

BENINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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12th November 2014
Benington School

Minutes

Present: R Bott (Chair) M Spicer (Vice Chair) J Dickinson K Grundy B Morcom
In attendance: G Fox (Clerk) and 9 members of the public.

1. **Apologies:** Absence of Cllr Mays

2. **Declaration of Interests -**

Cllr Bott declared that it was his intention to ask Steve Barmby for prices for P.C work. Steve is known to Cllr Bott as a friend and because he is G Fox's (Clerk) step father Cllr Bott felt it should be noted.

3 **Minutes of the previous meeting**

a) Acceptance

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th November 2014.

b) Review of Actions

Upkeep of footpaths & grass cutting -It was suggested that the Parish Council liaise with East Herts to try and obtain full responsibility of all grass cutting etc within the Village. Cllr Spicer will make enquires to see if the proposal is possible.

Replacement of waste bin - Next to the bus stop Town Lane, budget of £300 agreed to be spent. Cllr Spicer to look into further.

4. **Lloyd Jones memorial -**

It has been agreed to replace the benches however a faculty is required in order to complete these. It may not be possible to put a plaque onto the bench however this is yet to be confirmed. The Parish Council will allocate £1000 estimate towards the benches and the plaques. Mike Spicer to continue with this.

The Methodist Chapel have agreed to allowing a plaque to be placed in memory of Lloyd Jones. Cllr Bott is waiting on confirmation for the wording before the plaque is engraved.

5. **Roads-**

Garages in Three Stiles are now ready for assessment. Cllr is in contact with Circle Anglia Housing Association for further updates.

Cllr Bott is to discuss with the owners of the new builds along Walkem Road about the over flow of shingle onto the footpath.

Cllr Dickinson is to report pot hole by 'Flat Backs'.

Blacksmiths Hill - Cllr Bott has liased with Herts County Council and agreed with the Parish Council that the regular flooding will be investigated further.

6. **Planning -**

The Bell - Permission to replace garages with a function room. No objection from Parish Council

78 Whempstead Road. Requested permission to demolish current bungalow and rebuild. No objection from the Parish Council.

7. **Recreational Facilities -**

Parish council are to complete the necessary work that needs to be undertaken from the inspection report.

8. **Footpaths-**

The grass map has now been obtained from Herts County Council which details who is responsible for managing areas within the Village.

The Hedge along Burns Green will be cut by CUr Bott and Herts County Council will be contacted again with regards to the clearance of the ditch.

9. **Village Pond –**

Village Pond - Cllr Dickinson and Richard Webb will be clearing the overhanging willow and brambles around the village pond next to the pathway. The refurbishment of the pond is on hold until further communication is received from the Survey Company. However in the meantime there is a 'gully' which needs to be identified so that the pond can be drained.

10. **Point of Interest -**

Sarah Cotton - Eleemosynary Trust Reappointed as trustee. This has been agreed by all councilors.

The next meeting date will be **Wednesday 14th January 2015 at 8pm.**

Cllr Bott closed the meeting at 9.05pm