

BENTLEY PLAYING FIELD SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE PLAYING FIELD SOCIETY MEETING HELD AT BENTLEY VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2025 AT 7.00 PM - BEFORE THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Present

Chairman - Cllr M Munday Mrs J Scott – Clerk Cllr B Feltwell Cllr M Bamford
Cllr A Thomas Cllr D Jones Cllr J Wheals

Also present - Tree Warden, Speedwatch Co-ordinator

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm – The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. **To Record Apologies for Absence** – Cllr K Spicer, Cllr D Schumacher, Cllr J Campbell, & Footpath Warden
2. **To approve minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 7 November 2024** - The minutes were approved as a true record and duly signed.

Proposed Cllr M Bamford Seconded Cllr D Jones All in favour CU

3. **Matters arising from the minutes.** No matters arising all covered by agenda items.
4. **To discuss Purchase of Maritime Units** - The Clerk read out e-mail from Jon Haines – the two units including fixtures and fittings were top of the range and cost around £10,500. He would much prefer the Parish to have them and would be prepared to take £2,000 to £2,500 – that includes the internal serving counter, gas boiler/urn and solar/usb unit. After some discussion it was proposed that the container be purchased for £2,500 with a letter of thanks to Jon.

Proposed Cllr M Bamford Seconded Cllr J Wheals All in favour CU

Action: Cheque for Maritime with thank you letter

5. **To discuss Grounds Maintenance** – Two quotes had been obtained - **Ed Seeley** - The price to clear the brambles by the side of 28 West Mill Green and strim the area will be £480. The price to strim the area around the gate by West Mill Green will be £80. The quote per cut for regular fortnightly cutting of the play area is £60, the gym area £50, the school playing field £120, and the village green £250. I would aim to make around 16 fortnightly cuts per year **Vertas** the cost to cut both fields 14 times a year is £1,200 + Vat. The cost to cut the play area 17 times a year is £510 + Vat. Councillors proposed that Ed Seeley be asked to clear brambles and strim gate by West Mill Green and that they accept Vertas quote for both fields and play area.

Proposed Cllr D Jones Seconded Cllr B Feltwell All in favour CU

Cllr Feltwell told the meeting that a Purchase Order for £2K plus VAT had been received from Babergh District Council to clear the copse. This will happen on 23 March 2025. We were approached by Babergh.

6. **To discuss Managing the School Playing Field – Rules/Regulations** - A copy of the draft Rules/Regulations for the School Field have been sent to Councillors who have yet to comment.

Action: Re-send draft Rules & Regulations

7. **CEVC Primary School Notice Board** – The Clerk had contacted the Primary School re the notice board who are happy to let us have space to display the Rules and Regulations as soon as they have been agreed they will be sent to the School. Once the Rules and Regulations are in place we need to sort out signs. Agenda item.

Action: Agenda item Purchase of signs

8. **Any Other Business** – Tree Warden told the meeting he had been over to the Playing Field and dog poo bags had been put in the bin – he contacted Jon Haines who has kindly given us his black bin – so he would like to remove the Parish Council bin so everything goes into the one black bin. Clerk to find out if she can get bin liners from Babergh.

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E-mail had been received from Mr P Willis informing the Parish Council that work would be starting on the roof of his house in February -the roof is being replaced.

9. **Date and Time of Next Meeting –** Thursday 3 April 2025 at 7.00pm before Parish Council Meeting.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.23 pm.

Signed:

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