

BENINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Parish Meeting
09 July 2014 following the Parish Council Meeting
Benington School

Minutes

Present: R Bott (Chair) K Mays
J Dickenson M Spicer

In attendance: G Fox (Clerk) and 7 members of the public.

01. Apologies

Apologies of absence from K Grundy

02. Declaration of Interests – None to report

03. Co-option of Councillor – John Dickenson signed The Declaration of Acceptance of office.

Roads:

- Town lane improved.
- Floods near Finches Farm: It was discussed that Cllr Bott will speak to MR Tavener regarding the pipe on his land to see if this can be cleared.
- A Pot hole at the bottom of Duck Lane opposite where the new drain has been put in. Cllr Dickenson to take photo and send to Highways to report. Ken Crofton will push matters further if Highways do not take any action.
- Pavement and kerb damage outside 40 Blacksmiths Hill due to the refuse lorry mounting the pavement. Cllr Mays to send previous Ref number to GF (Clerk) and a letter is to be written to Highways.
- Anyone can now report pot holes to be advertised in the next issue of the Parish Magazine.

Neighbour Hood Plan

- Meeting is to be held with Neighbourhood Plan members along with Cllr Spicer to discuss the future plans around the Neighbour plan. Date TBC. There is currently a Draft District plan which can be used for the time being until the Final plan is completed. This could take around 18 months before it is produced.
- Print Neighbour Hood Plan Names in the Parish Mag.

Playground

- Annual Inspection
- In due course the playground will be registered in the name of the BRGCT. Who will take on responsibility for the area.

School

- The repair work has now been complete outside the front of the School.
- The school received a 'Good' mark from OFSTED

Accounts

Q1 for 2014/2015 Review

Date Paid	Name	Details	Total
08.04.14	D Perrin	Emptying village litter bins.	£100.00
08.04.14	Peter Kingsnorth	Website Maintenance	£120.00
25.04.14	CDA Membership	Subscription	£30.00
02.05.14	BT Payment	Telephone Bill	£93.14
02.05.14	McCash & Hay	Professional Services	£132.00
14.05.14	Frankcooper & Sons	Grass Cutting	£120.00
14.05.14	St Peters Church	Grant towards Churchyard	£3000.00
29.05.14	St Peters Church	Donation for Church Clock	£500.00
31.05.14	Tina Piggott	Litter picking & Emptying Bins	£130.00
30.06.14	Tina Piggott	Litter Picking & emptying Bins	£130.00

Foot Paths

- Cllr Dickenson is going to find out who is responsible for the upkeep of the footpaths around the village.
- Map to be found regarding the grass cutting around the village. Cllr Bott to pick up with GF.

Suspicious Behaviour

- Please be aware of people hanging around properties uninvited. Please report any issues of this nature if they occur.

Lloyds Memorial

- Cllr Spicer has agreed to continue with plans for Lloyds memorial as nothing has been confirmed as of yet.

Jubilee Seat

- A question was asked as to the whereabouts of the Jubilee Seat. Cllr Bott said he had the seat and it would be installed as soon as possible up at 'Flat Backs'. This needs to be concreted in.

Village Pond

- A meeting was held with 'Herts and Essex Wildlife Trust' to discuss the restoration of the village pond. Before a survey will be carried out Cllr Bott needs to remove and cut back some trees surrounding the pond.
- Over flow pipe to be dug up in the pond.

Sign Posts

- The sign post on the village green needs to be replaced. Ken Crofton is looking into replacing this with something that is more in keeping with the village.

Litter Picking

- Tina Piggott has been appointed the 'Litter Picker' for the Village. Tina will also be responsible for emptying the rubbish bins.

Date of Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be held in the School at 8pm on Wednesday 10th September

Chairman closed the meeting at 8.48pm