

BENINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE BEONNA ON MONDAY 13th JANUARY 2025 at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT:

Parish Councillors K Pinner (Chairman), G Gostelow, J Grant and B Holland
Boston Borough Councillor D Broughton (left at 8.12 pm)
Mrs J Barnes (Clerk)

- 1 **APOLOGIES** were received from Parish Councillor R Bell and Boston Borough Councillor P Bedford.
- 2 **MINUTES**
The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 25th November 2024 having been previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman.
- 3 **MATTERS ARISING**
 - 3.1 **Old Village Map** - The Clerk stated that the framed map had now been added to the Insurance, with no further charge at present.
 - 3.2 **Litter Bin** - The Chairman had mentioned the bin near the church footpath to the Litter Picker which he had not noted. Councillor Broughton stated he would make enquiries regarding a further bin near the bus stop.
- 4 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
Councillor Pinner declared an interest in 8.3, in connection with a donation to The Beonna as he is a Trustee.
- 5 **PLANNING**
 - 5.1 B/24/0449 - The application for proposed first floor rear dormer extension at Plum Cottage, Davids Lane for Miss E Jonsen had been granted.
- 6 **PARISH MATTERS**
 - 6.1 **Highways** - It was reported that the gullies had been cleaned out through the parish. It was noted that the path (owing to a tree root) on the corner of Davids Lane and the A52 was raised, this had been reported.

Councillor Grant stated he would report further issues, especially after the bad weather.
 - 6.2 **Playing Field** - Councillor Pinner reported that he had arranged for getting the dyke cut, and would follow this up immediately as it had not been done.
 - 6.2¹ **Play Equipment Fencing** - It was reported that a possible donation could be forthcoming, and Councillor Pinner was looking into an Asda Grant.
 - 6.2² **Playing Field Usage** - It was reported that the British School of Sport are keeping in touch with the Chairman.
 - 6.2³ **Play Equipment** - The inspection had taken place prior to Christmas, and a full report received. No major problems and the Chairman stated he would look into the minor ones.

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- 6.3 **Village Sign** - It was noted that the original site for the sign had been rejected by Lincolnshire County Council. A further location was to be discussed, being dealt with by Councillors Pinner and Grant.

7 CORRESPONDENCE

- 7.1 Numerous emails including those from Boston Borough Council, Lincolnshire County Council and LALC, had been forwarded to all councillors.
- 7.2 Clerks & Councils Direct - The January issue handed to Councillor Pinner.

8 FINANCE

- 8.1 The clerk presented the up-to-date accounts, and the precept spending to date. Together with the amount for reserves.
- 8.2 The following payments had been authorised and paid

	Amount	VAT	Payment Method
I Partridge (litter)	£100.00		BACS
Play Inspection	£186.00	£31.00	BACS
Bricklayers	£157.30		BACS
Further authorised			
Hire of Beonna	£36.00	£6.00	BACS
T A Blackamore			
I Partridge			

- 8.3 Recent evidence from Lloyds Bank showed the accounts now known as Community Account (previously Treasurers) and Community Instant Access Account.
- 8.4 Precept - 2025/26 - A full discussion was held on the following years precept. A quotation for the grass cutting had been received, showing a slight increase. Consideration was given to the amount in reserves for the playing field which should cover the expected costs. It was agreed to lower the precept to £19,000, which would amount to approximately £114 per household per year.

9 NEXT MEETING

- 9.1 The next meeting was arranged for 17th February 2025, at the Beonna at 7.00 pm.

10 FURTHER BUSINESS

- 10.1 Councillor Pinner stated that whilst Lincolnshire County Council would not deliver a parish bag of salt, they would fill up the bins around the parish if requested.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked those in attendance and closed the meeting at 8.20 pm,

Signed:

(Chairman)

17th February 2025