

# BENINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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15<sup>th</sup> July 2015 following the Parish Council Meeting  
Parish Hall

## Minutes

**Present:**

|                |                       |
|----------------|-----------------------|
| R Bott (Chair) | M Hughes (Vice Chair) |
| K. Daniel      | J. Jaques             |
| B Morcom       | B. Taylor             |

**In attendance:** J. Wheeler (Clerk) and 10 members of the public.

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**01. Apologies:** No Apologies

**02. Declaration of Interests –No Declarations**

**03. Minutes of the previous meeting**

**a) Acceptance**

- Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2015 were accepted as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

**b) Review of Actions**

- Cllr. Hughes is contacting BT with regard to the water leaking across the road near Robinsons Cottage, and is continuing to discuss the situation with them.
- The possibility of creating 5 parking spaces at the bottom of Three Stiles, since the yellow lines have been applied was discussed.
- A quotation has been received for these spaces to be made, but further costs would be incurred for drainage and planning. Once these parking places would be in place, there would then be the possibility of yellow lines on the west side of Town Lane.
- Concerns were raised that at peak times and weekends of irresponsible parking. The situation will continue to be reviewed.
- Cllr. Jaques reported that there were many complaints on the Benington Facebook page.
- The Chairman summarized that the Village should be consulted. Cllr. Jaques and Cllr Daniel agreed.
- Cllr. Hughes agreed but pointed out that the village may want the cost of the parking to be spent elsewhere

**04. Roads -**

- Cllr Daniel has stated that the pavement outside the school is ‘diabolical’. The pavement had been repaired, but delivery Lorries had soon broken up the repairs. Cllr Jaques had requested that the pavement should be restored outside the new homes in Blacksmiths’ Hill.
- Cllr Bott will liaise with parents regarding a ‘drop-off’ zone outside the school; the yellow lines would need modification for this purpose. The cost would be looked into.
- Parents had not embraced the idea with enthusiasm but were willing to discuss.
- Cllr Taylor said that this worked well at some schools. i.e. John Henry Newman
- The Chairman reported that statistics from Sgt Duncan Wallace regarding usage of the road had been supplied, with particular attention being paid to speeding vehicles.

## 05. Planning –

- The decision was made that Benington Parish Council, unilaterally would not make any objections to the “Lagoon” application at Dane End.

### Decisions

- EHC PERMISSION GRANTED–
- 4 Town Lane, Benington – Conversion of triple garage for residential purposes
- **BPC No Objection**

### Planning applications received since last Parish Council Meeting, but not discussed

- 17 Hebing End
- Single storey extension

## 06. Recreational Facilities –

A short presentation by the Recreation Club was postponed until the next meeting.

Cllr Hughes congratulated Dave Cotton and Peter Warren on the erection of the new pavilion.

Cllr Bott would look into getting more information on regarding a skateboard ramp installed, with particular attention on Insurance.

The village would then be consulted to see if there is interest.

## 07 School -

- Cllr. Jaques reported that she had introduced herself to the Head Teacher.

## 08.

### Expenditure and Income from 13.05.2015 to 15.07.2015

|          |                           |         |
|----------|---------------------------|---------|
| 01.06.15 | McCash & Hay -PAYE        | £39.00  |
| 28.05.15 | R. Aquilina - POND        | £10.00  |
| 31.05.15 | T. Piggott – Litter       | £130.00 |
| 31.05.15 | BT - BPC Telephone        | £102.98 |
| 31.05.15 | F. Cooper – Grass Cutting | £123.60 |
| 31.05.15 | G. Fox - Clerk            | £251.33 |
| 15.06.15 | BDO Auditors              | £240.00 |
| 30.06.15 | T. Piggott - Litter       | £130.00 |
| 30.06.15 | G. Fox - Clerk            | £251.33 |
| 30.06.15 | F. Cooper – Grass Cutting | £304.80 |

## 09.

### Correspondence received

Aston have sent information regarding a Children’s cookery course that is available for Benington Children to join, to take place during the school holidays.

Defibrillators were discussed. It would be a good idea to have two in the village, need to be in prominent positions. Costs will be looked into and possible locations.

## **10. Police**

Cllr. Bott has spoken to Les Bridger regarding the fact that most rural crime is committed by vehicle. An A.N.P.R (Automatic number plate recognition) camera would be useful in these circumstances. The possibility of sharing the costs with surrounding villages was a suggestion.

Cllr. Morcom suggested this should come from central funding.

Cllr. Bott reported that the information from these cameras is very analytical and can detect false no. plates as well as Insurance and Road Tax issues.

Cllr. Taylor agreed it was a good idea to investigate.

## **11. Members Points of Information**

Cllr. Daniel has contacted the University of Hertfordshire regarding the village pond. It was discussed whether a complete wildlife survey would be required as this was expensive and it is known that the pond has been contaminated with organic hydrocarbons, which are harmless.

Cllr. Daniel also reported that the Village Hall Committee had said that work will commence shortly on the work surfaces and cupboards. Concern had been expressed about the caravan parked on the Village Green. Cllr. Taylor said that this was being dealt with.

Cllr. Hughes has asked about a litter bin that needs to be placed by the brick bus shelter at the bottom of Stoopers Hill

Cllr. Daniel has asked about the replacement of the seats in the Lych Gate and is consulting with Jenny Cobb and the Church committee.

Dog Fouling was discussed, the Dog Warden has sprayed paint to let the public know where the dog fouling bins are located, a suggestion that maybe an article be placed in the Parish Magazine.

Cllr Hughes would like to see more support for the Village Fete; the Parish Council will approach the Fete committee to offer their support. It was felt that the evening part of the Fete is well attended. Cllr Hughes will report back on the date of the next Fete meeting.

**The next meeting date will be Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at the School.  
This meeting will be at 7.30 with a presentation by the Recreation Club**

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05pm**