

# BENINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Benington Annual Parish Meeting  
15 May 2024 followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting  
Benington School

## Minutes

**Present:** Cllr S Rew (Chair) Cllr R Hewlett (Vice Chair)  
Cllr F McClure Cllr S James

**In attendance:** Cllr K Crofton, J Ransom (Clerk) plus 9 members of the Public

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**01. Apologies:** Cllr D Mclean, Cllr C Radford, Cllr T Deffley

### **02. Minutes of the Last Meeting**

- **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday, 10 May 2023**  
Parish Councillors agreed that the Minutes be approved. The Minutes were signed by the Chairman.

### **03. Annual Parish Report**

- **Chairman's Report** - The Chairman read out the Annual Parish Report for the year 2023/2024 as follows:

The last year has seen a number of changes to the Parish Council, with Richard Bott and Kate Daniel stepping down at last year's elections. We are grateful to them both for their contributions, in particular Richard's many years of dedicated service to the village as Chair. Over recent months we have welcomed two new Councillors, Chris Radford and Steve James.

Projects undertaken by the Parish Council this year include the installation of a third defibrillator for the village, located outside the Doctor's Surgery. This not only provides a more accessible defibrillator for residents in the middle of the village, but is also located in close proximity to the sports field. In addition we arranged a very well attended training session on the use of defibrillators - many thanks to everyone who spared their evening to learn a new lifesaving skill.

As ever, we have had to contend with a number of issues with roads in the village. Having restored the village welcome sign in Hebing End this year, its Church Green counterpart was then damaged by poor weather this winter. Repairs have been arranged, with many thanks to Ken Crofton for lending his support. After a great deal of persistence, we have also successfully persuaded Clarion to repair a number of road and drainage defects on its land in Three Stiles. There remain several other road issues outstanding, and we will

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continue to press the Highways department to complete repair works wherever required.

On planning, the Parish Council has raised comments with East Herts on a number of applications over the last year. We always welcome engagement with residents and applicants and are grateful to everyone who has taken the time to contact us or join us on site visits.

Many thanks to everyone who has supported the Parish Council over the year, and to the many people who have given up their time to get involved, join meetings, or help to maintain the village. Special thanks are due in particular to Jo Ransom, for her dedication and hard work as Clerk.

### **04. Accounts**

- The accounts for the year, which have been subject to Internal Audit by McCash and Hay, will be presented at the Annual Parish Council meeting.

### **05. Question time**

- None

### **06. Members Points of Information**

- None

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.40pm. The Annual Parish Council meeting followed.

Signed

Date