

PARISH COUNCIL OF BENENDEN

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 16th April 2018, Memorial Hall, 7:30pm

Present	Cllrs Barker, Cruse, Kemp, Lewis, Reynolds, Skeet and Thomas
In Attendance	Cllr Dawlings; C Levett, Clerk; 2 parishioners

Cllr Thomas thanked Cllrs Reynolds and Barker for their invaluable input and willingness during their times on the Parish Council. Cllr Reynolds has served on the Parish Council for 20 years, leading the Parish Council during some turbulent times. This was echoed by the whole Parish Council. Cllr Barker also thanked Cllr Reynolds for his help, support and mentoring. Cllr Reynolds is particularly pleased to see two of his projects coming to fruition – the new Primary School build and the newly formed Benenden Village Trust.

Item		Action Responsibility
1. APOLOGIES	Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Hall	
2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS	No declarations of interest.	
3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING	<p>a. The Parish Council minutes from the meeting held on 19th March 2018 were unanimously approved as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.</p> <p>b. The Harmsworth Memorial Trust minutes from the meeting held on 19th March 2018 were unanimously approved as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
4. MATTERS ARISING AND OUTSTANDING ITEMS	<p>a. Peter Davies Commemoration It was agreed that the erection of a flagpole at Iden Green, rather than a bench, would be a more fitting tribute to Peter Davies. Cllr Kemp to investigate if planning permission is required.</p> <p>b. Bonfire Society Cllr Thomas is in discussion with Grant Matthews regarding the outstanding Village Hall invoice.</p> <p>c. Youth A complaint had been received from a Hall hirer about children from the Street Cruiser using the Hall toilets. Cllr Cruse had provided an update on the Street Cruiser, and advised that this did not appear to be the case, although it was noted that other children not using the Street Cruiser loiter around the Hall. Cllr Cruse will continue to monitor once a month, and carry out an audit of facilities.</p> <p>d. Benenden Hospital Visit Saturday 21st April, 10.30am. Cllr Skeet to produce a list of questions and issues and the Clerk will forward to Jane Ellis.</p> <p>e. Parish Council Election Uncontested election. New Parish Council wef 3rd May Graham Beveridge, Russell Cruse, Wayne Henning, Lynne Kemp, Julie Lewis, Mervyn Skeet, Nicola Thomas.</p> <p>f. The Great War Centenary Commemorations Cllr Lewis reported that there has been no collective meeting yet but things are in hand and ideas are being discussed. It was agreed that the beacon should remain where it is. The organising team will need to speak to the contractors and school regarding various issues. Cllr Reynolds advised that he is happy to help with straightening the beacon and lighting it on 11th November.</p> <p>g. Annual Assembly It was agreed that the meeting will take place on 21st May, after the Parish Council meeting. The Clerk will contact village groups and organisations, and BVT and NDP representatives asked to be the main speakers.</p>	<p>LK</p> <p>NT</p> <p>RC</p> <p>MS CL</p> <p>CL</p>
5. HMT	BVT is beginning to move forward and meets on 3 rd May.	
6. REPORTS BY COUNTY AND BOROUGH	<p>Cllr Dawlings reported the following :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BVT : There will be an article in the next Parish Magazine. Everyone involved has 	

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These minutes are not a verbatim record of the meeting, but a summary of discussion and decisions taken at the meeting.

COUNCILLORS	<p>worked extremely hard.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NDP : The recent exhibition for the village went well and all the groups involved are doing an excellent job. A meeting has been organised between representatives and TWBC. • Benenden Hospital : NDP representatives have already spoken with the Hospital and will be meeting with again. • Elections : Borough Council elections take place on 3rd May. <p>Cllr Hall sent a request that all parish councillors look at the current government consultation regarding revisions to the NPPF and provide responses to the sections which may be of interest to Benenden.</p>				
7. NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN	<p>An update from Paul Tolhurst, Steering Group Chair, had been circulated. Cllr Thomas commented on the well-presented exhibition which produced lots of feedback. The Clerk was due to meet with Jim Boot to work on the grant application but unfortunately this meeting was cancelled, but this will hopefully be submitted soon.</p> <p>A letter from The Rural Planning Practice had been received by the Parish Council from a landowner requesting consideration under the NDP. It was agreed that this would be passed onto the NDP Group.</p>				
8. PARISH WORKS AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new gate at the Iden Green playground has dropped. The Clerk has contacted Chris Thomas to ask him to rectify. • Terry Baldwin has painted the village flagpole. • Cllr Thomas to ask the owners of a property near the bus stop to cut back the hedge. Cllr Kemp also advised of overgrown hedge along Rolvenden Road making it extremely hazardous for pedestrians. • Terry Baldwin to be asked to remove a string of CDs strung up along Walkhurst Road. 				
9. REPORTS CHAIRMAN AND PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES	<p>KALC Area Meeting : No meeting has taken place. Parish Chairmen's Group : No meeting has taken place.</p> <p>Cllr Barker advised that he is willing to act as liaison between the Parish Council and the Magazine.</p> <p>It was suggested that BVT reports quarterly to the Parish Council.</p>				
10. PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION MATTERS	<p>The recommendations regarding current applications from the Planning and Transportation Committee were unanimously approved, and other items raised at the meeting noted.</p> <p>Walkhurst Road Width Restrictions Signs Details had been circulated from Cllr Cruse regarding a request from KCC regarding the reinstatement of width restriction signs. The Parish Council agreed that the preferred site is on the War Memorial green. Cllr Cruse to advise Highways.</p>	RC			
11. RESOURCING	<p>(i) Monthly Finance</p> <p>The Parish Council and Harmsworth Memorial Financial Transaction Reports for March were circulated and agreed and the Parish Council ratified and approved the April 2018 payments list.</p> <p><u>Agreed April payments :</u> Parish Council</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="373 1930 1350 1971"> <tr> <td data-bbox="373 1930 491 1971">102362</td> <td data-bbox="491 1930 1216 1971">C Levett - Clerk's Wages</td> <td data-bbox="1216 1930 1350 1971">945.38</td> </tr> </table>	102362	C Levett - Clerk's Wages	945.38	
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102363	J Boot – NDP	180.00	
102364	Tenterden Twilight Commercial Cleaning - Public Toilets	328.00	
102365	TWBC - Public Toilets Rates	300.73	
102366	TP Jones & Co – Payroll	57.60	
102367	Benenden Village Hall – NDP	108.00	
102368	TWBC - Civic Amenity Vehicle 2017/18	996.74	
102369	Benenden Memorial Hall - PC £15 NDP £75	90.00	
102370	Iden Signs – NDP	280.80	
102371	S Simmonds – NDP	82.95	
102372	H Strouts – NDP	193.31	
102373	N Tolhurst – NDP	105.00	
102374	CommuniCorp - Local Councils Update Annual Subscription	100.00	
102375	ACRK - Annual Subscription	50.00	
102376	Iden Green Pavilion - Meeting Hire	12.00	
102377	M Garnier – NDP	29.98	
TOTAL		3860.49	
Harmsworth Memorial Trust			
101453	Paige Bros - St George's Roof Repairs	103.20	
101454	TP Jones & Co – Payroll	52.20	
101455	Brachers - General Vesting	2819.00	
101456	Benenden Village Trust	68000.00	
TOTAL		70974.40	
(ii) Neighbourhood Development Plan A breakdown of expenditure to date had been circulated. Cllr Thomas requested that VAT and net amounts are shown.			
(iii) Audit The internal audit takes place on 25 th May.			
(iv) Village Hall Accounts for the year ending 31 st March and year-end report had been circulated.			
12. COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AND LOCAL ENVIRONMENT	The Village Tidy took place on 14 th April. It was very successful and very well attended.		
13. CORRESPONDENCE	(a) Hemsted Forest A resident had raised concerns about the amount and type of rubbish in Hemsted Forest. The Clerk had advised her to report this to the Forestry Commission and it was agreed that the Parish Council would also comment and invite a representative of the Forestry Commission to a Parish Council meeting. The Clerk to respond to correspondence. (b) Walkhurst Road Footpath A resident had raised concerns regarding the Walkhurst Road footpath and WC351. Cllr Barker advised that he has complained about this footpath and it was agreed to write to KCC and the Cabinet Member, with copy to Cllr Holden. The Clerk to respond to correspondence.	CL CL CL CL	
14. PARISHIONERS' QUESTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With regard to the Great War Commemorations consideration is asked to be given to supporting veterans. • A request to widen the road around the Green. 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a national campaign for 20mph outside schools. • Constant smell of gas along Cranbrook Road. 	
15. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION	Unauthorised encampments.	
16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING	Annual Meeting of the Parish Council Monday 21 st May 2018, Iden Green Pavilion, 7pm	
	The meeting closed at 9.20 pm	

Clerk to the Parish Council, 18th April 2018