

BENINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Sunset View Cowbroads Lane Old Leake. PE22 9QU	Parish Chairman: Parish Vice-Chairman: Parish Clerk: Email:	Councillor Kevin Pinner Councillor Graham Gostlelow Mrs Deborah Money
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Minutes taken by the Parish Council, Mrs Deborah Money, at the Parish Council Meeting of Benington, which was held on Wednesday 10 August 2026, Beonna commencing at 7:00 pm

Present: Councillors Kevin Pinner (Chairman), Graham Gostlelow (Vice-Chair), Thomas Fenwick, John Grant and the Clerk Deborah Money.

Public Forum for a maximum of 15 minutes when members of the public may ask questions or make short statements to the council. Items not on the agenda will not be debated, but if appropriate, will become an agenda item at the next appropriate meeting. **Members of the public are expected to be polite, civil and respectful always during the meeting.**

No Members of the public

To receive reports from representatives on outside bodies:

- Borough Councillor Dale Broughton sent his apologies.
- Borough Councillor Peter Bedford sent his apologies.
- County Councillor Alistair Arundell sent a report which will be published on the website

Meeting begun at 19:00

- Chairman's Welcome:** Councillor Pinner welcomed everyone to the meeting, apologised for the change of date and introduced and welcomed the new Clerk to the council.
- Apologies for absence:** To receive and accept apologies where valid reasons for absence have been given to the Clerk prior to the meeting.
An apology was received from Councillor Grant and was accepted.
- Declarations of interest:** (if any) To receive declarations of interest under the Localism Act 2011 – being any pecuniary interest in agenda items not previously recorded on Members' Register of Interests.
None Declared.
- Notes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18 May 2026.**
It was resolved that the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record and that the Chairman be authorised to sign the official minutes.
- Financial matters:** To resolve as correct and authorise.
 - To receive the cash book and bank reconciliation June 2026**
 - Income**
As the Clerk has not yet received bank access, she is unable to provide up-to-date information.

6. Internal Council Matters

a) To formally appoint the new Clerk and approve the contract.

The contract was circulated to all councillors before the meeting. Councillors resolved to employ the Clerk and approve her contract.

b) To approve the establishment of a NEST pension scheme for the Council.

All councillors agreed that the Clerk may set up a NEST pension and make contributions from her salary.

c) To approve the purchase of a Parish Council laptop.

Councillors agreed that the Clerk may purchase a laptop and software at an estimated cost of £700.

d) To approve the move to .gov.uk email addresses.

The Clerk presented a quote from Cloud Next of approximately £99.99 plus VAT annually, with the first year free. Members agreed to proceed with registering and using the @beningtonparishcouncil.gov.uk domain

e) Playing Field - Play Equipment Fencing – Councillor Grant has applied for a grant from Pride in Place and the council are awaiting an update from them.

f) Children's Playground Repairs – A contractor has been contacted regarding the repairs and we are currently waiting their reply.

g) Solar Powered Reactive Speed Signs – We are awaiting a reply from highways but have a quote which has been accepted from Elan City.

h) Bus Shelter (West Side) – Councillor Grant has applied for a grant from Lincolnshire County Council, all paperwork has been sent and we are awaiting their response.

1935 County Councillor Arundell arrived to the meeting and presented his report. Members agreed that the Parish Council would apply for his grant to support the purchase of a village seat adjacent to the new bus shelter.

Councillor Arundell also raised concerns regarding the dangerous bend on the A52 within Leverton Parish Council's area and invited Benington Parish Council to add its support to these concerns. Members agreed to raise Benington Parish Council's concerns about the matter. The Clerk will email Councillor Arundell regarding both items.

i) Village Seat - (Centre of the Parish)

7. Planning: Town and Country Planning Act 1990. To consider and make observations on all planning applications received and to note planning approvals, refusals, enforcement complaints and appeal decisions advised by the district council. To include those received from the date of this notice and the day on the meeting

a) B/26/0180 - Construction of a replacement detached garage, store and annexe accommodation building at Glebe Farm House, Spicers Lane.

Approved

b) B/26/0204 - Proposed single storey rear extension at West Virginia, West End Road.

Approved

8. Highways

a) Temporary Traffic restriction - Sea End Road 13 July – 15 July

b) Temporary Traffic restriction - Hall Lane 27 July – 7 August

9. Clerk's reports, outstanding matters and new business

The Clerk made the council aware of problems with HMRC.

10. Items for information or next agenda

Bank Mandate

11. Date of next meeting: Monday 10 August 2026

Meeting Ended 2020