



BENWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Benwick Parish Council on Monday 7th March 2016 in the side room of the Village Hall in High Street, Benwick PE15 0XA.

- Present:** Cllrs: L Keppel-Spoor (Chair); R Few; J Chandler; J Hindle; R Emmitt; A Miscandlon (FDC), T Liano (PCSO), J Richardson (Clerk) and one member of the public
- 249/15-16 Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs M Chapman (Holiday); J Clark (CCC); R Butcher (FDC); V Gobie (Illness)
- 250/15-16 Declarations of Interest**
None declared
- 251/15-16 Public Time**
7.32- 7.34 Portaloo next to War Memorial, on public highway, raised. Clerk to raise with builder. **Clerk**
- Two people were seen last week in the Play Park, with dogs.
- 252/15-16 Confirmation of Minutes**
It was Proposed by Cllr Keppel-Spoor, and AGREED, to sign and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 1st February 2016 **Agreed**
- 253/15-16 Matters Arising (for information only)**
Willow tree on Nene Parade reported to Highways 02/02/2016, Clerk to report again **Clerk**
Village Hall booked for Annual Parish Assembly on Sunday 8th May 2016 at 7pm
Planning Application F/YR16/0027/F, no observations from Parish Council, sent to FDC 02/02/2016
Child Protection Policy placed on Parish Council website 02/02/2016
SLCC Conference 20/04/16 booking made for Clerk and Cllrs Keppel-Spoor and Gobie
- 254/15-16 Play Park:** No further update
- 255/15-16 Police Matters:** During the month of February 2016 there have been 17 incidents reported with 5 impacting on the local community:-
23.02.2016 Fire at location between Whittlesey and Benwick no injuries.
21.02.2016 Road Traffic Accident on the road out towards Whittlesey no injuries.
19.02.2016 Cycle stolen from a vehicle parked at the village hall by unknown offenders.
07.02.2016 Hare coursing at location off Ramsey Road, officers attended but vehicle had left.
30.01.2016 Hare coursing at Whittlesey Road the Police are aware of the vehicle that was reported at that time.
We have received only a couple of calls in relation to Hare Coursing this month which is considerably less than last month, which as you know does put a strain on resources regardless of the severity of the crime itself. There has been a theft from a vehicle over the last month, please make sure that any belongings are locked and secured at all times wherever you are. We have bouts of cycle thefts across the Fens which seems never ending, sometimes it can be an organised group other times an opportunist, but it can happen anywhere, luckily there have been no more reports since this one.
Scams and Fraud.....
I have put some information together in relation to Online Fraudulent Scams which are not always being reported as the victims do not know how to or, even if they have been a victim, this is because:-
Some people think that fraud is a victimless crime i.e. it does not affect anyone, or that it's not as serious as other crimes. Anyone could be a victim, but sometimes people choose not to report fraud because they are embarrassed that they fell for a scam.
So what is an online fraud scam?
Fraud that is committed using the internet is "online fraud." Online fraud can involve 'financial' and 'identity' theft, online fraud comes in many forms: -
• From viruses that attack computers with the goal of retrieving personal information.

- Emailing schemes that lure victims into sending money to fraudulent sources.
- 'Phishing' emails that claim to be 'official' (such as from your bank or a loan company). Phishing emails gain personal information from victims which is then used to commit identity theft which is then used online to purchase goods, or to set up false accounts using your details.
- Fraud is a crime and fraudsters will constantly reinvent themselves to find new ways of tricking people.
- The bigger picture is: - Fraudsters are often part of serious organised criminal gangs, who use the money to fund other crimes such as human trafficking, illegal firearms trade and terrorism.

Action Fraud: - This is the UK's national fraud reporting centre and the place for you to report fraud and scams, or to get advice if you're not sure what to do. If you've been a victim of fraud, you can report it to Action Fraud online using the secure online fraud reporting tool:-

www.actionfraud.police.uk/report_fraud

You'll be given a crime reference number and your case will be referred on to the police force that investigates fraud.

Don't be a victim and here is how

- Do not give any personal information (name, address, bank details, and email or phone number) to organisations or people before verifying their credentials.

- Many frauds start with an email. Remember that banks and financial institutions will not send you an email asking you to click on a link and confirm your bank details. Always question whether an email could be bogus.

- Destroy and preferably shred receipts with your card details on and post with your name and address on. Identity fraudsters don't need much information in order to be able to clone your identity.

- If you have been a victim of fraud, be aware of fraud recovery fraud. This is when fraudsters pretend to be a lawyer or a law enforcement officer and tell you they can help you recover the money you've already lost.

To report fraud or if you need advice, visit Action Fraud's website www.actionfraud.police.uk.

If you have any issues or need to talk to a local officer please do not hesitate to contact 101 where necessary, a message will be put through to the Whittlesey Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team and one of us will contact you.

We can also be found at: www.cambs.police.uk Facebook/Twitter

You can also report anonymously on Crime stoppers 0800 555 111

Discussion also took place regarding the parking outside the new shop

256/15-16

County & District Councillors Reports

Cllr Miscandlon reported that Powerpoint presentation on planning training has been circulated to Clerks, the Clerk to forward to Cllrs. A list of planning abbreviations has been given to the Clerk. Flooding and 106 payments training packages are being looked into.

Clerk

257/15-16

Ransonmoor Wind Farm Panel

It was Proposed by Cllr Keppel-Spoor, and AGREED, that herself and Tony Richardson attend the panel meetings. The Clerk to respond to the invitation with their details.

Agreed
Clerk

258/15-16

Cycle Race 2016

Information received that the road closures will be on the web site from 7 March 2016 www.tourofcambridgeshire.com. This information has also been sent to the Benwick Bugle

259/15-16

Dog Fouling: Update received from Sally Mitchell is that they are awaiting a quote from the printing company, then they will attend the school to issue the prizes, and then the winning posters will be put up around the village.

260/15-16

The Pound: No further update

261/15-16

Cambridgeshire Future Transport:

It was Proposed by Cllr Keppel-Spoor, and AGREED, that the Parish Council believes that the service should be maintained at the current level (Option 1). The Clerk is to write to confirm this

Agreed

Clerk

262/15-16

Income & Expenditure

a) Cllr Keppel-Spoor Proposed, and it was AGREED, to approve the following accounts for payment

Agreed

C Owen

Cemetery & Pound Maintenance

£288.75

CGM Landscapes	Verge Cutting	£70.08
Anglian Water (dd)	Water Rates	£7.00
J Richardson	Admin – 28/02/16	£296.93
J Richardson	Expenses (reimbursement)	£67.80
FDC	Election Recharge	£231.08
	TOTAL	£961.64

b) Clerks report on the February Bank Balances and reconciliation statement is at Appendix 1

c) External Audit requirements for 2017/18 were in the report issued by the Clerk on 26/02/16 It was Proposed by Cllr Chandler, and AGREED, that Benwick Parish Council “opt in” for the appointment of an External Auditor from 2017/18. **Agreed**

The Chairman suspended the meeting at 8.12p.m. to deal with a noise issue. The meeting resumed at 8.14p.m.

An email is to be sent to the Village Hall Chairman regarding the noise nuisance, which will include future options for meetings **Clerk**

d) To discuss and agree Asset Register for 2016. Cllr Keppel-Spoor Proposed, and AGREED, the asset register for 2016 **Agreed**

263/15-16 Equalities Policy

It was Proposed by Cllr Keppel-Spoor, and AGREED, that the draft Equality Policy circulated by the Clerk be adopted. The Clerk is to place on website **Agreed Clerk**

264/15-16 Planning/Development

Application

a) F/YR16/0083/F Erection of 2 x 18.0m high (hub height) wind turbines with associated works Land South Of Cornerways Farm Ramsey Road Benwick Cambridgeshire

Matter discussed, it was Proposed by Cllr Keppel-Spoor, and AGREED, that the Parish Council have no further comments to make. The Clerk to advise planning **Agreed Clerk**

Development

a) Cllr Chapman has written to Nick Harding (Head of Planning) and is now awaiting a response regarding Copalder Corner

265/15-16 Street Lighting

a) There was no update on Cat2 replacement street lights

266/15-16 War Memorial

a) Notification of Designation Application for the War Memorial has been received. It was Proposed by Cllr Few, and AGREED, that no comments be made. Clerk to advise Historic England. **Agreed Clerk**

b) Funding may be available and will be looked into further by Cllr Hindle **Cllr Hindle**

267/15-16 HM the Queen’s 90th Birthday

No updates received from village groups for the celebration of HM The Queen’s 90th Birthday, and this will be discussed at the next meeting.

268/15-16 Middle Level Commissioners

Proposals for Amended Navigation Legislation received from Mid-Level, it was Proposed by Cllr Keppel-Spoor, and AGREED, that no comments are to be made **Agreed**

269/15-16 Cambridgeshire Roadwatch

A speedwatch enquiry has been received from Roadwatch and taking into account the advice from CAPALC Cllr Keppel-Spoor will do more research on the matter **Cllr Keppel-Spoor**

270/15-16 Correspondence

a) Rural Services Network Bulletins (emailed 29/01/16, 02/02/16, 04/02/16, 10/02/16, 21/02/16, 26/02/16, 29/02/16, 02/03/16)

b) Police and Crime Commissioner bulletin (emailed 21/02/16)

c) CAPALC AGM minutes (emailed 02/02/16), bulletin (emailed 10/02/16)

d) Cambs Acre Survey (emailed 10/02/16), Cambs Acre News (emailed 26/02/16)

e) Electoral Review of Cambridgeshire: Final Recommendations (emailed 10/02/16)

f) Petition for Parish Council right of appeal against planning decisions (emailed 10/02/16)

g) Monday 29th February at Leonard Childs Bridge (Doddington Road, Chatteris) carriageway diversions, for three weeks (emailed 10/02/16)

h) Cambs Acre Community Fair, notification of date 07/06/16 (emailed 21/02/16)

- i) Notification of changes to Textile and Media Bank Network (emailed 21/02/16)
 j) Invitation to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Neighbourhood Plan Roadshow (emailed 21/02/16)
 k) Invitation to Fly a Flag for the Commonwealth Ceremony & Single Commemorative Act (emailed 26/02/16)
 l) Email from Anglian Water re launch of "Pollution Watch" (emailed 26/02/16)
 m) Fenland Community Safety Partnership Newsletter (emailed 29/02/16)
 n) Consultation on Proposal to License all Private Rented Houses in the town of Wisbech (emailed 01/03/16)

271/15-16 Motion to exclude Press and Public was Proposed by Cllr Keppel-Spoor, and AGREED

Agreed

272/15-16 Cemetery

No further quotes have been received for the path work on the Cemetery extension. The Clerk is to investigate the creation of more cremation plots further

Clerk

273/15-16 Agenda Items/Next Meeting

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be Monday 4th April 2016. Items to be included on Agenda should be with the Clerk by Monday 28th March 2016

The meeting closed at:- 9.08 p.m

Appendix 1

Bank Reconciliation				Financial Year ending 31 March 2016	
Benwick Parish Council					
Prepared by Jacquie Richardson (Clerk & RFO)					
Date	29/02/2016				
Approved by		Chair			
Date	07/03/2016				
Balance per bank statements as at	29/02/2016		£		£
Current Account			30940.42		
NS&I			20750.04		
					51690.46
Less: Unpresented Cheques					
Cheque Number					
	2402		100.00		
	2403		33.75		
					133.75
Add: Any unbanked cash in transit					
Net bank balances as at					51,556.71
The net balances reconcile to the Cash Book, as follows:-					
Opening Balance			45,781.90		
Add: Receipts to date			18,232.09		
Less: Payments to date			12,457.28		
Closing Balance			51,556.71		
Earmarked Reserves:					
Parish Plan	£532.89				
Verge Planting	£1.40				
Cemetery Extension	£14,357.50				
Street Lighting	£10,000.00				
The Pound	£2,000.00				
War Memorial	£2,000.00				
Mooring	£1,000.00				
Play Park	£3,000.00				
General Reserve	£18,664.92				
		TOTAL	£32,891.79		