



BENWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Benwick Parish Council on Monday 2nd March 2020 in the Church Room of the Village Hall in High Street, Benwick PE15 0XA

Present	Cllrs M Chapman (Chair); L Keppel-Spoor; R Few; R Emmitt; B Taylor; R Smith; A Miscandlon (FDC); B Wicks (FDC), J Richardson (Clerk) and four members of the public	
211/19-20	Apologies for Absence Cllr Cade	
212/19-20	Declarations of Interest Councillors to declare any interests in respect of any item to be discussed at this meeting:-	
	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest Cllr R Few Item 223/19-20 Fenland Local Plan	
213/19-20	PUBLIC TIME Situation witnessed on Lilyholt Road and boulders on the verge outside a house on Lilyholt Road obstructed traffic flow. Clerk to inform Highways Dog fouling is getting worse again. Speeding through the village was raised. The highway improvements that have been made in the village were highlighted. New speed signs have also been applied for under the Highways Improvement scheme, these signs will record data of speeding, the Council will know in mid-March if the bid has been successful. The hedge outside 1 Doddington Road is causing problems for pedestrians, and needs to be taken back to clear the path. Clerk to inform Highways.	Clerk
214/19-20	Confirmation of Minutes It was Proposed by Cllr Chapman, and AGREED, to sign and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 rd February 2020	Agreed
215/19-20	Matters Arising Grating on Doddington Road, at entrance to Cricketers Way, update is:- "works will be carried out to rectify the issue you raised with us, but could take up to 3 months depending on the location and severity. However, if the issue is deemed to present a safety concern, it will of course be attended to much quicker." Raised manhole cover in Chapel Gardens reported to Highways 23/02/20	
216/19-20	County & District Councillors Reports Cllr Miscandlon suggested that if the Highways bid is successful ask for another mount to be installed for the sign. The batteries usually last about 3 weeks, and are rechargeable. There is an ability to change the criteria on the sign, and a tripod can be purchased to enable the sign to be moved to outside schools etc. The requirements of the Local Plan was highlighted with regard to the sites identified in the village.	
217/19-20	Speedwatch The support of setting up of a Speedwatch group in Benwick was discussed in public time. It was Proposed by Cllr Chapman, and AGREED, that the Parish Council will support any group/individuals in the village that wish to set up a Speedwatch Group	Agreed
218/19-20	Burial/Cemetery a) The extending of Cremation Plots in the Cemetery is still awaiting a quote. b) Health & Safety Risk Assessment is progressing. A site map showing the areas and level of risk has been drawn up. The risk assessment form for all the memorials in the Cemetery has been completed. Notices for placement on memorials that had to be laid down have been prepared and will be put in place shortly, by the Clerk.	Clerk
219/19-20	Street Lighting a) Electrical Testing, have not completed the street light works. Clerk to chase. b) No further actions at this stage, regarding street lighting letter sent to FDC.	Clerk
220/19-20	Operation London Bridge Discussion took place in line with Operation Bridges presentation attended at FDC. Suggestions are:- site for laying of flowers, a book of commemoration, photo of the queen, flag flying. This to be placed on next agenda for discussion and decision.	Clerk
221/19-20	Police Report	

- Police report discussed and engagement dates read out. Nothing to note for Benwick
- 222/19-20 Income & Expenditure**
- a) It was Proposed by Cllr Chapman, and AGREED, that members approve the following accounts for payment **Agreed**
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| Tivoli | Cemetery Maintenance | £133.31 |
| CGM Landscapes | Verge Cutting | £44.48 |
| J Richardson | Admin – 23/02/2020 | £359.04 |
| J Richardson | Expenses reimbursement | £25.34 |
| EON | Street Light Electricity | £214.94 |
| FDC | Elections recharge costs | £247.08 |
| Benwick Village Hall | Room Hire | £78.00 |
| | TOTALS | £1102.19 |
- b) Clerks report on the February Bank Balances and reconciliation statement is at Appendix 1
- c) It was Proposed by Cllr Chapman, and AGREED, that the Asset Register for 2020 is accepted
- 223/19-20 Planning/Development**
- Fenland Local Plan**
- Response to FDC for sites proposed for inclusion in the draft Local Plan was discussed and are detailed:-
- Site 40199, Sismey's Garage and Fields, Doddington Road. Not supported
- Site 40206, Land between and rear of 38a and 40 Ramsey Road. Supported
- Site 40249, Land opposite Primary School, High Street. Not supported
- Site 40250, Land South of 16A Doddington Road. Not supported
- Site 40272, White Fen Farm, Land north east of 1-3 Whittlesey Road. Not supported
- Site 40274, Land north east of 39b-43 Ramsey Road. Supported
- Site 40375, Land north of 17 Doddington Road. Not supported
- Site 40275, Land to the west of 34 to 47 Doddington Road. Not supported
- Appeals**
- Appeal Ref: APP/D0515/W/19/3228109 Crazy Acres, Chase Road, Benwick PE15 0XS
- Appeal dismissed
- Granted**
- F/YR19/1040/F Erect 1 dwelling (2-storey 2-bed), 1.2 metre high looped top railing to front boundary and extension to dropped kerb. Site Of Former Benwick Methodist Church High Street Benwick Cambridgeshire
- 224/19-20 Mooring**
- a) Extension of the Mooring and funding opportunities, to include information from Cllr Keppel-Spoor. To be placed on next agenda
- b) Actions relating to a request to place miniature boats on the mooring for planting, to include the proposal from Cllr Keppel-Spoor. To be placed on next agenda
- 225/19-20 Age UK**
- Discussion regarding the email proposal from Doddington PC, and subsequent meeting took place. Invitation from Wimblington PC to attend the next meeting on 17th March 2020. It was Proposed by Cllr Chapman, and AGREED, that Cllr Taylor and maybe Cllr Keppel-Spoor will be attending along with the Clerk. Clerk to confirm attendance **Agreed Clerk**
- 226/19-20 Highways**
- a) Repair to be made by Cllr Smith to the damage to "gateway" on Doddington Road. **Cllr Smith**
- 227/19-20 Donations**
- Donations Policy proposed by the Clerk was discussed.
- It was Proposed by Cllr Chapman, and AGREED, that the donations policy be adopted. **Agreed**
- 228/19-20 Correspondence**
- a) Rural Services Network, bulletin (emailed 05/02/20, 20/02/20, 25/02/20)
- b) FDC Press releases (emailed 05/02/20, 17/02/20, 25/02/20)
- c) Highway Events Diary (emailed 03/02/20), (emailed 17/02/20)
- d) Fenland Local Plan Update (emailed 05/02/20)
- e) NALC Chief Executive Bulletin (emailed 05/02/20), NALC Chief Executive Bulletin (17/02/20)
- f) Wisbech Without Incineration (emailed 10/02/20)
- g) Highways January Incident Report (emailed 10/02/20)
- h) Cambs Acre peer learning event for Town and Parish Councils (emailed 17/02/20)
- i) CAPALC February Bulletin (emailed 17/02/20)
- j) CAPALC EGM - 2nd March 2020 (emailed 17/02/20)

k) Scam Awareness warnings (emailed 20/02/20)

229/19-20

Agenda Items/Next Meeting

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be Monday 6th April 2020. Items to be included on Agenda should be with the Clerk by Monday 30th March 2020

Meeting Closed at:- 21.32

Appendix 1

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Bank Reconciliation		Financial Year ending 31 March 2020	
Benwick Parish Council			
Prepared by Jacquie Richardson (Clerk & RFO)			
Date	28/02/2020		
Approved by		Chair	
Date	02/03/2020		
Balance per bank statements as at		28/02/2020	
		£	£
Current Account		34,289.64	
NS&I		21,294.18	
			55,583.82
Less: Unpresented Cheques			
Cheque Number			
		450.60	
			450.60
Add: Any unbanked cash in transit			0.00
Net bank balances as at			55,133.22
The net balances reconcile to the Cash Book, as follows:-			
Opening Balance		50,398.43	
Add: Receipts to date		19,838.64	
Less: Payments to date		15,103.85	
Closing Balance		55,133.22	

Earmarked Reserves:

Parish Plan	£532.89
Verge Planting	£67.13
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	£1,191.35
General Reserve	£27,214.02

E M TOTAL £27,919.20