BENINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 11 March 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 21st January 2026

   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. It was agreed to challenge Highways in relation to ongoing maintenance costs **Action: Clerk**
   - 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**
   - Dog waste bins are in a poor state – linked to general waste management issues **Action: Clerk**
   - The footway linking Three Stiles and Town Lane is overgrown and the surface tarmac badly affected – fault no. **401004815608** **Action: Clerk**
   - The danger at Whempstead/Walkern rd crossroads will be raised with the highways **Action; Clerk**
   - Fault raised regarding loose chippings in Town Lane - **102001949891**

6 **Planning updates from East Herts District Council (EHDC)**
   - The Bell appeal – the owners have appealed against the EHDC's refusal of planning permission for change of use
   - Planning permission granted – 68 Whempstead Rd
   - Planning permission enquiry - Agricultural buildings 3 Hebing End
   - Planning application - Lingfields Whempstead Rd tennis court and pool pavilion

7 Recreational facilities

- Update **Action: Cllr James**

8 Fair

9 School

10 Finance

- **10.1** Accounts Expenditure and Income 1st January – 28th February 2026 **Action: Clerk**
- **10.2** Agree purchase of new accounting software **Action: Clerk**

11 Correspondence received

- Crime statistics for January

12 Members' points of information

- Agree purchase of defibrillator case **Action: Cllr Hewlett**

13 Dates of meetings in 2026

- 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