

BENWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Benwick Parish Council held on Tuesday 6 January 2009 in the side room of the village hall at High Street Benwick commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllrs L Keppel-Spoor; P Tickner; M Chapman; T Richardson; H Langford; R Few; T R Butcher (FDC); John Clark (FDC) and three members of the public.

Apologies for Absence: None

160/08 **Declarations of Interest**

Councillors to declare any interests under the Local Code of Conduct in respect of any item to be discussed at this meeting:-

- a) personal – Cllrs Keppel-Spoor and Tickner declared a personal interest in item 169/08.
- b) prejudicial and personal

7.35–7.50 **PUBLIC TIME**

A resident enquired if the application to FDC for 106 money to replace the windows in the Village Hall had been received. Cllr Keppel-Spoor advised that the application form had been submitted but no word had been received. She will chase FDC.

Cllr Keppel-Spoor

Cllr Keppel-Spoor reported that a street light was not working and would contact the Clerk with details.

Clerk

161/08 **Confirmation of Minutes**

The Minutes of meetings held on 4 November 2008 and 2 December 2008 were APPROVED and signed.

162/08 **Matters Arising**

- a) The Clerk has asked for an update on the replacement column that was damaged in Doddington Road. To keep chasing. Clerk
- b) The Clerk has chased Bob Ollier of FDC regarding the wooden seat in Nene Parade-RESOLVED not to take action until further notice.
- c) Update on bench repair in Chapel Gardens-both Cllrs Richardson & Langford have spoken to the resident who has had problems regarding the repair and it was AGREED to collect the bench and get repaired. Cllr Langford
- d) An update of the village signs reported to FDC-as yet no reply. Clerk
- e) The Clerk has asked for an update in respect of the footbridge damage reported to CCC-no reply to date. Clerk
- f) The Clerk is still waiting a reply from the Royal Mail in respect of the complaint received last month regarding the post box in Doddington Road-it was AGREED to take no further action.

163/08 **Friends of Benwick Church**

Will contact Solicitors again.

Cllr Keppel-Spoor

164/08 **Police Matters**

Police representative report-no report received.

165/08 **County Councillors Report(s)/Communications**

- a) Report from Cllr Ogden-unable to attend.
- b) Cllr Butcher reported that the increase in Council Tax will be 3.9% and expects that CCC's increase will be between 4%-5%.

166/08 Income & Expenditure

a) The members considered and approved the following accounts for payment

	Description	Amount	
K Poole	Admin – December 2008	235.73	
Inland Revenue	PAYE – mth 09	66.50	
J O Cutteridge	Verges/Cemetery	235.00	
Anglian Water-DD	Water Rates	4.00	
E on Energy-DD	Energy Charge – November 08	99.40	
	TOTAL	£640.63	Clerk

b) The Clerk reports that the 2nd Concurrent payment of £2,105.00 had been received.

c) The Clerk reported the current balances at 31 December 2008 as follows:-

Alliance & Leicester	£14,499.35
NSI	£10,171.87
	£24,671.22
Parish Plan	£ 1,160.00
	£25,831.22

167/08 Planning/Development

Observation required:

F/YR08/1071/F Friends of Benwick Church – erection of single-storey side extension to existing village hall to form church – Benwick Village Hall High Street Benwick-AGREED no objections. Clerk

Update (Cllr Langford):

F/YR08/0778/F Revised access to F/92/0093/F Section 106 agreement-junction Fields View/Lilyholt Road/High Street Benwick-this matter has been deferred until a further detailed site inspection is carried out and will be reported to the Planning Committee on the 17 December 2008-Cllr Langford reported that he attended the meeting and presented the Parish Council's views on the matter. FDC GRANTED permission as per the revised plan.

Withdrawn:

F/YR08/0948/F Hereward Innovation-formation of new access to existing dwelling- 14 Doddington Road, Benwick.

Approved:

F/YR08/3093/COND Bank Farm Ltd – details reserved by conditions 5 & 8 of planning permission F/YOR08/0441/0 erection of a dwelling –Land North East of White Fen Farm Whittlesey Road Benwick.

168/08 Highway Matters/Street Lighting/Transport

Street Lighting

- (i) Update on EDF unmetered supply certificate (signature needed)-no answer will chase again. Cllr Keppel-Spoor
- (ii) Update on street lights in and around Poppyfields not working- no answer will chase again. Cllr Keppel-Spoor
- (iii) The Clerk has received replies as to the estimated cost of a new street light column from MHB Services Ltd and EDF-after a discussion it was AGREED to place as a separate item on the Agenda for February to finalise after final quotation had been received. Clerk
- (iv) Discussion on street lights in Doddington Road and Ramsey Road-see (iii). Clerk

(v) The Clerk is waiting a new quotation for the installation/maintenance of street lights-will chase again-see (iii). Clerk

169/08 Cemetery
Strict Baptist Cemetery-nothing to report at present time-Cllr Tickner will inform Clerk when further news to report. Cllr Tickner/
Clerk

170/08 The Pound
Check to see if all land has been registered in the name of the Parish Council and if not instruct the solicitors to contact the Land Registry-will instruct when visit Solicitors-see item 163/08. Cllr Keppel-Spoor

171/08 Correspondence
a) Register of Members' Interests-have all Councillors now completed their forms-if sent direct to FDC please forward copy to Clerk. Cllr Chapman
b) Letter from CCC regarding Parish Paths Partnership 2009/10-AGREED no comment.
c) Discussion on e-mail from Gareth Martin of FDC regarding Chatteris Market Town Strategy-AGREED to attend the meeting tomorrow. Cllr Langford

172/08 Agenda Items / Next meeting
The next Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 3 February 2009. Could items to be included in the agenda be with the Clerk by Monday 26 January 2009.
Anti-social behaviour-Cllr Richardson to invite Trevor Roberts of Luminus - Head of Neighbourhood Services
Communities & Local Government-circulated.
FDC-Chatteris Market Town Strategy-update from Cllr Langford.
Project ideas.
Discipline and Grievance Policy.
Code of Practice in Handling Complaints.

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