

Appendix E

Bentley Neighbourhood Plan – Drop in Public Meetings at the Memorial Hall

Saturday 17th November between 10am and 12.30pm or

Monday 19th November between 7.30pm and 9.30pm

Earlier this year the government revised the National Planning Policy Framework which will last until 2036. As a consequence, our 2016 Neighbourhood Plan has to be revised to remain consistent with government and local council plans.

During the life time of our neighbourhood plan it was always the intention that it would be updated every 5 years, so although this is a little earlier than expected, it is an opportunity to update and make our current plan stronger. The Bentley Parish Neighbourhood Plan Group is working to revise the plan for our parish and to ensure it represents our community as a whole.

We would all agree that we live in a very beautiful area, blessed with a rich natural environment offering access to the countryside with expansive views. But there are challenges too, in particular traffic, public transport, parking and increased pressure for developments on green field sites. Change and growth is inevitable and Bentley has changed and will continue to do so. The Neighbourhood Plan is not about stopping development but ensuring the type, location, style and size of development meets the needs and aspirations of our community. Having a Neighbourhood Plan provides opportunities for us to ensure future housing and any other development is sustainable for the parish and meets the needs of our area.

To explain more about the Neighbourhood Plan and answer questions you have, we will be holding drop in public meetings in the Memorial Hall to which you are invited on Saturday the 17th November or on Monday the 19th November.

We do hope you will be able to attend one of these meetings, and in due course complete a questionnaire, because your participation, thoughts, feelings and feedback will be essential to enable Bentley to have a robust and well supported Neighbourhood Plan.

Bentley Neighbourhood Plan Group