



BENWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Benwick Parish Council on Monday 5th December 2016 in the side room of the Village Hall in High Street Benwick PE15 0XA.

- Present:** Cllrs: M Chapman (Chair); L Keppel-Spoor; J Chandler; R Emmitt; R Few; J Hindle; V Gobie; J Clark (CCC); R Butcher (FDC); Police Inspector W Davis, J Richardson (Clerk) and three members of the public
- 171/16-17 Apologies for Absence:** Cllr A Miscandlon (FDC)
- 172/16-17 Declarations of Interest**
None declared
- 173/16-17 Public Time**
A question was asked as to when the Xmas decorations are going to be put up
Public Time Closed 7.33p.m
- 174/16-17 Confirmation of Minutes**
It was proposed by Cllr Keppel-Spoor, and AGREED, to sign and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th November 2016 **Agreed**
- 175/16-17 Matters Arising (for information only)**
Highways have contracted Balfour Beatty to repair the Give Way sign outside No. 36 High Street
- 176/16-17 Police Update:**
Police Inspector Will Davis attended the meeting and he is based out of March and Wisbech. One early decision he made was to remove the PCSO attendance at Meetings. A presentation was delivered to explain what can be expected from the local police.
Local PCSO is now Shane Green. 5 response teams are based between March and Wisbech. 2 local policing teams in Wisbech and one in March. CID work out of March and Wisbech as well.
There are always officers on duty to cover 134 square miles of Fenland. There are Special Constables as well. Operation Pheasant Team is based in Wisbech which deals with exploitation of individuals.
Local policing teams deal with the priority in the villages and survey monkey is to be used to ascertain priorities.
Crime stats are available from government web site and crime reports will be sent to the Clerk in future.
There are 4 PCSO's currently in training.
Parking in the High Street was raised.
The Speedwatch Coordinator for this area is:- victor.kerlin@cambs.pnn.police.uk (Clerk to contact) **Clerk**
- 177/16-17 Benwick In Bloom:**
Clare Billington presented a brief overview of plans for 2017, including the Whittlesey Road Bridge planters. The plan is to have 3 baskets on each side of Whittlesey Road bridge. The bridge is to be painted by the Community PayBack team when the weather is good. Insurance is in place and relevant authorisations have been sought. Funding is being applied for and further self-watering containers are being looked into. A Silver Gilt was awarded at the Anglia In Bloom awards this year. The Anglia In Bloom will be entered into again in 2017. All volunteers are welcome. The Prospectus will be emailed to the Clerk who will place on the PC website **Clerk**
- 178/16-17 Play Park:** There was a good attendance at the photo shoot last Friday. It is expected that the fencing work will start before Xmas. Total cost is £114K and is expected to be complete by end of February 2017. Play Park will be closed Jan-Feb for works.
£250 is available for funding of groups in the village and Cllrs to identify and this will be on January agenda. **Clerk**
Visual checking training is also available and Cllrs to identify who it should be and this will be on January agenda **Clerk**
- 179/16-17 County & District Councillors Reports**

Cllr Clark reported that no meeting taken place recently. There is no main business that affects Benwick and work is going on to achieve a balanced budget. First devolution meeting will take place on 14th December 2016.

Cllr Butcher nothing further to report.

180/16-17

The Pound:

Cllr Emmitt has drawn a blank with putting a storage container on The Pound with regard to planning. Discussion took place regarding the need for a storage container. It was Proposed by Cllr Chapman, and AGREED, that Cllr Emmitt is to investigate further with planning an alternative type of storage unit.

**Agreed
Cllr Emmitt**

It was Proposed by Cllr Hindle to remove the posts at the front of The Pound but this was not seconded and was withdrawn.

It was Proposed by Cllr Chapman, and AGREED, that The Clerk investigates the fencing options and costings across The Pound and Village Hall

**Agreed
Clerk**

181/16-17

Xmas Tree:

Cllr Chapman has spoken to FDC regarding Xmas lights and has now got details of a company to supply lights. Cllr Chapman will meet with the local rep and discuss what could be put onto the tree on The Pound for future years.

Cllr Chapman

The Spar shop has donated a Xmas Tree on the car park. Cllr Chapman Proposed, and it was AGREED, that Benwick in Bloom use the Parish Council lights and decorations with recompense to the Parish Council if they are damaged

Agreed

182/16-17

CAPALC:

Cllr Keppel-Spoor will let the Clerk know if she can attend the AGM on 15th December 2016

Cllr Keppel-Spoor

183/16-17

Clerks & Council Direct Subscription

It was Proposed by Cllr Chapman, and AGREED, that the renewal subscription of £12 for 2017 be authorised

Agreed

184/16-17

Cambs ACRE

It was Proposed by Cllr Chapman, and AGREED, that the renewal subscription for 2017 to Cambs ACRE at £54 be authorised

Agreed

185/16-17

Income & Expenditure

a) It was Proposed by Cllr Chapman, 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 – 26/11/16	£209.82
J Richardson	Expenses (reimbursement Nov 2016)	£19.55
ICO (dd)	Data Registration	£35.00
	TOTAL	£642.20

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

c) A working party will be arranged by Cllr Chapman to discuss the Budget and Precept planning for 2017-18

Cllr Chapman

d) It was Proposed by Cllr Chapman, and AGREED, that a budget of £20 be authorised for the Clerk to purchase a new memory stick

**Agreed
Clerk**

Cllrs Clark and Butcher left the meeting

186/16-17

Planning/Development

Applications

F/YR16/0953/F Erection of a single-storey side extension to existing dwelling 33A Doddington Road Benwick March Cambridgeshire PE15 0UT. It was Proposed by Cllr Chapman, and AGREED, that no comments be made

Agreed

F/YR16/1041/F Erection of a single-storey rear extension to existing dwelling 3 Cricketers Way Benwick Cambridgeshire PE15 0UU. It was Proposed by Cllr Chapman, and AGREED, that no comments be made

Agreed

Granted

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

F/YR16/08/08/F Erection of a 2-storey side extension to existing dwelling, 2 Bettys Nose Farm Forty Foot Bank Benwick Cambridgeshire PE26 2XR
 F/YR16/0772/F Erection of a 2-storey 4-bed dwelling with integral double garage involving the demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings 6-7 Nene Parade Benwick Cambridgeshire PE15 0XL

Development

a) No further update received on Copalder Corner.

187/16-17

Tour of Cambridgeshire Cycle Race 2017

Cycle Race to be held on 4th June 2017. Same route as in 2016. Road Closures will be in place and affected householders will be contacted during Feb 2017 by a mailshot. Signs advising of road closures will be in place at least 2 weeks ahead of the event.

Clerk to provide article for Benwick Bugle to alert villagers

Clerk

188/16-17

Highways

It was Proposed by Cllr Chapman, and AGREED, that the Clerk asks Highways to repaint white lines in the village

Agreed
Clerk

Work will be progressed throughout the year for the LHI Bid 2018-19

189/16-17

Street Lighting

a) Update on CAT1 replacement street light outside 27 Lilyholt Road was given and this will not be completed until Balfour Beatty have a groundworks team in place

190/16-17

Speedwatch

The Clerk to email the police re Speedwatch

Clerk

191/16-17

Cemetery/Mooring

Cemetery

a) Decision on funding application for Cemetery extension is still awaited

Mooring

a) Signage at the mooring regarding village amenities is still being looked into and quotes are awaited

192/16-17

Correspondence

a) Rural Services Network Bulletins (emailed 04/11/16, 11/11/16, 16/11/16, 28/11/16, 30/11/16)

b) Application for a Road Closure at High Street, Benwick 16/01/17-20/01/16

c) NALC Newsletters - 25 October 2015 (emailed 04/11/16, 28/11/16)

d) Connect Newsletter From The Police And Crime Commissioner (emailed 11/11/16)

e) Cambridgeshire County Council Gritting Routes – Update (emailed 11/11/16)

f) Latest news from CPRE (emailed 11/11/16)

g) Invite - Chairman's Community Carol Service on Sunday 11 December 3pm (emailed 11/11/16)

h) Environment Agency Invitation - Ouse Washes Public Drop-in events (emailed 16/11/16)

i) Middle Level Navigation Reform Bill Proposal (emailed 30/11/16)

j) CCC HGV Covenant (emailed 30/11/16)

193/16-17

Agenda Items/Next Meeting

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be Monday 9th January 2017. Items to be included on Agenda should be with the Clerk by Monday 2nd January 2017

Meeting Closed at:- 21.30p.m

Appendix 1

Bank Reconciliation				Financial Year ending 31 March 2017	
Benwick Parish Council					
Prepared by Jacquie Richardson (Clerk & RFO)					
Date	30/11/2016				
Approved by		Chair			
Date	05/12/2016				
Balance per bank statements as at	30/11/2016			£	£
Current Account				36643.44	
NS&I				20750.04	
					57393.48
Less: Unpresented Cheques					
Cheque Number		2450	37.50		
					37.50
Add: Any unbanked cash in transit					
Net bank balances as at				57,355.98	
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				7,835.91	
Closing Balance				57,355.98	
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	£24,464.19				