

BENWICK PARISH COUNCIL

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

- Present** Cllrs: Tony Richardson(Chair); R Few; L Keppel-Spoor; R Emmitt; A Miscandlon (FDC); J Clark (CCC), 2 members of the public and Clerk J Richardson
- 211/14** Apologies for Absence: Cllr Chapman; Cllr Sutton; Cllr R Butcher (FDC)
- 212/14** Declarations of Interest
 a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interest Cllr Richardson 223/14c 234/14
 b) Non-Pecuniary Interest Cllr Few 225/14b & Cllr Emmitt 223/14d
 c) Sensitive Pecuniary Interest
- 213/14** Public Time
 The public asked about High Street traffic measures. It was reported that the Council get an opportunity to have 1 scheme nominated per year of which the bulk of the payment is by Highways. The Council asked for a scheme and Highways designed the scheme. The intention is to reduce the speed of vehicles along the High Street. The signs are slightly hidden and this needs to be drawn to the attention of Highways. Public Time Closed at 7.38 p.m. **Clerk**
- 214/14** Confirmation of Minutes
 To sign and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd February 2015 was Proposed by Cllr Richardson and AGREED **Agreed**
- 215/14** Matters Arising (for information only)
 Email sent to FDC regarding street rubbish in Fields View and Floods Ferry Road (04/02/15)
 Clarification of Annual Parish Meeting rec'd (Sunday 19th April 2015)
 Email response from CAPALC re Baptist's Cemetery
 Email sent to CCC & reply received re footbridge painting
- 216/14** Play Park: Some investigation has been done on funding available. There are 2 rounds of funding apps per year, next round is up to 1/09/2015. To be left till after election in May, when a working group can be set up to move forward with this. Places to register for funding has been supplied by FDC.
 Cllr Richardson to investigate further re Capital Grant Fund from FDC. **Cllr Richardson**
- 217/14** Police Matters: No crimes for February 2015. 17 incidents, 3 poaching but 2 were not poaching, 3 calls to one house re ASB concerning vehicles. Vehicle seized as driver had no license.
- 218/14** County & District Councillors Reports
 Cllr Clark reported that request for Benwick Street Lights to be treated equitably has been accepted as an agenda item for the cabinet meeting on 19/03/15. Last FDC full council meeting was held last week.
 Cllr Miscandlon nothing to report
- 219/14** Cycle Race: Met with organisers and there will be 2 separate cycling events in 2015. 1 is a commercial venture and is not a race, but could be used as a warm up for the teams, only 1 long circuit with potentially up to 10,000 cyclists (1st weekend in June).
 Main event Circuit of Fens and also a new, Circuit of Benwick (6 laps starting and finishing in Benwick approx. 11.30), prior to main race. Expecting quite a few teams to enter. July 25/26. Looking for car park areas. Could be a big opportunity for the village. Will attempt to engage with other village groups. More meetings to be organised. Inflatable arch and crash barriers will be used again. Article will be included in Benwick Bugle to notify of dates etc
- 220/14** Dog Fouling
 a) To update on Parish and FDC "spraying" and "action afternoon" Saturday 14th March 2015. FDC agreed 14/03/2015 at 13.30 outside Five Aills. Clerk to send email to community groups and Cllrs to remind **Clerk**

	of event.		
	b) To discuss the enforcement of "No Dogs" in the Play Park, following discussions with FDC No update Remove from agenda		
221/14	Cambridgeshire Future Transport: Update on working group meeting held on 24/02/15. Cllr Richardson attended and because of how budget is aligned most of the savings needed has already been made. Questionnaires returned were encouraging from Benwick. Questions on why and how transport is available from Benwick could be an opportunity for the future, including work opportunities. Suggestions were made for better services. Further meetings will be held. Process still has 4-6 months to run. Invite to Parish Assembly and canvass villagers to come to Parish Assembly Proposed Cllr Richardson and AGREED	Cllr Richardson	
222/14	Highways/Street Lighting Highways a) 2014/15 LHI Bid, update on current situation. Scheme currently being introduced but not completed yet. Need to look at where signage is. Clerk to email Highways re signage from both ways. This was Proposed by Cllr Richardson and AGREED	Agreed	
	Street Lights a) Balfour Beatty survey of lights revealed 11 Cat1 lights, 6 Cat2 lights and 23 lights OK. Clerk to email list of CAT1 lights to Cllr Clark which will include removal of 1 light.	Clerk	
223/14	Income & Expenditure a) VAT Refund rec'd £538.19 b) Members to consider and approve the following accounts for payment was Proposed by Cllr Richardson and AGREED	Agreed	
	C Owen Cemetery		£236.25
	C Owen Pound		£13.34
	CGM Landscapes Verge Cutting		£66.74
	Anglian Water (dd)		£3.00
	E-on (dd)		£97.99
	Cllr Richardson left the room Cllr Keppel-Spoor took the Chair		
	c) Members to consider and approve the following accounts for payment was Proposed by Cllr Keppel-Spoor and AGREED	Agreed	
	J Richardson Admin – 22/02/15		£328.55
	J Richardson Postage		£6.20
	Cllr Richardson returned, took the chair, and Cllr Emmitt left the room		
	d) Members to consider and approve the following accounts for payment was Proposed by Cllr Richardson and AGREED	Agreed	
	Benwick Village Hall Room Hire		£30.00
	TOTAL		£782.07
	Cllr Emmitt returned to the room		
	e) Clerk reported on the February Bank Balances and reconciliation statement:- Current Account £25,955.52 NS&I £20,595.57 Total £46,551.09 Earmarked reserves = Parish Plan £532.89 Verge Planting £46.34		
	f) Asset Register for 2015 was agreed with the addition of the Mooring at approx £10k (Clerk to check cost). This was Proposed by Cllr Richardson and AGREED	Agreed	
224/14	The Pound: There is nothing more to report on concrete garages and the email regarding planning for a shipping container was circulated by Cllr Richardson from Kathryn Brand re her visit and that it is felt that FDC would not approve the application. Cllr Richardson to email Cllr Miscandlon details and google maps showing other shipping containers in the area	Cllr Richardson	
225/14	Planning/Development		

Planning Applications

a) F/YR15/0116/F Erection of a 2-storey 4-bed dwelling, detached double garage/store, agricultural building and poly-tunnel involving demolition of existing building. West View House, 8 Whittlesey Road, Benwick Location map is poor for this application. Concerns were raised re visual splay. Location map provides insufficient detail on how the location of the garage impacts on visual splay. Large agricultural building does not show what the use is and this could impact on traffic to the site, there are no measurements on plans received. Proposed by Cllr Richardson to reject on the basis that there is not sufficient detailed information supplied to make a judgment, and this was AGREED

Agreed (Clerk)

b) F/YR15/0132/F Erection of 3 x 2-storey 4-bed dwellings with double garages including construction of footway on land West of 42 Ramsey Road, Benwick. This planning app has previously been before Council. Proposed by Cllr Richardson to accept with no objections AGREED

Agreed (Clerk)

Development

a) Update on Copalder Corner. PCN Notice served and reply received 02/03/15 will now be looked into further by enforcement team, due to insufficient information supplied.

b) Update on public open space in Fields View. Nothing more to report. Cllr Richardson to pass agents details to Cllr Miscandlon

Cllr Richardson

226/14

Elections

Update from Clerk re FDC Meeting 25/02/15 and presentation by FDC to be emailed to Councillors by the Clerk

Clerk

227/14

Cemetery/Mooring Cemetery

a) Replacement plaque is now in place and treatment of benches to be removed off agenda until May

b) Update regarding the Hayter Hawk mower not picked up yet

c) Request for Memorial approval Plot 665 was discussed and it was Proposed by Cllr Richardson that permission is not granted due to the walled area applied for and AGREED. Clerk to inform of decision

Agreed (Clerk)

d) Update on burial plots, 2 plots remaining in Northside due to two plots being sold last week.

228/14

Allotments

2015/16 Tenancy Agreements, rents and allotment allocations.

Proposed Cllr Emmitt to retain rent at current rates and this was AGREED

Agreed (Clerk)

229/14

Donations: Request from F.A.C.T for donation. Proposed by Cllr Emmitt to donate £30 and this was AGREED

Agreed (Clerk)

230/14

War Memorial: Discussion on maintenance required for memorial, railings and also plaque. Cllr Richardson has identified grants available. Initial costs indicate £2.5K for railings and £1K for clean and repair and £1.5K for paving. Cllr Sutton to make an application for funding based on the initial costs. Proposed by Cllr Richardson and AGREED

Agreed

231/14

Correspondence

a) Rural Services Network Bulletins (emailed 30/01/15, 06/02/15, 12/02/15, 18/02/15, 25/02/15)

b) Police & Crime Commissioner update (emailed 18/02/15)

c) Monitoring Officer changes at FDC (emailed 06/02/15)

d) Notification of 2015-16 Precept (emailed 12/02/15)

e) Election briefing notification (emailed 11/02/15)

f) Cambs Acre Newsletter (emailed 12/02/15)

g) Fly a Flag Invite

h) Youth Bus Term Update

232/14

Annual Parish Assembly: 2015 Annual Parish Assembly invites Cllr Richardson to arrange Cambridgeshire Future Transport to be invited as guest speaker

233/14

Motion to exclude Press & Public was Proposed and AGREED Cemetery Contracts

- a) Quotes received for Cemetery Maintenance to discuss and agree contract Proposed to accept Quote A by Cllr Richardson and AGREED **Agreed (Clerk)**
b) Quotes received for change of use for Cemetery Extension to discuss and agree contract. Proposed by Cllr Richardson Quote A be accepted **Agreed (Clerk)**
AGREED
- 234/14** Cllr Richardson left the meeting
Cllr Keppel-Spoor took the chair
Clerk
a) CiLCA qualification completed and sent in
b) Clerks Appraisal will be done by Cllr Chapman
- 235/14** **Agenda Items/Next Meeting**
The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be Monday 13th April 2015. Items to be included on Agenda should be with the Clerk by Monday 6th April 2015

Meeting Closed at 9.50p.m

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