugs (£284.16) -** It was proposed that the cheque for £284.16 be ratified.

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

11. **Cyclists – Bentley Water Meadow – Update** - Covered under Public Session.

12. **To discuss flooding issue – Station Road -** Not heard anything from SCC or resident re his Stage 1 Corporate Compliant.

13. **To discuss Land at Hazel Shrub -** It was agreed to leave this until after the Local Elections – and rename the agenda item Protection of Trees in Bentley.

14. **Coronation of King Charles III – 6 May 2023** - The Clerk had ordered 72 Coronation Mugs which have been received and paid for. 60 packets of seeds were also purchased - the mugs containing a packet of wild flower seeds will be given to each pupil at Bentley CEVCP School. 12 Mugs will be given to the Toddler Group. The mugs and seeds have the inscription “A gift from Bentley Parish Council.

15. **To consider funding WIFI at the Village Hall –** The Clerk read out the letter from the Village Hall Trustees - no other regular user wants or needs wi-fi and so VH Trustees understandably do not wish to contribute to its cost. A number reported that phones provide all the facilities they need while in the hall. We appreciate that the Parish Council may have particular requirements, but other users feel that the council should pay for wi-fi if they want it. We have been told by BT that there is an existing landline (though unused, as we pay no line rental). The Parish Council is welcome to make use of this if it wishes, but at its cost. Councillors agreed to take this off the agenda - they had attempted to help the Village but the monthly cost for one meeting a month was not cost effective.
16. **Renewal of Play Area Lease/School Field & Copse – Update –** Nothing to report. The Chairman explained to the meeting that this was an arrangement the School had initiated to help them with the maintenance of the school field financially. Clerk will chase SCC after the election.
17. **Improvements to War Memorial – Update –** The Clerk told the meeting that invoices for the bench (£1,824) and installation of the litter bin and bench at the War Memorial and the bench at Silver Leys (£738) have now been received and are due to be passed for payment. It was proposed that the amounts be paid to David Oglivie and Mortimer Contracts.
- Proposed Cllr M Bamford Seconded Cllr N Moxey All in favour CU
18. **To discuss appointing Working Party to maintain area around War Memorial -** An e-mail had been received from a resident concerned about the overgrown verge and footpath by the War Memorial. SCC were contacted *who believe that at this time it does not warrant remedial action*. Forming a working party was discussed – Cllr Bamford will organise – Residents will be asked at the APM if they want to spend money on it.
19. **Parish Infrastructure Investment Plan (PIIP) – Utilization of CIL Monies -** Cllr Moxey and Cllr Spicer will fresh up the document for next Thursday’s APM.
20. **Traffic Calming – To discuss purchase of laptop to service SID’s & Collins Skips - Update** – Cllr Munday told the meeting that she had looked at laptops up to £200 – agreed at the March meeting - but these were not powerful enough to download SID data – She suggested upgrading the Clerk’s computer – then the e-mail address could be changed etc. It was agreed this would be an agenda item at the APCM on 11 May.
21. **Playing Field Society – Purchase of Equipment for events-** As previously agreed at the Playing Field Society Meeting – it was proposed that Tim Hamstead could spend up to £2K from the Family Fun Day Tracker Account on tables, cash boxes and gazebos.
- Proposed Cllr M Munday Seconded Cllr J Wheals All in favour CU
22. **To receive Correspondence** – The Clerk drew Councillors’ attention to the following E-mails. E-mails x 2 Village Hall Trustees re wifi – 4 x Residents Flooding Station Road/Verge Church Road/land Hazel Shrub – 1& 2 letters – Grant applications – Carpet Bowls/Tuesday Club/Outdoor Bowls – 2 x Landowners re Bentley Water Meadow & Dodnash Wood – 3 re Internal Audit and PKF Littlejohn /external audit – 3 ESE re litter bin - 2 SCC re Verge Church Road – doesn’t warrant remedial action!! 2 Babergh District Council re Historic Trees in Bentley/Joint Local Plan Modifications Consultation 2023 1 x Shotley Holdings re Planning Application. **Annual Parish Meeting** reports received (Speedwarch Co-ordinator/Link Lunch Club/Whist /Tuesday Club & Toddler Group)– Bentley CEVCP – Head Teacher will be attending with Head Girl & Head Boy - Aerobics won’t be attending.
23. **Exchange of information by Councillors and matters for consideration at future Meetings** – **Cllr Spicer** – Just checking that it was okay to complete the Walks Booklet. **Cllr Feltwell** – litter bin post on the Play Area needs replacing. Grit bin at Church Road had been damaged – looks as though it was hit from the top by some agricultural equipment – the 30 mph sign has also been damaged – Clerk with contact SCC Highways re damaged road sign. **Cllr Wheals** – re telegraph poles in Church Road – very difficult for wheelchairs etc to pass on the pavement – Clerk will chase UK Power Networks – this was reported to SCC via their Reporting Tool the Clerk was told to raise the matter with UK Power Networks. Clerk will chase.

Action: Clerk will chase UK Power Networks

24. To Authorise Payments- The following payments were authorised

101656	Severn C Products	Coronation Mugs- Ratified	£284.16
101657	David Ogilvie Engineering	Lest We Forget Bench	£1,824.00
101658	Mortimer Contracts Ltd	Installation – Litter bin & benches	£738.00
101659	J Hawes & Son	Hedge Cutting – Quiet Lane	£120.00
101660	GeoXphere Ltd	Parish Online subscription	£90.00
101661	HMRC	Clerks Tax	£33.00
101662	Mrs J Scott	Clerks Salary - March	£529.10
	. Expenses include £70.10	Minus tax	<u>-£33.00</u>
	Purchase of Coronation		£496.10
	seeds - Etsy	Plus, Expenses	<u>£119.02</u>
			<u>£615.12</u>

It was proposed that these be paid en bloc.

Proposed Cllr J Wheals Seconded: Cllr N Moxey All in favour CU

25. To confirm date of next scheduled meeting –. Annual Parish Meeting 13 April 2023 – Annual Parish Council Meeting 11 May 2023

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

CHAIRMAN:

DATE: