

BENWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Benwick Parish Council on Monday 4th March 2019 in the Side Room of the Village Hall in High Street, Benwick PE15 0XA

- Present** Cllrs M Chapman (Chair); L Keppel-Spoor; R Few; L Robinson; B Taylor; A Cade; A Miscandlon (FDC); D Connor (CCC); J Richardson (Clerk) and four members of the public
- 237/18-19 Apologies for Absence**
Cllr R Butcher (FDC); Cllr Emmitt
- 238/18-19 Declarations of Interest**
Councillors to declare any interests in respect of any item to be discussed at this meeting:-
None declared
- 239/18-19 PUBLIC TIME**
On river bank used to be seats, opposite Cricketers Way, why have they not been replaced. Clerk to place on next agenda **Clerk**
Cllr Chapman has been approached by Flutterbies regarding them applying for a grant to improve areas of the village e.g laying an educational trail through the village. Awaiting further clarification.
Public time Closed at 19.36
- 240/18-19 Confirmation of Minutes**
It was Proposed by Cllr Chapman, and AGREED, to sign and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th February 2019 **Agreed**
- 241/18-19 Matters Arising**
None
- 242/18-19 Police Matters**
a) Police report noted
- 243/18-19 County & District Councillors Reports**
Reports from County and District Councillors
Cllr Miscandlon informed that the rate rise for FDC is 0% for the next year. Cllrs Miscandlon and Connor have raised the issue of dog fouling at FDC Meeting and they now require times and areas of dog fouling within the Parish. It was suggested that people report the instances of dog fouling at Parish Council Meetings. Kingdom are giving 10% of their time to this matter within the Parishes. Clerk to prepare map for next meeting. **Clerk**
Cllr Connor reported that the chevrons at Cuckoo corner have now been installed.
No further information on white lines on road between Benwick and Doddington
- 244/18-19 Street Lighting**
a) All information with regard to Street Lighting has been sent to Electrical Testing and now awaiting date of survey
b) Cllr Chapman has had an email from Cllr Hayes regarding the Concurrent Functions Grant and he will contact her back. **Cllr Chapman**
- 245/18-19 Annual Parish Meeting**
It was Proposed by Cllr Chapman, and AGREED, that the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Monday 20th May 2019 at 7.30pm. Clerk to arrange **Agreed**
Clerk
- 246/18-19 Benwick In Bloom**
It was Proposed by Cllr Chapman, and AGREED, that the position on The Pound of information boards supplied by Benwick In Bloom be two foot from the pavement. **Agreed**
- 247/18-19 Parish Council Meetings**
It was Proposed by Cllr Chapman, and AGREED, that as from 1st April 2019 the Parish Council Meetings will be held in the Church Room. Clerk to arrange **Agreed**
Clerk
- 248/18-19 Elections 2019**
Clerk provided update on timetable following FDC briefing.
- 249/18-19 The Pound**
a) Discussion regarding placement of a storage container to include sizes and costs of the purchase of a container as actioned at 4th December

2018 meeting. No further update

250/18-19 Income & Expenditure

a) It was Proposed by Cllr Chapman, and AGREED, that members approve the following accounts for payment **Agreed**

CGM Landscapes	Verge Cutting	£44.48
J Richardson	Salary	£340.80
J Richardson	Expenses reimbursement	£41.79
Benwick In Bloom	Donation	£130.00
Mark Chapman	Expenses reimbursement	£120.00
TOTALS		£677.07

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

251/18-19 Planning

Applications

a) F/YR19/0128/F Formation of a new vehicular access to existing dwelling, 16A Doddington Road Benwick March Cambridgeshire PE15 0UX.

It was Proposed by Cllr Chapman, and AGREED, that the Parish Council have no observations **Agreed Clerk**

b) F/YR19/0143/F Erection of 2 x 2-storey 2/3-bed dwellings, Land West Of 20 High Street Benwick Cambridgeshire

It was Proposed by Cllr Chapman, and AGREED, that the Parish Council have concerns about visual splay for vehicles and pedestrians but no other observations **Agreed Clerk**

252/18-19 Allotments

a) Update on progress, at September Gardens, and allotment rentals. 3 plots let. Cllr Chapman to print something off to place in shop to advertise **Cllr Chapman**

253/18-19 Correspondence

a) Rural Services Network, bulletin (emailed 05/02/19, 06/02/19, 13/02/19, 20/02/19, 25/02/19)

b) Highways Roadworks & events report 1st - 15th February 2019 (emailed 30/01/19), Roadworks & events report 16th - 28th February 2019 (emailed 17/02/19)

c) CPRE Updates and Campaigns (emailed 04/02/19)

d) Bus services set to continue across the county (emailed 04/02/19)

e) FDC Press Releases (emailed 04/02/19, 25/02/19)

f) CAPALC Standards in Public Life (emailed 04/02/19), CAPALC Bulletin - February 2019 (emailed 17/02/19)

g) NALC Chief Executive Bulletin - 01/02/19 (emailed 06/02/19) - 08/02/19 (emailed 11/02/19) - 15/02/19 (emailed 20/02/19) – 22/02/19 (emailed 25/02/19)

h) NALC - MHCLG Communities Framework Consultation (emailed 11/02/19)

i) Flood Risk and Biodiversity Newsletter (emailed 17/02/19)

j) Benwick In Bloom letter re donation (emailed 25/02/19)

254/18-19 Agenda Items/Next Meeting

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be Monday 1st April 2019. Items to be included on Agenda should be with the Clerk by Monday 25th March 2019

Meeting Closed at:- 20.11

Appendix 1

Bank Reconciliation				Financial Year ending 31 March 2019			
Benwick Parish Council							
Prepared by Jacquie Richardson (Clerk & RFO)							
Date	04/03/2019						
Approved by			Chair				
Date	04/03/2019						
Balance per bank statements as at		04/03/2019		£		£	
Current Account				30,245.32			
NS&I				21,125.18			
						51,370.50	
Less: Unpresented Cheques							
Cheque Number				576.00			
						576.00	
Add: Any unbanked cash in transit							
Net bank balances as at						50,794.50	
The net balances reconcile to the Cash Book, as follows:-							
Opening Balance				47,521.55			
Add: Receipts to date				18,909.80			
Less: Payments to date				15,636.85			
Closing Balance				50,794.50			
Earmarked Reserves:							
Parish Plan	£532.89						
Verge Planting	£127.23						
Cemetery Extension	£7,494.17						
Street Lighting	£11,500.00						
The Pound	£2,000.00						
War Memorial	£2,000.00						
Mooring	£3,133.66						
Allotments	£1,446.17						
General Reserve	£22,560.38						