

BENINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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14th January 2015
Benington School

Minutes

Present: R Bott (Chair) M Spicer (Vice Chair) J Dickinson K Grundy B Morcom
In attendance: G Fox (Clerk) and 4 members of the public.

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

2. **Declaration of Interests** - None

3 **Minutes of the previous meeting**

a) Acceptance

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

b) Review of Actions

Pathway leading up from the 'pond' to the School has now been cleared. Replacement of waste bin - will be ordered this week. Play ground work is nearly complete. Burns Green cutting is now complete. Hedge cutting by the bus stop has been done. The bench has been replaced at the bottom of Stoopers Hill.

3. **Roads** -

Lighting: In Goodey Mead 3 faulty lamps reported between 22 Nov 2014 and 2 Jan - no action taken to date. In Three Stiles 2 faulty lamps reported 8 Nov and 8 Jan - no action taken to date. Junction of Town Lane and Three Stiles faulty lamp reported in Oct and Nov 2014 and again on 9 Jan 2015 (no 201006709610) - no action has been taken in nearly 3 months and Ken Crofton has been made aware. (I have just heard today that this lamp is scheduled to be fixed this week. 14/01115)

Potholes: The Whempstead Road pothole mentioned at the November Parish Council Meeting was reported in early December. After a week Highways responded that no action was required. Ken Crofton is aware. Blacksmiths Hill- footway damage - 3 reports dating back to July 2014 -latest information states "ready for assessment". Three Stiles - footway and road damaged and potholed leading to garages due for redevelopment - several reports dating back to July 2014- also "ready for assessment". GOOD NEWS - 3 potholes reported in Town Lane in Dec 2014 were repaired within 3 days! Strangely these potholes were smaller than the Whempstead Road one where "no action was required". Other: A householder's overgrown hedge which is encroaching on the footway has been sent a letter by the County Council on 2 Dec 2014 but no remedial action has been taken to date.

Road Closures: Town Lane will be closed on Tuesday 20th Jan 2015 from Duck Lane to Hebing End/Bums Green between the hours of 09.30 and 15.30. All residents along the route have been leafleted and no vehicles are allowed to be parked during these hours. Diversion will be Church Green, Walkem Road and High Elms Lane. Walkem Road will be closed between the same hours on Friday 23rd Jan from Brown's House

crossroads to the Mill at Walkem bridge. These road closures are obviously weather dependant.

5. **Planning**

81 Town Lane -Woodlands - Walkem - To object on the basis of infrastructure congestion.

6. **Recreational Facilities**

Appointment of Treasurer (Natalie Clennell) Hand over of-the playground to the Rec club should be April 2015.

7. **School**

New curriculum is now been put into place.

The next meeting date will be **Wednesday 11th March 2015 at 8pm.**

Cllr Bott closed the meeting at 8.40pm