



## BENWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Benwick Parish Council on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2016 in the side room of the Village Hall in High Street Benwick PE15 0XA.

<b>Present</b>	<b>Cllrs:</b> L Keppel-Spoor (Chair); R Few; V Gobie; J Hindle; R Butcher (FDC); A Miscandlon (FDC), J Richardson (Clerk) and one member of the public	
<b>081/16-17</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence:</b> Cllrs J Chandler; R Emmitt; M Chapman, J Clark (CCC) and PCSO T Liano	
<b>082/16-17</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> Non declared	
<b>083/16-17</b>	<b>Public Time</b> Floods Ferry Road, hedge on corner is too high to see round. Clerk to report to Highways Public Time Closed at 19.32	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>084/16-17</b>	<b>Confirmation of Minutes</b> It was Proposed by Cllr Keppel-Spoor, and AGREED, to sign and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2016	<b>Agreed</b>
<b>085/16-17</b>	<b>Matters Arising (for information only)</b> 20mph sign damaged reported to Highways, now repaired Pole at end of High Street asked Highways to remove Grass cutting on Footpath No 2 reported to Highways, response received to say this will be included in future cutting programme	
<b>086/16-17</b>	<b>Play Park:</b> Clerk to invite B Ollier to next meeting for an update	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>087/16-17</b>	<b>Police Matters:</b> During the months of June/July 2016 there have been 32 incidents reported with only 5 incidents impacting on the local community:- 20.07.2016 - A large tree had come down between Tick Fen Road and Puddock Road. Concerns due to it being night time, but an emergency out of hour's team from the council turned up and removed. 26.06.2016 – Ibbersons Drove and Puddock Road a vehicle was in a ditch. Officers attended to resource recovery. 14.06.2016 - A red car was seen driving up and down Doddington Road very slowly looking into properties and driveways, registration number passed and vehicle noted by the Police. 11.06.2016 – Farm on the outskirts of Benwick has had its out buildings broken into by unknown offenders. 09.06.2016 – Vehicle has crashed through front gardens at High Street no reported injuries. Benwick and Whittlesey have had 11 reports of nuisance vehicles, which involves speeding, noise, inappropriate parking etc., within the last 2 months, this is quite odd as this time last year we had 10 reports so an increase by one! A red vehicle was seen to be in the area of Benwick looking into gardens and driveways. Registration number was taken and this vehicle and associated information is being looked into by local officers.	
<b>088/16-17</b>	<b>County &amp; District Councillors Reports:</b> Cllrs Butcher reported that CCC boundaries are changing ahead of elections next May. FDC is still looking at Comprehensive Spending Review. Cllr Miscandlon reported that railings have replaced the fence outside the shop	
<b>089/16-17</b>	<b>The Pound:</b> No update	
<b>090/16-17</b>	<b>Xmas Tree:</b> No update	
<b>091/16-17</b>	<b>Village Verges:</b> No further action required. Clerk to take off agenda	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>092/16-17</b>	<b>Income &amp; Expenditure</b> a) It was Proposed by Cllr Keppel-Spoor, and AGREED, that members approve the following accounts for payment.	<b>Agreed</b>

<b>093/16-17</b>	C Owen	Cemetery & Pound Maintenance	£288.75
	CGM Landscapes	Verge Cutting	£70.08
	Anglian Water (dd)	Water Rates	£19.00
	J Richardson	Admin – 24/07/16	£228.74
	J Richardson	Expenses & reimbursement	£157.68
	SLCC	Purchase of LCA 10 <sup>th</sup> Edition	£76.60
	Benwick Village Hall	Room Hire	£52.50
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£893.35</b>

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

c) External Audit Report has questioned the reason for a variance and this has been dealt with by the Clerk

**094/16-17 Planning/Development Application**

F/YR16/0610/F Erection of 2 x 18 metre high (hub height) wind turbines with associated works. Land East Of Cornerways Farm Ramsey Road Benwick Cambridgeshire. It was Proposed by Cllr Keppel-Spoor, and AGREED, that no objections be raised

**Agreed**

**Granted**

F/2007/16/CC Removal of existing mobile classroom building, and erection of 7 bay 21m x 8.7m approx mobile classroom building on existing Primary School site until end of August 2021. Benwick Primary School, High Street, Benwick, MARCH, PE15 0XA

**Withdrawn**

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

**Prior Approval Notification**

F/YR16/0562/PNC04 Change of use of an agricultural building to 3 x 2-storey 3-bed dwellings (Class Q (a) and (b)). Farm Building White Fen Farm Whittlesey Road Benwick Cambridgeshire

**Enforcement**

a) Update on 35A and 35B Lilyholt Road, Benwick - New 1.2m (approx) fence. The fence has been replaced with railings but this is not in accordance with the planning application. Cllr Miscandlon will speak to planning regarding this. Clerk to email Planning Application number to Cllr Miscandlon. The matter of early occupation of the flat was discussed and this will also be raised by Cllr Miscandlon

**Cllr Miscandlon  
Clerk  
Cllr Miscandlon**

**Development**

a) No further update on Copalder Corner

**095/16-17 Flagpole**

Annual inspection requirements were discussed and the Clerk is to get quotes, further information, and look into the warranty

**Clerk**

**096/16-17 Street Lighting**

a) No further information on the Cat2 replacement street lights has been received.

**097/16-17 Speedwatch**

The Clerk has had 3 volunteers for Speedwatch. A Roadwatch presentation at Whittlesey was attended by Cllrs. Clerk to contact Roadwatch re attending Benwick PC Meeting

**Clerk**

**098/16-17 Cemetery**

a) One more quote has been received and still awaiting one more. A sample of the recycled material was shown around. The Clerk is to investigate further funding opportunities e.g Glassmoor Bank.

**Clerk**

b) The Cemetery Maintenance is now back on track. The Clerk is to continue monitoring this. Agenda item for next month will be the Hayter Hawk lawnmower.

**Clerk**

**099/16-17 Training**

a) It was Proposed by Cllr Keppel-Spoor, and AGREED, that a training course for Councillors be booked for Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September, if possible 7.30 p.m start. The Clerk to make arrangements

**Agreed  
Clerk**

**100/16-17 Correspondence**

- a) Rural Services Network Bulletins (emailed 08/07/16, 14/07/16, 19/07/16, 25/07/16)
- b) Cambridgeshire Local Assistance Scheme (CLAS) Survey (emailed 08/07/16)
- c) New Horizon vehicle / CrimeBUSTer information (emailed 08/07/16)
- d) PRS music consultation (emailed 08/07/16)
- e) Mayor of Whittlesey Events (emailed 08/07/16)
- f) Devolution consultation (emailed 18/07/16)
- g) Police and Crime Commissioner Bulletin (emailed 19/07/16)
- h) Bulletin on national developments, meetings and NALC bulletin (emailed 19/07/16)
- i) Invitation to free information sharing and networking event for older people, their carers and support organisations (emailed 19/07/16)

**101/16-17 Parish Council Meeting Dates 2017**

Parish Council Meeting Dates for 2017 were Proposed by Keppel-Spoor, and AGREED. The Clerk to post in Notice Board and website

**Agreed  
Clerk**

**102/16-17 Agenda Items/Next Meeting**

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016. Items to be included on Agenda should be with the Clerk by Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2016.

Apologies for next meeting Cllr Hindle, Cllr Butcher

Meeting Closed at:-20.10

**Appendix 1**

Bank Reconciliation		Financial Year ending 31 March 2017	
Benwick Parish Council			
Prepared by Jacquie Richardson (Clerk & RFO)			
Date	25/07/2016		
Approved by		Chair	
Date	01/08/2016		
<b>Balance per bank statements as at</b>	<b>25/07/2016</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Current Account		33775.83	
NS&I		20750.04	
			54525.87
Less: Unpresented Cheques			
Cheque Number	22428	20.00	
			20.00
Add: Any unbanked cash in transit			
<b>Net bank balances as at</b>			<b>54,505.87</b>
The net balances reconcile to the Cash Book, as follows:-			
Opening Balance		50,595.07	
Add: Receipts to date		8,029.63	
Less: Payments to date		4,118.83	
<b>Closing Balance</b>		<b>54,505.87</b>	
<b>Earmarked Reserves:</b>			
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	£21,614.08		
		<b>E M TOTAL</b>	<b>£32,891.79</b>