Benington Village
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In Attendance: Cllr Hewlett (Chair), Cllr Radford (Vice Chair), Cllr Ramsden, Cllr McClure, Abi Brown (Clerk), District Cllr Tom Deffley, 3 x residents

Benington Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 15th July 2026

Benington Village Hall, The Poppy Room at 8pm

MINUTES

1. **Apologies to receive and accept apologies for absence**
   None

2. Declaration of Interests

a) To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda

Cllr Ramsden declared that she is acquaintances with the applicants of the planning application to be discussed and will obstain from voting.

b) To receive written requests for dispensations for declarable interests; and

None

c) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate

None

3. Minutes

a) To confirm the Minutes of Benington Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 20th

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 20th May 2026 were accepted by Councillors as an accurate record and signed by the Chair.

b) Council to review and update actions

There is an update on the Blacksmith's Hill action which will be updated under section four (4). All other actions remain ongoing.

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4. Roads, Footpaths & Refuse

Clarion has now accepted responsibility for the Blacksmith's Hill carpark and entrance. The Clerk has provided them with photos of the potholes and District Cllr Tom Deffley has persisted with getting Clarion to take liability for the land. Councillors passed their thanks on to Cllr Tom Deffley for his commitment. It is now in the process of being added to their work schedule.

5. Parish Councillor Vacancies

Benington Parish Council have advertised the vacancies on their Facebook page, website and the Village Magazine but no applications have been received. The Parish currently have two vacancies.

6. Finance

The Clerk has circulated finance reports prior to the meeting for Council to review. Cllr Hewlett and Cllr Ramsden are now signatories on the bank account. No questions were raised with regards to the finance report.

7. Planning

a. **Ref. No: 3/26/0896/PIP – Cobblestone 12 Hebing End, 5 x dwellings**

A planning application has been received. The Parish Council have prepared a response letter regarding their concerns with the application. All councillors were in agreement, the Clerk will send the objection by the deadline of 17th July 2026.

Action: Clerk

20:22 Cllr McClure had to leave the meeting and so the council was no longer in quorum. Discussions were held but no decisions made.

8. Reports to the Council

Parish Council received the monthly crime report. 17/06/2026 There was an attempted Burglary at Benington Park Farm.

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9. Public Issues

Resident raised that a motor bike frequently goes through the village at speed and making excessive noise. The resident was advised to contact the police on 101 and Cllr Hewlett will contact PC Leon De Bryn.

One resident in attendance confirmed that planning application 3/26/0489/CLEO for the continuous use of land and stable building for B8 storage was refused but felt that they may appeal it or submit another application.

Another resident raised their concerns regarding protecting the heritage of Benington from encroaching towns. It was identified that there is a district village plan but no Neighbourhood plan. District Cllr Tom Deffley recommended speaking with District Cllr Tony Stowe who is on the planning committee for EHDC who would be able to advise the Parish Council on steps/actions that could be taken.

Speeding at Hebing End was also raised again. The Parish Council continue to monitor the situation but it was felt there was very little that could be done to stop drivers exceeding he speed limit.

Meeting closed: 20:47

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