

BENTLEY PLAYING FIELD SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE PLAYING FIELD SOCIETY MEETING HELD AT BENTLEY VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 2 JULY 2026 AT 7.00 PM - BEFORE THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Present

Cllr M Munday Mrs J Scott – Clerk Cllr M Whiteman Cllr B Feltwell
Cllr M Bamford Cllr J Wheals

Also present - Speedwatch

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

1. **To Record Apologies for Absence** – Cllr K Spicer, Cllr D Jones, Cllr J Campbell, Cllr A Horne, Tree Warden, & Footpath Warden
2. **To approve minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 12 May 2026** - The minutes were approved as a true record and duly signed.

Proposed Cllr M Bamford Seconded Cllr M Munday All in favour CU
3. **Matters arising from the minutes.** No matters arising – all covered by agenda items
4. **Grass Cutting – Copse** – Cllr Feltwell told the meeting that a resident was cutting the grass in the Copse –he doesn't require any money for petrol and is happy to do it. Cllr Spicer and himself are waiting for Otley College to respond so they can discuss the plan.
5. **To discuss Disabled Access to Playing Field** - This is an agenda item to make sure we are not discriminating against people with disabilities. After a short discussion it was agreed that unless we have any particular complaints we leave this open for discussion at another time if the need arises.
6. **Cars at The Case** – First Aider is now in place. - Insurers have confirmed that they can agree to extend the insurance policy to include the one day event. The Insurance cover will be provided under the charitable activity shown on your Policy Schedule as "Fundraising event (up to 1000 attendees). Cars will be on the Parish Field. Organisers were made aware that the Parish Council had paid a lot of money to Aerate the field several years ago to try and combat flooding – however the ground is very hard at the moment so there shouldn't be any problems.
7. **To discuss Childrens' Play Area Upgrade** - This subject had been raised by a resident who had been invited to two meetings but had failed to attend either. Councillors were happy for residents to form a Working Party, investigate costs etc and then report back to the PC. Refurbishing the items we have was discussed – it will also be reviewed as part of the Neighbourhood Plan PIIP.
8. **To discuss the Spinney adjacent to West Mill Green** – The Tree Warden was asked to look at the trees in the Spinney adjacent to West Mill Green – he is on holiday at the moment so no report is available. Following a short discussion it was agreed to contact the resident and ask him to send us some photographs of the trees that are causing an issue.

Action: Contact resident and ask for photographs

9. **Signage on Playing Field** - Cllr Bamford had raised this issue he thought we should have a sign saying Bentley Recreation Ground with a map of the various areas. We have the posts already in place. It was agreed Parish Online could be used to do something like that. It could also make clear where the reinforced parking area is.
10. **Any Other Business** – Cllr Munday said that Suffolk County Council issued licences to Third Party Users of the Field and we are required in the Transfer Document to do the same for any Third Party Users like Brantham Athletic or The Case. This needs to be an agenda item – Issue licences for use of field and parking area etc. Also any Third Party User will need to undertake a Risk Assessment.
11. **Date and Time of Next Meeting** – Thursday 3 September 2026 at 7.00pm before Parish Council Meeting.

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

Signed:

Date: