

BENTLEY PLAYING FIELD SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE PLAYING FIELD SOCIETY MEETING HELD AT BENTLEY VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 3 JULY 2025 AT 7.00 PM - BEFORE THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Present

Cllr J Wheals	Mrs J Scott – Clerk	Cllr B Feltwell	Cllr M Munday
Cllr K Spicer	Cllr A Thomas	Cllr J Campbell	

Also present - Tree Warden & Footpath Warden

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm – In the absence of Cllr M Bamford – Cllr J Wheals took the chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. **To Record Apologies for Absence** – Cllr M Bamford, Cllr D Jones (Hol) & Speedwatch
2. **To approve minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 3 April 2025** - The minutes were approved as a true record and duly signed.

Proposed Cllr K Spicer	Seconded Cllr B Feltwell	All in favour	CU
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3. **Matters arising from the minutes.** No matters arising all covered by agenda items

Clerk reminded Cllrs that the PTA wanted to do a Colour Run at Bentley Fayre – Councillors were all in agreement for this to go ahead.

Proposed Cllr B Feltwell	Seconded Cllr J Wheals	All in favour
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4. **Brantham Athletic request – Use of Field – In** the absence of Cllr Bamford the Clerk informed Councillors that we have signed the initial agreement with Brantham Athletic Youth Football who would like to increase the use of the field to three evening a week during July and August and as far into September as light will allow. Whilst they are using the pitch they are willing to pay for the Portaloo and will ask Capel Plant for continuance of use – if they are not using the field after that we will ask for it to be removed. We have invoiced them for recent use of the field (£40 per month x 2 May, June) and after that they will be invoiced £80 per month until the end of the sessions – After September we can mutually review the use of the pitches and confirm if there is a mutual agreement re next year's arrangements.

Cllr Spicer confirmed they had already started using the field for three nights as they were parking in the pub car park. The agreement needs to be amended to three times a week – Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday in July and August with a review at the end of the period. No parking in pub car park also needs to be added.

Action: Change terms of contract as above.

5. **To purchase of signs** – Signage has been purchased and is up.
6. **Managing the School Playing Field – Rules/Regulations -** Clerk will send copy of the draft Rules/Regulations for the School Field just before the September meeting so they can be agreed and go on the School Notice Board.
7. **To discuss equipment on the Play Area – Cllr** Feltwell told the meeting it had taken a lot of effort to get the play area for up to 11 year olds and there is not room for any more equipment. It would take a lot of work and money – Capel had £100,000 grant for their equipment. It was agreed when we are deciding the PIIP we ought to review it. Clerk will write to resident and let her know that at the moment we are not in a position to do anything.
8. **To discuss repairs to Playing Field Entrance - This** is the Case Lane entrance to the playing field – move it further into the field but it also needs to be repaired. Cllr Feltwell will get quotes.
9. **Football – Resident complaint -** This was discussed by Councillors unfortunately we are unable to move the goal posts. This maybe something we can mention about to PC Kate.

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10. **Any Other Business – Tim** Hamstead told the meeting that due to his health problem he was unsure whether the fireworks would go ahead this year – he is going to speak to the Team and will get back to us.
11. **Date and Time of Next Meeting –** Thursday 4 September 2025 at 7.00pm before Parish Council Meeting.

Cllr Wheals remarked what a lucky village Bentley is to have so many willing volunteers.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.25 pm.

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