

## BENWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Benwick Parish Council on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2015 in the side room of the Village Hall in High Street, Benwick PE15 0XA.

- Present:** Cllrs: M Chapman (Chair), R Emmitt, R Few, L Keppel-Spoor, T Richardson, K Sutton, P Tickner, R Butcher (FDC), J Clark (CCC), A Miscandlon (FDC) and Clerk J Richardson, 3 Police Officers (Sam Dyer, Ian Moll and Tracey Liane) and 3 members of the public
- 186/14** **Apologies for Absence:** None received
- 187/14** **Declarations of Interest**
- a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interest Cllr  
Richardson  
Item 200/14b  
Cllr Few Item  
203/14a
- b) Non-Pecuniary Interest
- c) Sensitive Pecuniary Interest
- 188/14** **Public Time**  
Holly bush impeding traffic view from Cambridge Row to High Street reported 30/01/15  
Rubbish in and around Fields View, pavements and roads, Clerk to email FDC rapid response, also at end of Floods Ferry Road **Clerk**  
Cllr Miscandlon left the meeting at 7.35  
Item 203/14 a) the agent spoke on behalf of this agenda item and explained that the planning app applied for was refused on grounds that no wider sustainable benefits were made to the community. An offer of a contribution of £6000 towards the Play Park is now being made.  
Cllr Miscandlon returned at 7.38
- 189/14** **Public Time Closed at 7.39**  
**Confirmation of Minutes**  
Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2015 was Proposed by Cllr Chapman and AGREED **Agreed**
- 190/14** **Matters Arising (for information only)**  
Response sent to FDC re Infrastructure requirements (emailed 12/01/15)  
Response sent to Health & Safety Executive (emailed 12/01/15) and reply (emailed 13/01/15)  
Response re Street Lighting sent to FDC (posted 12/01/15)  
Response re Precept request sent to FDC (posted 12/01/15)
- 191/14** **Youth Centre & Bus**  
Term Report received and a funding application on behalf of the Youth Bus has been approved and funding has been secured up to April 2016
- 192/14** **Benwick In Bloom**  
Update received and noted. Theme is red, white and blue to commemorate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ending of WW2. No formal request for funding has been received
- 193/14** **Play Park**  
A response received from Bob Ollier stated that, FDC approve the scheme, they will continue to maintain and do safety checks, will support joint funding, and will handle the tender process. FDC legal section to look at boundary fence ownership. Next stage is to source funding and these sources are identified at FDC and Cllr Richardson **Cllr**

and Cllr Tickner will progress funding applications.

**Richardson  
& Tickner**

<b>194/14</b>	<p><b>Police Matters</b> New policing team have taken over Benwick. PCSO Sam Dyer introduced the team. Explained that the reason for change is to balance the staff v the crime numbers. 2 reported crimes in January of criminal damage to a vehicle and a house. Cllr Sutton is organising speedwatch and has meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2015</p>										
<b>195/14</b>	<p><b>County &amp; District Councillors Reports</b> Cllr Butcher nothing to report. Cllr Clark reported that Cllr Ogden has passed away. Concurrent grants and street lights are to be discussed again after the elections in May due to being unable to make a decision, and advice was to get the Cat 1 survey done by Balfour Beatty and to rewrite with request to treat Benwick equitably. Questions and discussions were raised regarding the fairness of replacing the CAT 1 lights in 11 other parishes and not those in Benwick. Cllr Miscandlon said that the dates for training for Councillors on Planning Regulations will be notified shortly.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>									
<b>196/14</b>	<p><b>Dog Fouling</b> a) Parish and FDC "spraying" and "action afternoon" cancelled due to weather. It was Proposed by Cllr Chapman, and AGREED to leave until mid-March. Clerk to notify FDC b) "No Dogs" in the Play Park signs are to be looked at by Bob Ollier when replacing the gate</p>	<b>Agreed Clerk</b>									
<b>197/14</b>	<p><b>Cambridgeshire Future Transport</b> Meeting arranged for 24/02/15. Cllr Richardson is to attend meeting but no agenda received yet</p>	<b>Cllr Richardson</b>									
<b>198/14</b>	<p><b>Footbridge</b> Fault reported regarding the painting of the Footbridge it was Proposed by Cllr Chapman and AGREED that CCC come back and paint the bridge and the Clerk is to notify CCC</p>	<b>Agreed Clerk</b>									
<b>199/14</b>	<p><b>Highways/Street Lighting</b> <b>Highways</b> a) 2014/15 LHI Bid should be completed by end Feb b) Highways reported that pavement damage near Village Hall, temporary repairs have been done, Proposed by Cllr Chapman, and AGREED to look at and report if no repairs have been done by the Clerk <b>Street Lights</b> a) It was Proposed by Cllr Chapman and AGREED that Cllr Richardson attend the cabinet meeting b) Update on Inventory with UK Power Networks has been completed and 2 street lights removed c) Street light at the rear of 27b High Street, Benwick, Proposed by Cllr Chapman, and AGREED, to wait for CAT 1 survey to decide how to take forward</p>	<b>Agreed  Agreed Cllr Richardson  Agreed</b>									
<b>200/14</b>	<p><b>Income &amp; Expenditure</b> a) Members to consider and approve the following accounts for payment. Proposed by Cllr Chapman, and AGREED</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%;">C Owen</td> <td style="width: 33%;">Cemetery</td> <td style="width: 33%; text-align: right;">£236.25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C Owen</td> <td>Pound</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£13.34</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CGM Landscapes</td> <td>Verge Cutting</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£66.74</td> </tr> </table>	C Owen	Cemetery	£236.25	C Owen	Pound	£13.34	CGM Landscapes	Verge Cutting	£66.74	<b>Agreed</b>
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Anglian Water (dd)	£3.00
E-on (dd)	£119.66
b) Members to consider and approve the following accounts for payment. Proposed by Cllr Chapman, and AGREED	<b>Agreed</b>
J Richardson Admin – 25/01/15	£399.76
J Richardson CiLCA Fee - Retrospective	£250.00
J Richardson Telephone reimbursement	£33.13
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1121.88</b>

Cllr Richardson returned to the room

c) Clerk reported on the current bank balances at end January 2015:-

Current Account	£25,559.03
NS & I	£20,595.57
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£46,154.60</b>

Earmarked Reserves = £532.89 Parish Plan, £46.34 Verge Planting

**201/14**

**Budgets**

2015/16 budgets working party meeting reported and recommendations circulated to Cllrs including earmarking reserves of £36k for various assets.

It was Proposed by Cllr Chapman, and AGREED to accept 2015/16 budgets

**Agreed**

**202/14**

**The Pound**

No further update on shipping container, concrete garage and planning requirements for use of The Pound. Preplanning meeting on Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Feb at 2pm with FDC Planning Officer, Cllr Richardson will attend.

**203/14**

**Planning/Development Development**

a) Discussion on a contribution to provide “wider sustainable community benefits” re Planning Application F/YR14/0813/F. Discussion was on what items in the village the money could be used for rather than the Play Park. It was Proposed by Cllr Chapman, and DISAGREED, that the Parish Council accept the offer of the contribution to support Benwick wider sustainable development.

**Disagreed**

Proposed by Cllr Richardson that we accept contribution to the recreation ground scheme, subject to the Planning Authority accepting a unilateral undertaking for the contribution, by granting permission for the applicants and tied in to the fact that that the new Planning Application is the same as previous one AGREED

**Agreed**

b) Update on Copalder Corner emailed to Cllrs

c) Fields View letting agents contacted, they have had the ground cleared, had approached FDC re putting a fence around and FDC planning said that it is nothing to do with them. Cllr Richardson to pass letting agents details to FDC Planning via Cllr Miscandlon

**Cllr Richardson**

**204/14**

**Grass Verge & Cemetery Maintenance Contracts**

a) Grass Verge Contract 2015-2018, written to CGM and told them successful in their tender submission

b) Cemetery Maintenance tender documents sent out, due back by 28<sup>th</sup> Feb

**205/14**

**Cemetery/Mooring Cemetery**

a) Cemetery extension, explanation of meeting with regard to burial plots, cremation plots, paths and hedge to separate from allotments. Advice given from architect was favourable for entrance via Nene

- Parade. Two more quotes from architects to be sought by Clerk  
 b) Plaque replacement and treatment of benches, still ongoing  
 c) Tidying the Baptist Cemetery and subsequent correspondence, nothing new to report. It was Proposed by Cllr Few, and AGREED that the Clerk writes to CAPALC for guidance on how the Parish Council can deal with this issue.  
 d) Update regarding the Hayter Hawk mower, awaiting H Langford to deal
- 206/14 War Memorial**  
 A general refurbishment of the War Memorial was discussed and it was Proposed by Cllr Sutton and AGREED to get quotes on repair and refurbishment of war memorial, stone slabs, centenary plaque and also new railings. Cllr Sutton to get quotes for war memorial and Cllr Richardson to get quotes for railings
- 207/14 Correspondence**  
 a) Rural Services Network Bulletins (emailed 11/01/15, 19/01/15, 26/01/15)  
 b) Police & Crime Commissioner update (emailed 11/01/15)  
 c) FDC Corporate Plan Consultation (emailed 31/12/14)  
 d) Cambs 876 Remembered update (emailed 11/01/15)  
 e) New Year's Honours Nominations (emailed 11/01/15)  
 f) Buckingham Palace invitation (emailed 11/01/15)  
 g) Scout Association invite (emailed 11/01/15)  
 h) Cambs Acre request for support for petition (emailed 19/01/15)  
 i) Cambs 876 update regarding 04/02/15 (emailed 20/01/15)  
 j) Neighbourhood Development Plans (emailed 26/01/15)
- 208/14 Parish Plan**  
 Parish Plan to be put on Agenda in May by Clerk
- 209/14 Annual Parish Assembly**  
 Date for 2015 Annual Parish Assembly is Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 6p.m. Clerk to check legislation re date of meeting and Cllr Tickner to check Church Room
- 210/14 Agenda Items/Next Meeting**  
 The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2015. Items to be included on Agenda should be with the Clerk by Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2015

Meeting Closed at 21.30