

BENTLEY PLAYING FIELD SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE PLAYING FIELD SOCIETY MEETING HELD AT BENTLEY VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 12 MAY 2026 AT 7.00 PM - BEFORE THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Present

Cllr M Bamford	Mrs J Scott – Clerk	Cllr J Wheals	Cllr M Munday
Cllr B Feltwell	Cllr A Horne	Cllr J Campbell	Cllr K Spicer
Cllr M Whiteman			

Also present - Tree Warden, Footpath Warden and Speedwatch – Eco Council – Bentley Primary School

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

1. **To Record Apologies for Absence** – Cllr D Jones
2. **To approve minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 5 February 2026** - The minutes were approved as a true record and duly signed.

Proposed Cllr J Wheals Seconded Cllr K Spicer All in favour CU

- 3 **Matters arising from the minutes.** Clerk had informed Brantham Athletic of Classic Car Rally on the Playing field on Sunday 5 July – they have also been advised of the School Sports Day 11 June and two practice days on 5 & 9 June. They have been sent a copy of the Agreement to sign and informed they can use the pitch on Saturday 30 May. They have also been sent two invoices for £100 for April & May.
4. **To receive Eco Council /School Council's Brief for Garden – Copse** – Councillor Bamford welcomed Miss Cooper – Leader of the School Council and Jackson & Ellie – and told them we are all looking forward to receiving ideas for the Copse. Lizzie told the meeting that Jackson & Ellie had just finished a week of SATS. A diagram of the Copse was handed to all Councillors and Jackson and Ellie told the meeting they wanted a safe happy calm space for everyone - all the children in the school had come forward with their ideas. They proceeded to explain the areas - A stone tile or gravel path extended the length of the Copse, to the right of the path a concrete chess table, a pond, tree stumps and a wooden swing. To the left of the path was a tree with a bird house, bug hotel, bird bath, a forest area, a swing on a tree and a Community Flower garden to attract bees with scented plants like lavender. Cllr Bamford thanked them for their excellent presentation and said it all looked very feasible. He asked how many pupils played chess and was told half the school. He told them that their plan was going to be passed on to some older children at Otley for their input who will take on your idea and may upgrade the area of tranquillity. He thanked them for their contribution and really liked the plan – especially the chess table. Miss Cooper and the children left the meeting.
5. **Signage on Playing Field -** Cllr Bamford thought we should have signs saying this is Bentley Playing Field – the posts are there we could use them There could be a map of the two fields & different areas - copse at the end of West mill Green – Nightingales nest there - wild life area – come up with some ideas. Tree Warden told the meeting the grass in the Copse needs cutting - Cllr Spicer said they could ask Ian who cuts the pub grass. Vertas had been asked for a quote Cllr Feltwell had got them to cut it previously– Agenda item at the next PFS meeting. Dog fouling is still a problem - maybe put something in the Bugle – this is a village asset shared with children – Please keep it clean.

Action: Agenda item Grass cutting - Copse
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7. **Any Other Business** – Brantham Athletic need to be contacted re the Portaloo –has it been replaced? Also we need to meet on the field to get keys to the storage unit – the copies we were given do not work- and to sign the contract.. We need to find out what is in there – there were several old lawn mowers.

Action: Contact Brantham Athletic re Portaloo,. Keys to storage unit. Sign contract
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8. **Date and Time of Next Meeting –** Thursday 2 July 2026 at 7.00pm before Parish Council Meeting.

Cars at the Case are now proposing to have music and some other stalls Cllr Spicer did not think the Case Insurance would cover. It was felt this should be covered by Parish Council Insurance – Clerk will contact CAS to get a quote. Cllr Spicer will contact Simon Faiers.

Action: Clerk to contact CAS Insurance.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.30 pm.

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