

BENWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Benwick Parish Council meeting on Monday 7th February 2022 at the village hall

Present Cllrs M Chapman (Chairman), L Keppel Spoor, A Cade, R Taylor, R Few, R Emmitt, A Miscandlon (FDC), B Wicks (FDC), Clerk R Robinson and two members of the public. 181/21-22 Apologies for Absence Cllr Smith's apologies were accepted 182/21-22 **Declarations of Interest** None declared 183/21-22 **PUBLIC TIME** Cllr Chapman walked round the village with an officer from Streetscene at FDC and they did not see any dog poo. Ann reports that there is some today between the bridges. 184/21-22 **Confirmation of Minutes** Agreed It was Proposed by Cllr Chapman and AGREED to sign and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th January 2022 185/21-22 **Matters Arising None** 186/21-22 **County & District Councillors Reports** Cllr Wicks:- has contacted the head of Streetscene regarding his plan to have the local schoolchildren design posters against dog fouling and has also spoken to the local Streetscene officer. The head of Streetscene plans to contact the school. Dog licenses with DNA tracing were suggested. Cllr Miscandlon:- The pathway owned by Clarion where the lady fell over recently has been dealt with by Clarion. (Cllr Cade has observed this and reports that it is much better and safe to walk on, but may well deteriorate again.) Clarion are also investigating putting a light near the footpath. At 1 High Street there is no planning application at present, but the invitation to make one is still open. Cllr Chapman reports that building works continue with an extension to the Cllr swimming pool that has been converted to residential use and that the two static Miscandlon caravans are occupied. Cllr Miscandlon to report to Planning at FDC. The 2040 vision will probably be started again from the beginning. Work on the Local Plan is restarting now. 187/21-22 Highways and verges matters Cllr a) Next steps for implementation of speed signs. Cllr Chapman to arrange a meeting with Chapman Fenland Electric in coordination with the Clerk according to the funds previously allocated and report back to Council. b) Any actions needed due to obstruction/dangers impacting verges or footpaths including but not restricted the situation at 24b Doddington Road. Cllr The Land Registry entry for 24b has been obtained by the Clerk at a cost of £6 and Miscandlon Councillors report having viewed the plan that 24b extends as far as the drain and does not include the verge. Cllr Miscandlon to report to Cllr Connor. It was Proposed by Cllr Chapman and AGREED to add an extra £10 to the £10 originally allocated to obtain Agreed documents and that the Clerk should apply by post for additional documents that show Clerk any covenants on 24b. The issue of riparian drains was raised. c) It was Proposed by Cllr Chapman and AGREED that where previously minuted this Agreed year that we were recorded as discussing 24a Doddington Road it does in fact refer to 24b Doddington Road 188/21-22 Clerks training and expenses a) It was Proposed by Cllr Chapman and AGREED to pay £30 + VAT for the clerk to Agreed attend a zoom training on the AGAR on 19th March b) It was Proposed by Cllr Chapman and AGREED to pay £30 + VAT for the clerk to Agreed attend a zoom training on year end accounts and audit with Parkinson Partnership LLP via CAPALC. c) It was Proposed by Cllr Chapman and AGREED to pay the £120 + VAT for the clerks Agreed attendance at a CAPALC zoom training on cemetery administration on 9th March. 189/21-22 **Application** F/YR21/1520/F - The siting of 6 x gypsy caravans, erection of a day room block, gates and fencing, and the formation of associated hardstanding (part Agreed retrospective) at Crazy Acres Chase Road Benwick March Cambridgeshire PE15 0XS It was Proposed by Cllr Chapman and AGREED to object to the application on the Clerk following grounds:-1. The application is incorrect, referring to six gypsy caravans whereas the detail refers to

six static caravans.

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	2. This is overdevelopment ou	tside the normal settled area of the village			
	3. The permission given in 200	09 for two touring caravans was intended to be t	he		
		set a precedent for further development.			
		ne 3 which is a high risk of flooding for this type	of		
	development.				
		the rejection of the appeal against planning ref	usal in		
	January 2020 still stand.				
		ve full provision of Gypsy and Traveller sites.			
400/04 00		ouildings at 1 High Street – see District Councill			
190/21-22	Dog fouling Any actions to be taken due to dog fouling in the village and the lack of a				
	dog litter bin from Heron Way up Doddington Road – see under Public Time; Cllr				
	Chapman has discussed the siting of dog litter bins with Streetscene and the proposed				
	sites are:- 1. The corner of West End by the grit bucket and post box.				
	2. On Doddington Road past Heron Way near the wasteland where the old garage was –				
	residents often find dog poo bags dumped there.				
	If that is done the whole village is covered. Awaiting internal approval from FDC.				
191/21-22	Village Sign Any actions to be taken in relation to the sign or a new sign. Cllr Chapman				
	to compile a presentation of the information obtained by the clerk.				
192/21-22		egarding the flag or a new flag – Cllr Taylor has	found a		
	few suitable suppliers and the Clerk has circulated them to the councillors to consider.				
		flag and forward the measurements to Cllr Tayl	or and the	Cllr	
	Clerk for circulation.			Chapman	
193/21-22	Income & Expenditure				
		apman and AGREED to approve the following a	ccounts for	Agreed	
	payment:-	Floatricity	C400 40		
	Npower HHA Grounds Maintenance	Electricity	£120.10 £365.16		
	R Robinson	January Cemetery etc Salary & Expenses	£363.16 £463.94		
	Anglian Water	Water Supply	£28.43		
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	b) Clerk's report on the Janua	ry Bank Balances and reconciliation statement i			
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	c) To discuss and agree the level of reserves to be held over the next financial year:-				
	Clerk reported on the JPAG guidelines and SLCC advice on reserves and earmarked				
	reserves. It was Proposed by Cllr Chapman and AGREED to add the following amounts				
	to the earmarked reserves from the general reserves at the start of the next financial year				
	in April 2022:- £4000 to the Mooring; £2000 to Streetlights; £2000 to the War Memorial;				
	£1000 to the Biodiversity Initiatives (was Verges); £1000 to the Village Sign (new				
	earmarking); £1270 to the Jubilee celebrations (new earmarking)				
	It was Proposed by Clir Chapman and AGREED to set the level of general reserves at				
	100% of necessary expenditure				
194/21-22	Utilising road verges for biodiversity & habitat			Agreed	
		ons required as per CCC Road Verge Manager	nent		
	Enquiry; keep on the agenda for next month				
195/21-22	Tree Preservation Order (TPO) register and ash tree on the Pound (pruning etc.)				
	Clerk reports that he has applied for the TPO but was asked for reasons and a map by				
	FDC which he has sent. Councillors did not have any further reasons to add.				
	Four quotes have been obtained by the Clerk for the pruning/crown reduction. Cllr Cade				
	knows that one of the contractors is very tidy. It was Proposed by Cllr Cade and seconded by Cllr Taylor and AGREED to contract with Mr Fryer for the work on the basis				
	of his quote (£450 plus VAT).				
196/21-22	Correspondence			Clerk	
	a) Rural Services Network, Bulletin (emailed 05/01/2022, 11/01/2022, 18/01/2022,				
	25/01/2022)				
	b) FDC Press releases (emailed 05/01/2022, 13/01/2022, 14/01/2021, 24/01/2022,				
	26/01/2022) Member services (emailed 05/01/2022, 12/01/2022, 14/01/2022) Agendas				
	(emailed 07/01/2022, 26/01/2022, 28/01/2022)				
	c) CAPALC Bulletin (emailed 04/01/2022) Councillor training (emailed 19/01/2022)				
	Nimble e-learning (emailed 04	/01/2022) OFCOM consultation (emailed 18/01/	2021)		
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	g) CPRE Appeal (emailed 20/01/2022)	
	h) Cambs ACRE Covid guidance in village halls (emailed 06/01/2022) Watercare	
	newsletter (emailed 28/01/2022)	
	i) Galliford Try A47 Guyhirn (emailed 10/01/2022, 17/01/2022, 18/01/2022, 26/01/2022)	
	j) CCC – Local councils conference (emailed 07/01/2022) – Flood risk consultation	
	(emailed 12/01/2022)	
	k) Road Victims Trust – Annual Report (emailed 11/01/2022)	
	I) Support Fenland – Networking (emailed 20/01/2022)	
	m) Age UK – Community warden scheme (emailed 11/01/2022)	
	n) Londonhearts – Defibrillator grant (emailed 20/01/2022)	
	It was observed that signs around the village telling people where the defibrillators are	
	would be a good idea. The idea of more defibrillators was raised, but they need a trickle	
	charge. To place on the agenda for further consideration.	
	o) Whittlesey Town Council – Charity Dinner Dance (emailed 20/01/2022)	Clerk
197/21-22	Police Report Any actions in relation to new Police Engagement Proposal following	Cicin
.01721 22	meeting attended by Cllr Chapman. Cllr Miscandlon reports that the new police inspector	
	is going to use the data from Whittlesey's MVAS cameras to deploy police officers at the	Cllr
	correct times to detect speeding. Cllr Chapman to activate data collection on our MVAS	Chapman
	camera. Cllr Wicks reports that the police are going to engage more with primary schools.	Onapman
198/21-22	Project on the Pound Cllr Chapman has had a brief discussion with Benwick in Bloom;	Clerk
130/21-22	keep on the agenda for next month.	Olcik
199/21-22	Streetlights Clerk reports that there have been delays getting two of our streetlights	
133/21-22	repaired but that due to Doddington Parish Clerk kindly providing some new contact	
	details just now things seem to be moving now. Clir Taylor reports another streetlight	Cllr Taylor
	broken on Doddington Road; he will forward the details to the Clerk to report to Cabletest.	Clerk
200/21-22	Queens platinum jubilee Cllr Chapman to (1) investigate the supply of mugs, prices and	Clir
200/21-22	types and present at next month's meeting with a view to supplying mugs to children in	Chapman
	the village; (2) talk to Clare at the school about a painting competition which we could	Onapinan
	subsidise; (3) talk to the pub landlords about what they will be doing in terms of food or	
	street parties with a view to us subsidising e.g. cupcakes for the children.	
	Cllr Few to approach Bakehouse cakes re: the prices and types of cupcakes.	Clir Few
	It was Proposed by Clir Chapman and AGREED that the Clerk is to apply for a road	Agreed
	closure on Friday 3rd June. Cllr Miscandlon says road closures do not take long to get	Clerk
	approved. It was noted that Mr Ablewhite has experience of this.	OIGIK
201/21-22	Agenda Items/Next Meeting The next Parish Council Meeting to be Monday 7 th March	
201/21-22	2022 in the village hall. Items to be included on the agenda should be with the clerk by	
	Sunday 27th February 2022	
NA C	ded at 20.33	

Meeting ended at 20.33 Appendix 1

Bank Reconciliation	Financial Year ending 31 March 2022	
Benwick Parish Council		
Prepared by Richard Robinson (Clerk & RFO)		
Date 31/01/2022		
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Approved by	Chair	
Date 07/02/2022		
Balance per bank statements as at 31/01/2022	£	£
Current Account	39,157.12	
NS&I	21,447.49	
		60,604.61
Less: Unpresented Cheques		
Cheque Number	18.00	
	2751 289.05	
	2759 72.00	
	2765 174.00	
	2767 12.00	
	2768 57.00	622.05
Add: Any unbanked cash in transit		
		0.00
Net bank balances as at 31/01/2022	•	59,982.56
The net balances reconcile to the Cash Book, as follows:-		
Opening Balance 54,198.55		
Add: Receipts to date	20,557.64	
Less: Payments to date	14,773.63	
Closing Balance	59,982.56	

E M TOTAL £27,404.82

 Earmarked Reserves:
 £532.89

 Parish Plan
 £532.89

 Verge Planting
 £67.13

 Cemetery Extension
 £6,604.17

 Street Lighting
 £7,875.62

 The Pound
 £2,000.00

 War Memorial
 £4,000.00

 Mooring
 £4,133.66

 Allotments
 £2,191.35

 General Reserve
 £32,577.74