



BENWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Benwick Parish Council meeting on Monday 5th December 2022 at the village hall

Present	L Keppel-Spoor (Chairman), A Cade, R Taylor, R Few, R Emmitt, Clerk R Robinson and eight members of the public			
176/22-23	Apologies for absence Cllrs M Chapman, R Smith and A Miscandlon (FDC)			
177/22-23	Declarations of Interest Councillors to declare any interests in respect of any item to be discussed at this meeting:- a) Cllr Keppel-Spoor declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in item 191/22-23			
178/22-23	PUBLIC TIME It is getting darker and dog faeces on the pavements are increasing. Especially in Old West, Ramsey Rd, High Street and Whittlesey Rd. See agenda item below. The Chairman of the Benwick Village Hall Committee (BVHC) offered to talk about his report of the last BVHC meeting, which has been circulated to Cllrs by the Clerk. See under the agenda item below. The village gate on Doddington Rd has snapped off. A sheet was placed over it and must have caught the wind. Clerk to report to Highways at CCC and to ask them to prevent sheets being placed over the village gates in future. A member of the public offered to look at repairing, Clerk to liase with Highways.			Clerk
179/22-23	Confirmation of Minutes It was Proposed by Cllr Keppel-Spoor and AGREED to approve and sign the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 22 nd November 2022			Agreed
180/22-23	Matters Arising none			
181/22-23	The Pound Cllrs Chapman and Taylor have met with a fabricator and Benwick in Bloom to get quotes for gates to the Pound which will incorporate the metal animal cut-outs. Benwick in Bloom to pay for this if the Council approves it. Also getting a quote for two panels of matching fencing at the Parish Council's expense. Keep on the agenda to discuss when Cllr Chapman is here. Fabricator also looked at the frame on the War Memorial – put this on the agenda for next month.			Clerk Clerk
182/22-23	County & District Councillors Reports none			
183/22-23	Donations It was Proposed by Cllr Cade, seconded by Cllr Few and AGREED to make the following charitable donations according to our Donation Policy that will benefit the local community:- £50 to MAGPAS Air Ambulance £100 to Benwick in Bloom (Benwick Street Pride Volunteer Group) Clerk to write cheques for sending according to the timetable in the donations policy			Agreed Clerk
184/22-23	Defibrillators It was Proposed by Cllr Keppel-Spoor and AGREED to write a cheque for £2,406 this evening and send to London Hearts in payment for two defibrillators, unlocked heated cabinets and delivery. Cllrs who are providing the electricity for the defibrillators to take delivery. Clerk to arrange.			Agreed Clerk Cllrs Cade and Taylor
185/22-23	LHI bids and traffic calming no bid this year			
186/22-23	Biodiversity & habitat initiatives no progress since last month			
187/22-23	Police Report Clerk is sending our agendas to the Police as they may be able to attend a Council meeting at some point.			Clerk
188/22-23	Dog fouling The dual-purpose litter bin has been installed on Doddington Road. It was Proposed by Cllr Keppel-Spoor and AGREED to suggest two possible sites for the second bin to FDC – the corner of Ramsey Rd at the top end of the High Street and the opposite side of the Old West/ Ramsey Rd junction from the post box.			Agreed Clerk
189/22-23	Income & Expenditure a) It was Proposed by Cllr Keppel-Spoor and AGREED to approve the following accounts for payment:-			Agreed
	Npower	Electricity October DD paid 17/11/2022 (inc. VAT)	£93.49	
		Sub-total pre-authorised by Council and paid during November	£93.49	
	HHA Grounds Maint.	November Cemetery (inc. VAT)	£365.16	

	i) Combined authority – Update – (email /10/2022) Renewable fuels consultation (email 9/11/2022) j) ACRE Prosperity fund (email 9/11/2022) k) Benwick in Bloom – Pound (email 8/11/2022) no comments	
193/22-23	Education/NALC events evening events would suit most Cllrs better and the price of £51.69 seems expensive to learn about public consultation	
194/22-23	Agenda Items/Next Meeting - Next Parish Council meeting to be Monday 9 th January 2023. Items to be included on agenda should be with the Clerk by Monday 2 nd January 2023	

Meeting ended at 20.20

Appendix 1

Bank Reconciliation				Financial Year ending 31 March 2023	
Benwick Parish Council					
Prepared by Richard Robinson (Clerk & RFO)					
Date	01/12/2022				
Approved by		Chair			
Date	05/12/2022				
Balance per bank statements as at		30/11/2022		£	£
Current Account				63,916.57	
NS&I				0.00	
					63,916.57
Less: Unpresented Cheques					
Cheque Number	amount	2821	364.82		
					364.82
Add: Any unbanked cash in transit					0.00
Net bank balances as at 30/11/2022				63,551.75	
The net balances reconcile to the Cash Book, as follows:-					
Opening Balance		58,386.51			
Add: Receipts to date		18,567.73			
Less: Payments to date		13,402.49			
Closing Balance		63,551.75			

Earmarked Reserves:

Parish Plan	£532.89	
Verge Planting	£1,067.13	
Cemetery Extension	£6,604.17	
Street Lighting	£9,875.62	
Jubilee Celebrations	£0.00	
The Pound	£1,550.00	
Village Sign	£1,000.00	
War Memorial	£6,000.00	
Mooring	£7,961.16	E M TOTAL £36,782.32
Allotments	£2,191.35	
General Reserve	£26,769.43	