BENINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 21 January 2026
to be held in Benington School Hall
at 8.00pm

AGENDA

1 **Apologies for absence**
2 **Declaration of interests**
3 **Minutes of previous meeting**
   a) **Acceptance**
   - Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 19th November 2025

   b) **Review of actions**
   - See below

4 **Village pond**
   - Check for maintenance requirements

5 **Roads, footpaths and refuse**
   - Ongoing monitoring of flooding in Three Stiles will take place particularly during the next heavy rainfall **Action: Cllr McClure**
   - The heritage streetlight - Ringway have yet to paint the column black. The quote to repaint the other lampposts as requested by Cllr Radcliffe is £957.06 **Actioned: Clerk**
   - Streetlight at the top of Blacksmith's Hill – may require replacing **Action: Cllr Hewlett**
   - The issues with the car park at the top of Blacksmith's Hill are unresolved. Cllr McClure visited the site and provided photo evidence. Clarion has been contacted and urged to carry our remedial works **Actioned: Clerk**
   - Drainage issues and car park flooding at 8&9 Three Stiles. The residents sent a thank you to the PC for contacting the Housing Association. Remedial work has taken place and a refund for the previous electric works has been received.
   - Bridge repairs required on public right of way OS reference TL 296239 path north of High Wood – fault ref **401004614857** still under review by engineers **Actioned: Clerk**
   - Dog waste bins are in a poor state – linked to general waste management issues **Action: Clerk**
   - Waste management – person appointed to supply bin emptying services
   - The footway linking Three Stiles and Town Lane is overgrown and the surface tarmac badly affected – fault no. **401004815608** **Action: Clerk**
   - A resident raised the issue of the danger at Whempstead crossroads – the road markings are now re-painted but this may need further inspection and discussion – establish landownership and ask for hedge to be cut

6 Planning updates from East Herts District Council

- Lingfields Whempstead Rd – replacement workshop in the grounds
- 68 Whempstead Rd – refined planning applications
- Gosmore Paddock Hebing End – building demolition and erection of 5 new dwellings.

7 Recreational facilities

- The Parish Council has agreed to support the Recreation committee or any other village group, in identifying and accessing suitable grant funding.

8 Fair

9 School

- Update from Cllr Ramsden

10 Finance

- **10.1** Accounts Expenditure and Income 1st November – 31st December 2025
- **10.2** Agree precept for 2026/27 – complete forms and sign

Action: Clerk

11 Correspondence received

- Crime statistics for December – no reported crimes in Benington
- A family have asked to place a memorial bench at the top of the village near the Lordship Arms. **Action: Cllr Hewlett**

12 Members' points of information

- Defibrillator maintenance and purchase **Action: Cllr Hewlett**

13 Dates of meetings in 2026

- Wednesday 18th March 8pm – School Hall
- Wednesday 20th May – Annual general meeting 7.30pm followed by Parish Council meeting – School Hall
- Wednesday 15th July 8pm – the Poppy room, Village Hall
- Wednesday 16th September 8pm - TBA
- Wednesday 18th November 8pm – TBA

14 Public participation