



## BENWICK PARISH COUNCIL

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Clerk: Mrs. A Barnes

To the Members of the Council

28 February 2024

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of Benwick Parish Council for the purpose of transacting the following business.

On Monday 4 March 2024 at 19:30

At the village hall (Church Annex), High Street, Benwick PE15 0XG (///office.satellite.rivals)

Members of the public and press are welcome to attend

Yours truly

*Abbey Barnes*

Mrs. A Barnes

Clerk/Proper Officer

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All Members are reminded that they need to declare any pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests before an item is discussed at this meeting under the Localism Act 2011.

**PLEASE NOTE ALL MEETINGS WILL BE RECORDED FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSISTANCE OF MINUTE TAKING ONLY.**

239/23-24	<b>Apologies for absence</b>	
240/23-24	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> Councillors to declare any interests in respect of any item to be discussed at this meeting:- a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interest b) Non-Pecuniary Interest c) Sensitive Pecuniary Interest	
241/23-24	<b>Public time</b> An opportunity for members of the public to speak to the council.	
242/23-24	<b>Confirmation of Minutes</b> Approve and sign the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 5 February 2024.	
243/23-24	<b>Action Log</b> To review and update the log of actions from previous meetings.	
244/23-24	<b>County &amp; District Councillors Reports</b> Cllr T Taylor – Fenland District Council providing an update in person.	
245/23-24	<b>Cambridgeshire County Council Youth Coordinator</b> To discuss how this service can work with us to improve facilities and opportunities for younger residents, agreeing any actions required.	
246/23-24	<b>Telephone Box</b> To discuss and agree whether there is an opportunity for the village to obtain and use one of the redundant phone boxes available through BT.	
247/23-24	<b>Portrait of King Charles III</b> To discuss and agree whether the council would like to apply for a portrait of His Majesty King Charles III.	
248/23-24	<b>Email addresses and web domain</b> To discuss and agree if the council wishes to change the processes and platforms for Councillor and Clerk emails and the Parish Council website.	
249/23-24	<b>Social media communications</b> To discuss and agree if the council wishes to have a formal social media presence. To agree which platform(s) should be used if any.	
250/23-24	<b>Village Hall</b> Update from Cllr Ablewhite.	
251/23-24	<b>War memorial</b> Update from Cllr Chapman.	

<b>252/23-24</b>	<b>Warm hubs/ Community lounge</b> Update from Cllr Lowry.		
<b>253/23-24</b>	<b>Hedge trimming</b> To discuss and agree any actions in relation to hedge maintenance following a report of overgrown hedging obscuring the view of the road turning from the allotments onto Whittlesey Road.		
<b>254/23-24</b>	<b>Cemetery and September Gardens</b> To discuss and agree any actions required for the Cemetery and September Gardens in relation to the following: a) Recent rainfall has made the access track to the allotments and parking area difficult to use. b) Several allotment plots are also underwater following recent rainfall. c) Final requirements for hedge planting on Saturday 9 March. d) Discuss and agree on the contracted arrangements for cemetery maintenance beyond the current contracted period.		
<b>255/23-24</b>	<b>Clerk's report and requests</b> a) Discuss and agree the process for the annual Parish Council insurance renewal. b) Discuss and agree the process for the review of standing orders. c) Discuss and agree the access arrangements for the 2x new defibrillator units.		
<b>256/23-24</b>	<b>Highways matters</b> Update on MVAS operation from Cllr Ablewhite.		
<b>257/23-24</b>	<b>Income &amp; Expenditure</b> a) Members to consider and approve the following accounts for payment.		
	Npower	Electricity Invoice for December 2023 - DD paid 17/02/2024 (inc. VAT) <b>Sub-total pre-authorised by Council</b>	£ 179.71 <b>£ 179.71</b>
	HHA Grounds Maint. A Barnes S Lowry JT Seeds Benwick Village Hall Benwick Village Hall	February Cemetery (inc. VAT) Expenses & salary Expenses Wildflower seeds and sand Hall hire - January Community Hub Hall Hire - December <b>Subtotal to authorise for payment now</b>	£ 392.40 £ 469.77 £ 228.71 £ 400.00 £ 80.00 £ 120.00 <b>£ 1690.88</b>
		<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE AUTHORISED</b>	<b>£ 1870.59</b>
	b) Clerk to report on the February bank balances and reconciliation statement		
<b>258/23-24</b>	<b>Correspondence</b> a) Rural Services Network Bulletin (email 08/02/24, 13/02/24, 20/02/24, 27/02/24) b) FDC Press release (emails 08/02/24, 13/02/24, 13/02/24, 22/02/24, 22/02/2024) c) FDC Community Safety Survey (email 22/02/2024) d) FDC Planning Meeting Agenda (email 27/02/24) e) NALC Chief Executive's Bulletin (emails 08/02/2024, 22/02/24, 22/02/24) f) CAPALC Public Health Campaign (email 08/02/24) g) CCC Traffic Management Centre (email 13/02/24) h) CCC Cambridgeshire Matters (email 13/02/24) i) CCC Online Directory Update (email 22/02/24) j) BBC Radio Cambridgeshire (e-mail 26/02/24)		
<b>259/23-24</b>	<b>Planning</b> To agree the council's repose to planning application: F/YR24/0077/O - Land East Of 28 Doddington Road, Benwick Cambridgeshire		
<b>260/23-24</b>	<b>Biodiversity and Habitat Initiatives</b> Confirm and agree any actions required for the wildflower seed planting on Saturday 23 March.		
<b>261/23-24</b>	<b>Agenda Items/Next Meeting</b> - to agree the date of the next Parish Council meeting proposed to be Monday 8 April 2024. Items to be included on agenda should be with the Clerk by Monday 1 April 2024.		