

BENINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Meeting Wednesday 20 March 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**
 - See below

4 Village pond

- Quote for remedial work - only 1 received to date **Action: Clerk**

5 Roads

- Parking Three Stiles – update and consultancy payments query. Site visit arranged. **Action: All**
- Various issues in Blacksmith Hill including potholes, a broken drain cover and car park marking. Cllr Deffley regularly following up with Clarion and no response to date **Action: Clerk**
- Village speed restrictions - 40mph stretches to be reduced to 30mph. The Highways' department have issued a quote to carry out a speed survey **Action: Cllr McLean**
- The drain issues in Three Stiles with flood water eroding the road and pavements appears to have abated. Remedial work is required to ensure debris is prevented from collecting and blocking the drain in future.
- Missing 30mph sign at Old School Green – highways ref no. 401003784573. Councillors agreed to purchase a replacement sign and to look into 30mph 'sticker' heads as many signs are now faded. **Action: Cllr McLean**
- Walkern Rd/Shummery Lane - road flood relating to irrigation ditches. Various exchanges to resolve this matter, led by Cllr Crofton, are underway. Fault No 23/HCS/1208 **Action: Clerk**
- Damage to Benington welcome sign, Church Green **Action: Cllr Rew**
- Damage to Benington entry sign near Hebing End – temporary fix undertaken **Actioned: Cllr Hewlett**

6 Planning updates from East Herts District Council

- Planning consultation - Moles Farm Hebing End removal of agricultural workers condition

- Planning consultation - 100 Town Lane Benington. The Council objects to this application due to over development of the plot and parking concerns.
- Planning decision granted – Lingfields demolition of outbuilding and erection of 2 storey side extension
- Planning consultation – Lingfields erection of tennis court
- Planning consultation – 68 Whempstead Rd alterations to original planning consent
- Planning decision granted – Longacre
- Planning consultation – 10 Burns Green side and rear extensions
- Planning consultation – Holly Cottage 36 Walkern Rd rear extension

7 Recreational facilities

8 Fair

9 School

10 Finance

- 10.1 Accounts, expenditure and income for period 17 January 2024 to 20 March 2024

11 Correspondence received

- Communications received in relation to the proposed Beane Valley solar plant

12 Members' points of information

- New defibrillator fitted at Doctors surgery **Actioned: Cllr Hewlett**
- Signage required for new defibrillator
- Cllr Crofton has suggested the Council explore the possibility of employing a road sweeper and Cllr Deffley has been contacted **Actioned: Cllr Hewlett**
- No information received from Openreach or Gigaclear.
- Five year housing land supply – Cllr Deffley has communicated some of the latest decision making including a site on Whempstead Rd

Action: Cllr Deffley

13 Date of next meeting

- Wednesday 15 May 2024 7.30 pm in the School Hall for Annual Parish meeting followed by the Parish Council meeting at 8pm.

14 Public participation

