

BENINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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The Annual Parish Council Meeting
13 May 2015, 8.00pm, Benington School

Minutes

Present: R Bott (Chair), B Morcom, K Daniel, M Hughes
In attendance: G Fox (Clerk) and 4 members of the public.

1. Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from Joanne Jaques and Boo Taylor.
2. Declaration of Acceptance of Office of newly-elected Councillors The acceptance forms were signed by R Bott, B Morcom, K Daniel and M Hughes.
3. Election of Chairman: Cllr Bott asked for nominations for the election of Chairman, Cllr Morcom nominated Richard Bott. Cllr Hughes seconded the motion. Richard Bott was duly elected.
4. Election of Vice Chairman: Cllr Bott nominated Bob Morcom for the office of Vice-Chairman. Cllr Hughes seconded the motion. Bob Morcom was duly elected.
5. Declaration of Interests: None
6. Minutes of the last meeting: Acceptance: The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11 March, 2015 were accepted as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.
7. Roads. Mark Hughes will liaise with Highways about the uneven surface outside the Hall. He will also liaise With BT about the water running downhill in their conduit to their inspection chamber. Bob Morcom and Mark Hughes are to get an idea of cost to provide more parking at the entrance to Three Styles. Who is going to report the pothole outside the school to Highways?
8. Pond Herts & Middlesex Wildlife Trust came to look at the pond and suggested it should be tested for toxins. A quote has been received for the survey £300 + £130 for mileage. It was agreed by all Cllrs to look at the possibilities of involving Oaklands College or University of Hertfordshire to see if they are able to help. Cllr Bott is to cancel meeting with Aquilina Environmental Quality.
9. Planning. Pound Cottage 1 Town Lane - no objection.
10. Recreational Facilities Peter Warren offered to give the Council a presentation about progress on the pavilion. Richard Bott will ask him to arrange it for the July meeting.
11. School. A meeting has been requested with regards to the safety of the yellow lines outside the school. This will involve the School, Police and members of the Parish Council. Cllr Bott will confirm date.
12. Correspondence Received. The fly tip was in a field entrance belonging to R.H.Bott and Son and has thus become their responsibility.

An email was received from K Crozier with regards to the planning application at The Bell Pub. K Croziers concerns were discussed however Benington Parish Council does not object to the planning application.

13. Members' Points of Information. None.

14. To fix the dates and times of ordinary meetings of the Council for the ensuing year. It was agreed that the ordinary Parish Council meetings would be held on the second Wednesday, every other month, throughout the year. Dates as follows:
15 July, 09 September, 11 November, 13 January 2016 09 March 2016, 11 May 2016
These dates may be subject to change. All meetings to be held at 8.00 pm .

6. Date of next meeting: 15 July 2015 at 8.00 pm.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55 pm.