



## BENWICK PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting of the Benwick Parish Council on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2015 in the side room of the Village Hall in High Street Benwick PE15 0XA.

- Present:** Cllrs: M Chapman (Chair); L Keppel-Spoor; J Hindle; V Gobie; R Butcher (FDC); J Clark (CCC); A Miscandlon (FDC), PCSO T Liano, 4 members of the public and J Richardson (Clerk)
- 075/15-16** **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr J Chandler, Cllr R Emmitt, Cllr R Few
- 076/15-16** **Declarations of Interest**  
Disclosable Pecuniary Interest Item 088/15-16 Cllr Keppel-Spoor
- 077/15-16** **Public Time**  
White Hart Drive overhanging trees and leaning wall Clerk to report **Clerk**  
Willow trees on footpath by Nene Parade still not cut back  
Rumours about bus service ceasing are not true  
Closed 7.37p.m.
- 078/15-16** **Confirmation of Minutes**  
Proposed by Cllr Chapman, and AGREED, to approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2015 **Agreed**
- 079/15-16** **Matters Arising (for information only)** None
- 080/15-16** **Police Matters:**  
During the month of July 2015 - Thirteen incidents were reported, only six of these had an impact on the community of Benwick:  
26/07/2015 – Two reports regarding the old petrol station that is being refurbished due to Asbestos in the roof. A report confirmed this was not the case and there were no safety issues concerning any Asbestos.  
24/07/2015 – A road traffic accident at location of Doddington Road. Road was closed for some time to enable recovery for the vehicles involved.  
23/07/2015 – An outbuilding broken into on the Whittlesey Road some metal items stolen, large white van seen in the area but no registration was taken.  
21/07/2015 – Male shooting at wildlife at Ibbersons Drove, male had gone when Police arrived.  
07/07/2015 – Two vehicles parked at Chappell Gardens both vehicles were causing parking issues at location. Vehicles are both reported as SORN and then reported on to the council.  
The main concern this month across the Fenland area have been burglaries to out buildings, sheds and allotments which has increased showing 8 incidents over the last month. Tools, metal and other items have been amongst the stolen goods. It is hard to lock-up this type of building to make it secure, but any thing that makes it hard to break into is ideal, for instance increase the amount of locks on the doors place items against any openings that would be noisy if pushed over, these are just some of the ideas that act as an effective deterrent, no thief wants to spend ages trying to break locks etc., in case of being seen!!! Please be vigilant and do not hesitate to call in to the Police of anyone or anything that seems suspicious.  
Numerous patrols of the village were conducted throughout the month of July, both day and night. The team are paying more attention to the parks and open spaces, not only in Benwick but other areas that we are responsible for especially where large congregations of youths gather. But, events across Cambridgeshire has also meant that members of the team have been deployed to other areas where the need has arisen.  
Traffic officers have been doing some work involving drink driving awareness with excellent results being achieved across Fenland. One driver was found to be five times over the legal limit with suitable Police action being taken as a result.
- 081/15-16** **WW2 US Air Crash:** Cllr Chapman has spoken to Derek Stebbings who is keen to help, he has been provided with information and will discuss with new Commander at Alconbury soon. Cllr Butcher has also supplied information to Darren Bond
- 082/15-16** **County & District Councillors Reports**

	Report from Cllr Alex Miscandlon that Planning training dates will be announced shortly	
083/15-16	<b>Cycle Race:</b> Riders enjoyed the day despite the weather, there were more scarecrows in the village this year.	
084/15-16	<b>Bus Shelter:</b> Graffiti in the bus shelter was reported and picture shown. Cllr Hindle and Gobie to collect stain from Clerk and paint bus shelter.	<b>Cllrs Gobie and Hindle</b>
085/15-16	<b>Play Park:</b> Cllr Keppel-Spoor to contact Tony Richardson to take over the Play Park information	<b>Cllr Keppel-Spoor</b>
086/15-16	<b>Public Rights of Way:</b> Information and monitoring of grass cutting on Public Rights of Way in Benwick letter from CCC read out. Clerk to place on October Agenda to review the cutting of the Public Rights of Way	<b>Clerk</b>
087/15-16	<b>The Pound:</b> Low hanging branches on tree reported, Cllr Chapman is to look into this	<b>Cllr Chapman</b>
088/15-16	<b>Income &amp; Expenditure</b>	
	a) Concurrent Functional Grant 1 <sup>st</sup> Payment rec'd £1347.00	
	b) Proposed by Cllr Chapman, and AGREED, to approve the following accounts for payment	<b>Agreed</b>
	C Owen Cemetery & Pound Maintenance	£288.75
	CGM Landscapes Verge Cutting	£70.08
	Anglian Water (dd) Water Rates	£7.00
	E-on (dd) Street Light Electricity	£127.01
	J Richardson Admin – 26/07/15	£248.59
	J Richardson Expenses (Stationery and office expenses)	£193.30
	Benwick Primary School Defibrillator Contribution (Original cheque lost)	£195.00
	Cllr Keppel-Spoor left the meeting	
	c) Proposed by Cllr Chapman, and AGREED, to approve the following accounts for payment.	<b>Agreed</b>
	Linda Keppel-Spoor Reimbursement of Cycle Race Expenses	£58.18
	Cllr Keppel-Spoor returned to the meeting	
	Benwick Village Hall Room Hire	£33.75
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1221.66</b>
089/15-16	d) Clerks report on the July Bank Balances is shown at Appendix 1	
	<b>Planning/Development</b>	
	<b>Planning Applications</b>	
	a) F/YR15/2004/CCC Variation of Condition 1 of planning permission F/2007/10/CC to allow retention of mobile classroom until 31 August 2020, Benwick Primary School High Street Benwick March Cambridgeshire PE15 0XA Cllr Chapman Proposed, and AGREED, no objections to this application	<b>Agreed</b>
	<b>Planning Granted</b>	
	a) F/YR15/0380/F Erection of a detached double garage to front of existing dwelling 27A Doddington Road Benwick March Cambridgeshire PE15 0UT	
	b) F/YR15/0376/F Construction of a 30 kW ground mounted solar array Land North Of White Fen Farm Whittlesey Road Benwick Cambridgeshire	
	<b>Development</b>	
	a) No update on Copalder Corner but a report should be sent soon	
	b) Update on public open space in Fields View, need to speak to Bob Ollier for update, Clerk to email	<b>Clerk</b>
	<b>Land</b>	
090/15-16	Derelict Butchers Shop and land has been visited recently by FDC	
	<b>Cemetery/Mooring</b>	
	<b>Cemetery</b>	
	a) Cemetery Extension Planning Application, email sent to Environment Agency re Risk Assessment, now awaiting response	
	Cllr Chapman to look at damaged bench in Cemetery near Cremation Plots	<b>Cllr Chapman</b>
	b) Update on Baptist Cemetery. Email sent no response to date. Cllr David Oliver (Renaissance Portfolio Holder) to be emailed to see if anything can be done by FDC, by the Clerk	<b>Clerk</b>
091/15-16	<b>Allotments:</b> Letters and responses discussed, and also arrangements for working party meeting to be held 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2015 at 7p.m	
092/15-16	<b>Highways</b>	
	a) <b>2016-17 Local Highways Improvement Bid:</b> Cllrs to identify possible opportunities to discuss at next meeting. Clerk to place on September agenda	<b>All Cllrs Clerk</b>
	b) <b>HGV's:</b> Cllrs Keppel-Spoor and Gobie are to look into a petition to reduce	<b>Cllrs Keppel-</b>

the number of HGV's through the village

**Spoor and Gobie**

c) **Highways Depot Open Days:** Cllrs Keppel-Spoor, Gobie, Chandler and Hindle to attend 18.00 to 20.00. The Clerk to advise Highways

**Clerk**

**093/15-16 Street Lighting**

a) No update on transfer of lighting maintenance and power to FDC, Cllr Butcher will chase for an update

**Cllr Butcher**

b) Update from CCC regarding implementation of further energy savings, there will be no dimming or switching off of street lights in Benwick  
Cllr Clark entered the meeting

**094/15-16 Correspondence**

a) Rural Services Network Bulletins (emailed 16/07/15, 28/07/15, 29/07/15)

b) Invitation to Volunteer Centre AGM (emailed 16/07/15)

c) Proposed Road Closure, Doddington Road, Chatteris, March 2016 (emailed 17/07/15)

d) Invitation to VJ Day Service 14/08/2015 (emailed 28/07/15)

**095/15-16 Agenda Items/Next Meeting**

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2015. Items to be included on Agenda should be with the Clerk by Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015

Meeting Closed at 8.35p.m.

**Appendix 1**

Bank Reconciliation				Financial Year ending 31 March 2016			
Benwick Parish Council							
Prepared by Jacquie Richardson (Clerk & RFO)							
Date		28/07/2015					
Approved by				Chair			
Date							
<b>Balance per bank statements as at</b>		<b>28/07/2015</b>		<b>£</b>		<b>£</b>	
Current Account				28021.55			
NS&I				20595.57			
						48617.12	
Less: Unpresented Cheques							
Cheque Number				2360		195	
						195.00	
Add: Any unbanked cash in transit							
<b>Net bank balances as at</b>						<b>48422.12</b>	
The net balances reconcile to the Cash Book, as follows:-							
Opening Balance				45,781.90			
Add: Receipts to date				8,922.12			
Less: Payments to date				6,281.90			
<b>Closing Balance</b>				<b>48,422.12</b>			
<b>Earmarked Reserves:</b>							
<b>Parish Plan</b>		<b>£532.89</b>					
<b>Verge Planting</b>		<b>£1.40</b>					
<b>Cemetery Extension</b>		<b>£7,470.00</b>					
<b>Street Lighting</b>		<b>£8,000.00</b>					
<b>The Pound</b>		<b>£2,000.00</b>					
<b>War Memorial</b>		<b>£2,000.00</b>					
<b>Mooring</b>		<b>£1,000.00</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£21,004.29</b>	
<b>General Reserve</b>		<b>£27,417.83</b>					