

# BENINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Annual Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 10 July 2024  
to be held in Benington School at 8pm**

## **AGENDA**

### **1 Apologies for absence**

### **2 Declaration of interests**

- a) Pecuniary interest forms for completion by all Councillors in relation to other interests

### **3 Minutes of previous meeting**

#### **a) Acceptance**

- Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 15 May 2024

#### **b) Review of actions**

- See below

### **4 Village pond**

- Repairs carried out **Actioned: Clerk**

### **5 Roads**

- A Walkern resident flagged the lack of road markings at the junction of Benington Rd and Walkern Rd – fault number 401003998663. Works to be completed by HCC as part of their summer maintenance plan
- Wildlife road signs (Deer) to be placed at village entry points – location map and number of signs required for Cllr Crofton **Actioned: Cllr Hewlett**
- Additional duck signs required **Action: Cllr Rew**
- 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. Works scheduled  
**Actioned: Cllr Crofton**
- 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**
- Replacement light fault number 401004060797 **Action: Clerk**
- Monitor works by Clarion Housing on the various issues in Blacksmith Hill and Three Stiles **Action: Cllr McClure**
- 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.

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

- Planning consultation Lingfields – redesign of outbuilding for recreational use
- Planning consultation 9 Whempstead Rd - single storey rear extension

## **7 Recreational facilities**

- Parish and County Councillors to attend meeting
- Playground – support for investigating grants and funding to improve the equipment and space.

## **8 Fair**

- Takes place on Saturday 13 July

## **9 Finance**

- **9.1** Accounts Expenditure and Income 16.05.24 - 9.07.24
- **9.2** Accounts for the 1st quarter 2024

## **10 Correspondence received**

- A resident reported the mesh guard had become too small for a tree in Town Lane and needed removal. **Actioned: Cllr James**
- Village hierarchy study received from East Herts **Actioned: Cllr Radford**
- ‘Retirement’ of the OWL crime reporting service and replacement link sent out via the website and facebook **Actioned: Clerk**
- May crime report – a damaged fence in Benington
- A resident expressed concerns about horses in the field through which public footpath 30 passes. Suggested contacting the Health and Safety Executive and EHDC Operations, Parks and Open Spaces team. **Actioned: Clerk**
- A resident has reported that many of the footpaths around Benington Park are inaccessible including 21, 19, 16, 20 and 24 as they are either covered in long uncut grass or crops. They have requested the PC contact the Landowner to rectify this in order to improve access.

## **11 Members’ points of information**

- It was agreed re-siting the new bench at Flatbacks would improve the area as a village amenity **Action: Cllr Hewlett**
- Signage required for the new defibrillator **Action: Cllr Hewlett**

## **12 Date of next meeting**

- Wednesday 18 September 8pm in School Hall

## **13 Public participation**

**PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THIS AGENDA MAY CHANGE UP UNTIL 10 JULY 2024. THE MOST UP TO DATE DOCUMENT WILL BE AVAILABLE AT <https://www.benington-herts.co.uk/parish-council/calendar-agenda-minutes>**