



BENWICK PARISH COUNCIL

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Clerk: Mrs. A Barnes

To the Members of the Council

1 October 2024

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

On Monday 7 October 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 the minute taking only.

125/24-25	Apologies for absence No apologies have been received for this meeting.	
126/24-25	Declarations of Interest 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	
127/24-25	Public participation An opportunity for members of the public to speak to the council.	
128/24-25	Confirmation of Minutes Approve and sign the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 5 August 2024.	
129/24-25	County & District Councillors Reports No reports received.	
130/24-25	Action Log To review and update the log of actions from previous meetings.	
131/24-25	Defibrillators To discuss and agree any actions with regard to defibrillator units.	
132/24-25	Village Hall Update from Cllr Ablewhite.	
133/24-25	Community Lounge Update from Cllr Lowry.	
134/24-25	Highways matters Update on speed sign operation from Cllr Ablewhite. Discuss concerns and data regarding the Whittlesey Road speed limit.	
135/24-25	Cemetery and September Gardens Discuss and agree any actions required for the Cemetery and September Gardens, including: - Keeping bees on allotment plots	
136/24-25	Policies review Review and agree the proposed updates to: - Safeguarding policy - Equality and diversity policy	
137/24-25	Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) Better Buses Consultation Discuss the consultation and agree a response for the short version questionnaire.	
138/24-25	Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) Community Energy Action Plan Discuss the action plan and associated questions and agree a) if the parish council will respond as a body and b) the method of response.	

139/24-25	Clerk's report and requests See Clerk's report. The Clerk requests the purchase of a work laptop, with Microsoft Office software and antivirus protection.			
140/24-25	Income & Expenditure a) Members to consider and approve the following accounts for payment.			
	Electricity supplier	Electricity Invoice for August 2024 - DD paid 18/09/2024	£ 120.09	
		Sub-total pre-authorized by Council	£ 120.09	
	Cemetery contractor Verges maintenance	September 2024 Cemetery Maintenance Verges maintenance July/August/September 2024	£ 419.87	
	Professional memberships	Cemetery professional membership fee 2024/45	£ 240.00	
	Training and Events	County Association annual conference tickets (x2)	£ 100.00	
	Salaries and Expenses Reimbursements	Salary and expenses September 2025 Community Lounge reimbursement September 2024	£ 150.00 £ 598.74	
	Grant funding spending advance	Community Lounge float advance October 2024	£ 216.37 £ 100.00	
		Subtotal to authorise for payment now	£ 1824.98	
		TOTAL EXPENDITURE AUTHORISED	£ 1945.07	
	b) Clerk to report on the September 2024 bank balances and reconciliation statement.			
141/24-25	Correspondence a) Rural Services Network Bulletin (emails 05/09/24, 16/09/24, 23/09/24) b) Fenland District Council (FDC) Press Release (emails 05/09/24 x3, 26/09/24 x2, 23/09/24, 29/09/24 x2, 01/10/24 x2) c) FDC Licencing Gambling Consultation (email 23/09/24) *decision required d) NALC Chief Executive's Bulletin (emails 05/09/24, 16/09/24, 23/09/24, 29/09/24) e) NALC Legal Update (email 16/09/24) f) Cambridgeshire Community Foundation Grants Bulletin (email 05/09/24) g) CCC The Library Presents – Autumn 2024 (email 23/09/24) h) CCC Cambridgeshire Matters Newsletter (05/09/24, 29/09/24) i) Cambridgeshire Acre Community Action Newsletter September 2024 (email 30/09/24) j) Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Healthier Futures Newsletter (emails 05/09/24, 01/10/24) k) SLCC News Bulletin (email 05/09/24) l) Doddington Diary October 2024 (email 30/9/24) m) Middle Level Commissioners Newsletter October 2024 (01/10/2024)			
142/24-25	Planning No planning applications have been received for review at this meeting.			
143/24-25	Biodiversity and Habitat Initiatives Discuss and agree any biodiversity actions / initiatives.			
144/24-25	Agenda Items/Next Meeting - to agree the date of the next Parish Council meeting proposed to be Monday 4 November 2024. Items to be included on agenda should be with the Clerk by Monday 28 October.			