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 clerk@beningtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Minutes taken by the Parish Council, Mrs Deborah Money, at the Parish Council Meeting of Benington, which was held on Wednesday 12 October 2026, Beonna commencing at 7:00 pm

Present: Councillors Kevin Pinner (Chairman), Graham Gostlelow (Vice-Chair), Thomas Fenwick, John Grant, Robert Bell 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.**

One member of the public attended, they adviced that they were concerned with pot holes and erratic driving of tractor drivers on West End Road, leading to Benington Ings and Hobhole Bank.

To receive reports from representatives on outside bodies:

a) Borough Councillor Dale Broughton sent his apologies and a report.
   - The next big borough clean up is organised by BBC and The Wombles on Sunday 25th October.
   - If you are concerned about people sleeping rough. Please email rsi@boston.gov.uk
   - New foody caddy bin collections go live week commencing 19th October. Everyone should have received the new collection schedule if not, please call 01205 314200.
   - BBC are contacting all households in the borough to ensure that the electoral register is up to date. If you receive a form please follow the instructions to respond on behalf of your property. •
   - The next community day skips will be in Kirton Town hall car park on Monday 26th October 8am to 1pm
   - Boston's annual Christmas festival dates have been announced for Friday 27th November to Sunday 29th November. Probably Boston's biggest event will see the Christmas lights switch on, the spectacular illuminate parade, live music and community acts, the popular ice rink, ice sculpture trail and also on the Sunday the santa fun run which saw 400 plus participants last year.

b) Borough Councillor Peter Bedford sent his apologies.

c) County Councillor Alistair Arundell was absent.

Meeting begun at 19:10

1. **Chairman's Welcome:** Councillor Pinner welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. **Apologies for absence:** To receive and accept apologies where valid reasons for absence have been given to the Clerk prior to the meeting.

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4. **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.

5. **Notes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10 August 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.

6. **Financial matters**: To resolve as correct and authorise.
   a) **To receive the cash book and bank reconciliation 12 October 2026.**
   The Clerk has now managed to align the accounts to show an up to date

Community Account	12 October 2026	£ 10,249.40
Deposit Account	12 October 2026	£ 26,245.48

   b) **Income**
   August £15.34
   September £14.07
   Precept £9,000.
   c) **Bank Transfers**
   Commercial Instant Access to Community Account £8,000.00
   d) **Payment Schedule**
   Staff Costs £604.74
   Bench £857.50
   Expenses £56.95
   Bank Service Charge £8.50
   I G Partridge Litterpicker £200
   T A Blackamore Ltd Grass Cutting £2682.96
   Beona £36.00
   Wreath £30.00 x 2
   Kompan £3982.50
   Millday Properties £114.00
   Elan City £5614,78
   e) **Change of Bank Mandate**
   Cllr Bell is a signatory but still needs to be added to online banking.

7. **Internal Council Matters**
   a) **Playing Field - Play Equipment Fencing**
   The fencing has now been completed. Once the invoice has been received, the Clerk will arrange payment of the balance, ready for the Pride In Place grant to be released.
   As part of the grant conditions, Pride In Place also requires approximately 100 responses to a community questionnaire. Councillor Pinner brought a template to the meeting and will make amendments for November. A number of ideas were discussed regarding how we might generate these responses and the best way to receive the completed questionnaires.

b) **Children's Playground Repairs**
Kompan have now completed all required repairs and have replaced several items as part of the work.

c) **Solar Powered Reactive Speed Signs**

d) Councillor Grant advised that the signs had been delivered. Councillor Pinner will locate them, and Councillor Grant will now contact the Road Safety Partnership for assistance with putting them in place.

e) **Bus Shelter (West Side)**
The Parish Council are still awaiting final confirmation from highways.

f) **Village Seat - (Centre of the Parish)**
This has been ordered and should be delivered by the end of November.

g) **Email Addresses**
The Clerk advised that to comply with assertion 10 of the end of year audit that all Councillors need to be using the new email addresses.

h) **Scribe Accountancy Package**
Having received a revised price from Scribe and reviewed several sample reports — Initial Set Up £249 and a Monthly Payment of £31 — it was resolved to proceed with investing in the Scribe package.

i) **To resolve appointing an Internal Auditor for 2027-28.**

j) It was resolved to appoint Clarks Clerical Services for the 2026–27 audit and for a three-year term.

k) **Budget for 2027-28**
The Clerk will make a start in the budget.

l) **Meeting Dates 2027-28**
The Clerk will look at some meeting dates for 2027, with 25 January being the first.

The member of the public left the meeting at 2030.

8. **Review and Adopt Policies**
   a) **Standing Orders**
   b) **Financial Regulations**
   c) **Code Of Conduct**
   d) **Data Protection**
   e) **Data Brech**
   f) **Grant Policy**
   g) **Freedom Of Information**

   All policies were circulated to Parish Councillors prior to the meeting. They were all agreed, and on proposal of Councillor Pinner and seconded by Councillor Gostelow, it was resolved to adopt them.

9. **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.**
   None

10. Highways

The uneven village pathway, which is breaking up, has been reported on FixMyStreet.
The street light that continues to flicker could not be submitted via FixMyStreet. The Clerk provided the new email address to Councillor Grant, who will contact the council directly with the lamppost details.
The Clerk will contact Stapples regarding the speeding of their tractors.

11. Clerk's reports, outstanding matters and new matters

The Clerk advised that two emails had been received this week after the agenda had been published. One was a request for a donation towards the village magazine.
A further email was received inviting the Council to attend a Lancaster Memorial Event on Sunday 18 October. Due to the short notice, the Clerk will write back to apologise.

12. Items for information or next agenda

13. Date of next meeting: Monday 23 November 2026

Meeting Ended 2050

Signed 23 November 2026