

# BENINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Annual Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 15 May 2024  
to be held in Benington School after the  
Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm**

## **AGENDA**

- 1 Apologies for absence**
- 2 Election of Chairman and signing of Declaration of Acceptance of Office**
- 3 Election of Vice Chairman and signing of Declaration of Acceptance of Office**
- 4 Declaration of interests**
  - a) Pecuniary interest forms for completion by all Councillors in relation to other interests
- 5 Minutes of previous meeting**
  - a) **Acceptance**
    - Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 20 March 2024
  - b) **Review of actions**
    - See below
- 6 Village pond**
  - Quotes required for fence repairs **Actioned: Clerk**
- 7 Roads**
  - A Walkern resident flagged the lack of road markings at the junction of Benington Rd and Walkern Rd – fault number 401003998663. Cllr James has also reported this fault
  - Structure that supports the Benington welcome sign adjacent to number 68 Whempstead Road damaged and requires repair **Action: Cllr Crofton**
  - Welcome sign at Church Green requires repair/replacement  
**Action: Cllr Crofton**
  - Shummary lane/Walkern Rd flood. Discussions with Highways, landowners and tenants underway **Action: Cllr Crofton, Clerk**
  - A resident reported a broken light creating exposed electrics - fault number 401004060797. The light was made safe but not replaced.
  - Clarion Housing are working on the various issues in Blacksmith Hill including potholes, a broken drain cover and car park markings
  - The flooding under the BT cover outside the new houses in Three Stiles is an ongoing issue. Monitoring is ongoing. **Action: Cllr McClure**
  - Village speed restrictions - 40mph stretches to be reduced to 30mph. Costs to undertake a traffic survey agreed at last meeting **Action: Cllr McLean**

- Road sweeping – EHDC contacted concerning the lack of road sweeping in the village. Cllr Deffley has requested we are informed when this is likely to happen in order we can ask residents to remove their vehicles.

## **8 Planning updates from East Herts District Council**

- Planning Decision granted – 10 Burns Green Benington rear extensions
- Planning Decision granted – Lingfields tennis courts

## **9 Recreational facilities**

- A resident has been in touch with the Parish Council, County and District Councillors to encourage a site visit and creation of a proposal for making best use of the pavilion. **Action: All**

## **10 Fair**

- The Fair committee have requested a donation of £500 from the PC for the Fair this year **Action: Clerk**

## **11 Finance**

- **12.1** Accounts Expenditure and Income 22.03.24 - 15.05.24
- **12.2** Accounts for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter
- **12.3** Approval of the Annual Return for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

**Action: Clerk**

## **12 Correspondence received**

- Crime statistics for April indicated 2 burglaries in Benington
- A resident has flagged up potential building works at the Cabbage green site
- Village hierarchy study was received from East Herts
- A resident pointed out that fencing works near the school appears to be incomplete and has created an unsightly mess on the verge

## **13 Members' points of information**

- Noticeboard required for the new defibrillator at Oak Tree Close

## **14 Date of next meeting**

- 10 July 2024 8pm in School Hall

## **15 Public participation**