



BENWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Benwick Parish Council on Monday 7th November 2016 in the side room of the Village Hall in High Street Benwick PE15 0XA.

- Present** Cllrs; L Keppel-Spoor (Chair); J Hindle; V Gobie; R Few; J Clark (CCC); A Miscandlon (FDC), J Richardson (Clerk) and two members of the public
- 150/16-17** **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs M Chapman; J Chandler; R Butcher (FDC); R Emmitt;
- 151/16-17** **Declarations of Interest**
No declarations of interest
- 152/16-17** **Public Time**
In last few weeks lots of cars are parking on the pavement on the High Street, this will be raised next month with the Police
Person seen down Doddington Road acting suspiciously, and knocking on doors. An entry has been placed on Facebook warning villagers.
Benwick In Bloom supposed to be here to give a presentation, Clerk will place this item on next agenda. **Clerk**
Request of the Parish Council to two baskets being placed on the War Memorial (Parish Council are not allowed to make decisions in Public Time)
Clerk to report sign on High Street, outside No. 36, not lit up **Clerk**
Public Time Closed at 7.44p.m
- 153/16-17** **Confirmation of Minutes**
It was Proposed by Cllr Keppel-Spoor, and AGREED, to sign and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd October 2016 **Agreed**
- 154/16-17** **Matters Arising (for information only)**
Hedge overhanging footpath on Nene Parade reported to Highways 19/10/16, response from Highways is "the hedge and willow tree have had an order raised to cut these back"
Circle have confirmed that hedge outside bungalows on High Street will be placed on their annual maintenance schedule
- 155/16-17** **Police Update:** Clerk confirmed that Inspector Will Davis (Police) will attend the meeting on 5th December 2016.
- 156/16-17** **Play Park:** Photo shoot proposed for 2nd December 2016 at 2p.m. Clerk to email Bob Ollier with confirmation that this is suitable **Clerk**
- 157/16-17** **County & District Councillors Reports**
Cllr Clark reported that the Lilyholt Road sign will be removed early this week from the front of the War Memorial. The biggest thing facing CCC and FDC is devolution and this will be voted on by the Councils next week.
Cllr Miscandlon advised that planning training took place at FDC, well attended but no representative from Benwick PC was present. Cllr Miscandlon stated that another session will take place within the next three months and Clerks are also invited.
Question was raised regarding the Traffic Management Survey to be undertaken by the Shop and it was advised by Cllr Miscandlon that the times of the survey can be questioned through planning
- 158/16-17** **The Pound:** No update from Cllr Emmitt regarding placement of a storage container.
Village Hall have agreed in principle to a fence but would want to look at costings. Clerk to place on next agenda for discussion on removal of posts or placement of fence etc **Clerk**
- 159/16-17** **Data Protection Registration Renewal**
It was Proposed by Cllr Gobie, and AGREED, that the renewal of the Data Protection Registration and the payment of this by Direct Debit be undertaken. Clerk to action **Agreed**
Clerk
- 160/16-17** **Xmas Tree:** Village Hall Committee are willing to allow the PC to use the

electric, with a small charge. It was suggested by Cllr Keppel-Spoor that the Chairman be asked to call an extra-ordinary meeting to decide how this will be progressed, in time for Xmas.

Cllr Keppel-Spoor will find out about an outside plug socket on village hall.

161/16-17 Income & Expenditure

a) It was Proposed by Cllr Keppel-Spoor, and AGREED, that Members consider and 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	£19.00
J Richardson	Admin – 30/10/16	£260.63
Benwick Village Hall	Room Hire	£37.50
	TOTAL	£675.96

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

162/16-17 Planning/Development

Applications

a) F/YR16/0850/TE1 Installation of a 15m high lattice tower with 3 no pole mounted antennas, 2 no dishes, 3 no equipment cabinet and ancillary development within a 1.8m high green chain-link fence compound. Land North Of White Fen Farm Whittlesey Road Benwick Cambridgeshire

It was Proposed by Cllr Gobie, and AGREED, that no comments be made. Clerk to action **Agreed Clerk**

Granted

F/YR16/0768/TRTPO Works to an Ash tree covered by TPO 06/2000, 24 Skeifs Row Benwick Cambridgeshire PE15 0XB

Development

a) No update received on Copalder Corner

163/16-17 Highways

a) The application for Local Highways Improvement Funding for 2017-18 was discussed. Cllr Keppel-Spoor and Cllr Chapman have written, and circulated schemes, and these were discussed.

No decision was made

b) No volunteers have been forthcoming for the Community Gritting Scheme

164/16-17 Street Lighting

a) FDC are taking the matter of the four remaining CAT1 lights up with Balfour Beatty

165/16-17 Speedwatch/Roadwatch

a) Communication has been received from Doddington & Wimblington Parish Council regarding Roadwatch and this was discussed. It was Proposed by Cllr Gobie, and AGREED, that Benwick PC no longer associate with Roadwatch (Clerk to inform) **Agreed Clerk**

b) No further info received regarding Speedwatch, and this will be raised with the Police at the next meeting

Cllr Gobie volunteered to go on the Speedwatch volunteer list. Clerk to contact Howard Langford to see if he will be willing to be a volunteer

166/16-17 Cemetery/Mooring

Cemetery

a) No further update for work on Cemetery extension

Mooring

a) Discussion on the possible signage at the mooring regarding village amenities took place. The Clerk is now to progress this matter and look at prices for signs, in wood and metal. **Clerk**

167/16-17 War Memorial

The Lilyholt Road sign, at the front of the War Memorial will be removed early this week.

The bench is in need of maintenance and this is to be placed on January agenda along with the Litter Bin. Clerk to action **Clerk**

168/16-17 Correspondence

a) Rural Services Network Bulletins (emailed 06/10/16, 11/10/16, 19/10/16, 31/10/16)

b) Cambridgeshire ACRE services update (emailed 06/10/16)

- c) Police And Crime Commissioner – Questionnaire (emailed 06/10/16), Update (emailed 19/10/16)
- d) Awareness Briefing - Redevelopment of North Cambs Hospital - 19th October @ 2.30 PM - Fenland Hall, March (emailed 06/10/16)
- e) Changes to Advocacy Services from 10th October 2016 (emailed 11/10/16)
- f) Latest news from CPRE (emailed 11/10/16)
- g) Invitation to unveiling of the " Benwick in Bloom " Project Bus Shelter Collage (emailed 11/10/16, 26/10/16)
- h) Council Matters Autumn 2016 - Came & Company Local Council Insurance Brokers newsletter (emailed 19/10/16)
- i) CRW Road Safety Christmas Dinner Invite (emailed 19/10/16)
- j) CCC Winter Gritting Routes (emailed 19/10/16)
- k) Making Money Count - Supporting People to Manage Their Money (emailed 21/10/16)
- l) NALC National improvement strategy consultation (emailed 21/10/16)
- m) NALC News (emailed 21/10/16)
- n) Consultation on a Corporate Energy Strategy for Cambridgeshire County Council (emailed 21/10/16)
- o) Heritage Lottery Fund surgery day - 15th November in March (emailed 26/10/16)
- p) Consultation on the Enforcement Plan for Planning, Minerals and Waste (emailed 26/10/16)
- q) Cambridgeshire Energy Switch update (emailed 02/11/16)

169/16-17

Motion to exclude Press and Public

Confidential enquiry regarding Parish Council owned land was discussed and the Clerk is to find out further information.

Clerk

170/16-17

Agenda Items/Next Meeting

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be Monday 5th December 2016. Items to be included on Agenda should be with the Clerk by Monday 28th November 2016

Meeting Closed: 20.50

Appendix 1

Bank Reconciliation		Financial Year ending 31 March 2017	
Benwick Parish Council			
Prepared by Jacquie Richardson (Clerk & RFO)			
Date	31/10/2016		
Approved by		Chair	
Date	07/11/2016		
Balance per bank statements as at	31/10/2016	£	£
Current Account		37094.4	
NS&I		20750.04	
			57844.44
Less: Unpresented Cheques			
Cheque Number			
			0.00
Add: Any unbanked cash in transit			
			187.50
Net bank balances as at			58,031.94
The net balances reconcile to the Cash Book, as follows:-			
Opening Balance		50,595.07	
Add: Receipts to date		14,596.82	
Less: Payments to date		7,159.95	
Closing Balance		58,031.94	
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	E M TOTAL	£32,891.79
Play Park	£3,000.00		
General Reserve	£25,140.15		