



Minutes

MEETING of Bentley Parish Council

Monday 8th July 2024 at Bentley Memorial Hall at 7:30pm

Present: Cllr John Fuller (Chairman)
Cllr John Goodyear
Cllr John Wilson
Cllr Chris Mace
Cllr Jenny Turner
Cllr Stephen Whowell
Cllr Alan Lockey

In attendance: Ms Emma Wadey (Clerk)
Dist. Cllr David Ashcroft

Ref.	Comments
07/24/01	Apologies for absence. Apologies received from Cllr Paul Derrett (work).
07/24/02	Minutes approved from the Parish Council meeting on Monday 10th June 2024. The Minutes from the Parish Council meeting on Monday 10 th June 2024 were formally agreed and signed by the Chairman.
07/24/03	To receive the declarations of interest from Members. <i>Councillors were reminded of their responsibility to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest which they may have in any item of business on the agenda no later than when that item is reached. Unless dispensation had been granted, they may not participate in any discussion of, or vote on, or discharge any function related to any matter in which they have a pecuniary interest as defined by regulations made by the Secretary of State under the Localism Act 2011. Councillors were reminded that they must withdraw from the room or chamber when the meeting discusses and votes on the matter.</i> None declared.
07/24/04	Public Section. No comments made.
07/24/05	Members to complete and sign Register of Interests Form Members completed and signed their Register of Interests forms. Cllr Turner to complete and post in the Memorial Hall letterbox.

Signed by Chairman..... dated 16th September 2024

07/24/06 **Drainage and ditches update:**

Somerset Fields

The Clerk has been chasing the management company [FirstPort] to clear the ditches south of Somerset Fields.

Clerk to contact FirstPort requesting if the attenuation tanks are being managed?

Chris Holmes is responsible for the ditch further up along the back of Richard Leonard's property.

Cllr Mace to send the Clerk a marked-up map of the (previously flooded) ditch owned by the management company.

Clerk to check the Land Registry for ownership of the lane.

If necessary, the issue is to be escalated to East Hants. Planning permission for the Somerset Fields development would have been subject to a drainage plan.

Clerk to forward email trail to East Hants.

Recreation Field

Cllr Derrett has been carrying out some good work on the Rec drainage issue.

Cllr Fuller inspected the ditches beyond the Rec by the back of Greenfield Cottages, which look good.

The water level at the sump by the school is below the outflow by the school and quite clear.

07/24/07 **Tree, Planning & Development Applications [Cllr Mace]:**

a)

Proposal: Ash tree - crown reduction back to past reduction points, to also remove 2x lowest limbs back to the main stem as getting low

Site Address: 1 Southview Cottages, Main Road, Bentley, Farnham, GU10 5NB

Case No: 50940/002

Land Parcel Reference No: 43853

Comments: Bentley Parish Council considered this application at our meeting on the 8th July and are supportive of the work to be carried out to the Ash tree at 1 Southview Cottages.

b)

NOTIFICATION OF RECEIPT OF A PLANNING APPEAL

Planning Inspectorate Reference: APP/M1710//W/24/3343080.

Appeal by: Mr & Mrs Stuart Macnaghten

Location: Ashfield, Hole Lane, Bentley, Farnham, GU10 5LT

Comments: Bentley Parish Council discussed this appeal at our meeting on the 8th July and agreed that we continue to object to this application and would reiterate our previous comments about this application:

Whilst Bentley Parish Council have previously supported development on this site (case ref 32859/005, for the further development of an annexe), we do not support the development of a separate house and entrance, for the following reasons:

Location: Like Hampshire Highways, we are not in favour of the proposed access given the narrow lane and restricted sight lines. In addition, this proposal would increase regular traffic in this lane (i.e. the house outline shows 3 parking spaces);

Land use: This application is for building outside our Bentley Spatial Policy Boundary; this is contrary to Local Plan policy CP10 and our Bentley Neighbourhood Plan Policy 1 (2016, 2024) and any development should conform to CP19;

Amount of development: We consider it reasonable for one house and we have previously supported the development of an annexe (case ref 32859/005) on this Ashfield location.

c)

APPLICATION FOR PLANNING STATUTORY REVIEW UNDER SECTION 288 OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

Claim No: AC-2024-LON-001982

BETWEEN: Robert CAMPING (Claimant~)

– and –

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR LEVELLING UP, HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES (Defendant)

– and –

(1) EAST HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

(2) Simon BLADEN

(3) Michael GIBSON

(4) BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

(Defendants)

Bentley Parish Council believes we may have been incorrectly listed as a defendant (rather than ‘interested party’).

Cllr Turner to draft a letter to the court to correct the listing.

Added after agenda was sent out:

d)

Proposal: Single storey side and rear wrap around extension

Site Address: 19 Broadlands Close, Bentley, Farnham, GU10 5LE

Case No: 60390

Land Parcel Reference No: 44021

Comments:

Bentley Parish Council considered this application at our meeting on the 8th July and have no objection to this extension. We note that the applicants have taken pre-application advice from Mary Bird, Principal Planning Officer and have set out how they will adhere to her advice; including ensuring alignment with our Neighbourhood Plan. This application seems to be a sensible move to make the existing 1 bedroom property to a 2 bedroom one. We would like clarification about the parking; given the move to a 2 bedroom property and the potential need for additional parking to the front of the property.

Neighbourhood Plan:

Cllr Mace attended a video meeting with EHDC and nine issues were flagged up, most of them were small issues. A resubmission will be sent at the end of July.

National:

There will now be mandatory building targets: 1.5million homes in the next 5 years. Also, introducing new ‘grey sites’. There are now 1.2million brownfield sites and 1million sites with permission but no build.

07/24/08 **Report from Dist. Cllr Phillip Davies of EHDC:**

Not present.

Report from Dist. Cllr David Ashcroft of EHDC:

Still working on the Local Plan. There is a new government in office and we wait to see any changes.

Cllr Ashcroft was pleased to see that the Neighbourhood, Plan will be resubmitted.

The IT systems at EHDC are now up and running. Communications should be speedier.

Thames Water has been chased.

A resident of Station Road has commented that Bentley Station should be re-named ‘Alice Holt Station’, which Cllr Ashcroft will raise the following day at his meeting.

07/24/09 **Report from the Chairman of Bentley Parish Council:**

On 17th June I attended a meeting at Marelands with the Environment Agency (EA), hosted by Mr Andrew Joy, to discuss plans for the Thames Valley Flood Scheme along the Wey valley at Bentley. Also in attendance were representatives from: CPRE, The Rivers Trust, the fishing club, Binsted Parish Council and riparian residents.

The meeting discussed the value of the landscape, the historical significance of the valley at Bentley and the potential for ecological damage to flora and fauna along the Wey chalk stream. The EA emphasised that they are only at a preliminary stage in their investigations. What was not clear was

Signed by Chairman..... dated 16th September 2024

how the project would prevent flood losses and damage downstream. At the same time, the potential damage that could be done to the Wey valley was all too clear. Although only at an early stage the proposed project needs to be taken extremely seriously and we will be keeping in touch with all parties involved.

07/24/10 **Report from the Clerk of Bentley Parish Council:**

The Clerk met with Keith regarding odd jobs around the village (including putting up x3 signs). A condition of the S106 grant for the storage container, was to install a sign acknowledging it was purchased using a grant from EHDC. A pre-planning letter is now received stating that planning permission is not needed for it, so now funds can be re-imbursed to BPC.

The fence posts along the rec will also be repaired.

The chimes on the playground will be repaired.

The skirts of the trees on the Rec will be raised.

The logs in the Old Rec from the felled tree have been cordoned off with orange fencing supplied by Robin Welland-Jones. The job is to be completed when the ground is dry enough for the crane.

07/24/11 **Reports from Officers:**

Recreation Ground Officer: Cllr Whowell

Cllr Lockey to send a shortlist of locks to councillors.

Footpaths Officer: Cllr Turner

Footpath 13b needs to be cleared [this was later cleared by a resident].

Highways & Transport Officer: Cllr Wilson

Cllr Wilson spoke to Zak La Gumina (Hampshire County Council) regarding bus stop on the Main Road. The stopping area has been moved. If we go ahead and install a bus shelter outside the nursing home, the bus stop can then be moved. The Clerk stated that the manager of Bentley Lodge is asking the owner regarding the installation of the bus shelter.

The Chairman stated that the public consultation of the yellow lines outside the Memorial Hall finished on 5th July. There were mixed comments.

07/24/12 **Financial and General Purposes Committee:**

CIL

a) Clerk stated that we have £12,043 that needs to be spent by December. Some will be spent on the electrical work on the Pavilion.

The cricket repair to be used with CIL funds.

The Chairman proposed to spend the remainder of CIL funds on electrical work on the tower of St. Mary's Church. All agreed.

b) **Treasurers Account:**

- Opening Balance 1st June: £57,066.57
- Income for June: £0
- Outgoings for June: £10,100.40
- Closing balance 30th June: £46,966.17

Business Account:

- Opening balance 1st June: £43,544.83
 - Income for June: £397.24 (Interest £49.64; Allotments £347.60)
 - Outgoings for June: £0
 - Closing balance 30th June: £43,942.07
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High Interest Account:

- Opening balance 1st June: £50,877.40
- Closing balance 30th June: £50,877.40

Paper A3 - noted and approved by the Council. (Incorporated in document)

Paper A4 - Clerk salary (July) & expenses record (June) were noted & approved by the Council.

The meeting closed at: 8.53pm. The next scheduled Parish Council meeting will be held on Mon 16th September at 7.30pm at Bentley Memorial Hall.



Emma Wadey

Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer

Payments authorised at the meeting held on:

8th July 2024

Payments to be authorised						
Nom. code	For	Invoice No	Item/purpose	VAT £	Amount £	Method of Payment
4000	E. Wadey		July salary	0	2169.06	BACS 33
	E. Wadey		Expenses/mileage	0	239.32	BACS 34
4050			Home office allowance & mileage		70.50	
4200			Adobe Pro		19.97	
4070			Cups & water for PC meeting		9.48	
4190			Stationery		10.88	
4200			Mouse & BT Internet		59.77	
4171			Screen protector for phone		5.99	
4210			Printer cartridges		62.73	
4030	HMRC		Tax & NI	0	728.19	BACS 35
4030	HMRC		Tax & NI underpayment (Ref: 765PQ001453522410)	0	688.31	BACS 36
4040	Scottish Widows		Pension	0	196.24	DD
4171	Tesco		Mobile phone	0	28.99	DD
	Premier Grounds & Garden Maintenance	2658	Grass cutting	220.80	1324.80	BACS 37
4400			Grass cutting – rec	108.00	648.00	
4410			Grass cutting – other areas	60.00	360.00	
4430			Strimming	52.80	316.80	
4930	Net World Sports	Proforma Q00068579	Cricket cage sight screens x3 & ties	51.31	307.85	BACS 38
4210	Hammerton Design Ltd	0013325	APA posters and agenda design	0	62.50	BACS 39
Total				£272.11	£5745.26	