

BENINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Meeting Wednesday 17 January 2024
to be held in the School Hall at 8pm**

AGENDA

1 Apologies for absence

2 Declaration of interests

3 Minutes of previous meeting

- a) **Acceptance** – and signing
- b) **Review of actions**

- Funding assistance for playgrounds **Action: Cllr Hewlett**

4 Village pond

- Agreed to identify suitable persons to quote for remedial work

Action: All

5 Roads

- Parking Three Stiles – update and consultancy payments query
Action: Cllr McClure
- Various issues in Blacksmith Hill including potholes, a broken drain cover and car park marking have been reported to Clarion HA by Councillors and residents
Action: Clerk
- Blocked drains Three Stiles
Action:
- Village speed restrictions - 40mph stretches to be reduced to 30mph. The Highways' department is due to report back with road survey details including any cost to the Parish Council.
Action: Cllr McLean
- Missing 30mph sign at Old School Green – highways ref no. 401003784573
Actioned: Cllr Hewlett
- Walkern Rd/Shummary Lane - road flood relating to irrigation ditches
Action: Clerk
- 100 Town Lane fault reported – number 401003839640
- Three new school signs to be placed throughout the village
Actioned: Cllr Crofton
- Damage to Benington welcome sign, Church Green **Action: Cllr Rew**

6 Planning updates from East Herts District Council

- Planning consultation - Lingfields, Whempstead Road. Demolition of outbuildings and building 2 storey extension
- Planning granted - 68 Whempstead Road
- Planning decision granted - awnings for Village Hall

- Planning consultation – High Elms side extensions, new 2nd floor, below ground swimming pool, new detached garage

7 Recreational facilities

8 Fair

9 School

10 Finance

- 10.1 Accounts, expenditure and income for period 9 November 2023 to 16 January 2024
- 10.2 Agree precept amount for 2024/25 **Action: All**
- 10.3 Bank issues and changes **Action: Clerk**

11 Correspondence received

- Communications received in relation to the proposed Beane Valley solar plant
- Thank you from CAB Herts for the donation
- Thank you from EHAA for the donation

12 Members' points of information

- New defibrillator purchased - 50% grant funded **Actioned: Cllr Hewett**

13 Date of next meeting

- Wednesday 20 March 2024 8pm in the School Hall

14 Public participation

- Contact Herts Constabulary in response to concerns over vehicle crashes at the Whempstead crossroads **Actioned: Clerk**