

BENTLEY PLAYING FIELD SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE PLAYING FIELD SOCIETY MEETING HELD AT BENTLEY VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2025 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 K Spicer	Cllr J Campbell	

Also present - Footpath Warden

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

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

Proposed Cllr J Wheals	Seconded Cllr M Munday	All in favour	CU
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3. **Matters arising from the minutes.** No matters arising all covered by agenda items

4. **Brantham Athletic request – Terms of Contract Change** – Ther terms of the contract had been changed to include parking – on west side of School Field - limit of 30 -/No parking in Case car park/trial period July-September £80 per month and responsibility for ensuring the entrance to the School field is secured after use An e-mail has been received from Brantham Athletic – saying the facility is fantastic and they plan to use it until late September when the light allows. They also expressed interest in using the facility again next year from April to September and asked for this to be considered. Councillors agreed to continued use until end of September – and for Brantham Athletic to cancel the Portaloo from the end of September. It was also proposed that we offer the use of the field under similar terms to Brantham Athletic next year. We need list of key holders – keys to be returned by Brantham Athletic at end of September

Proposed Cllr M Munday	Seconded Cllr K Spicer	All in favour	CU
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Action: E-mail Brantham Athletic Reply to e-mail & Retrospective Contract to be sent – Keys to be returned
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5. **Managing the School Playing Field – Rules/Regulations** - Copy of the draft Rules/Regulations for the School Field had been sent to Councillors – these were read out by the Chairman. After some discussion it was proposed that with the addition of Users *must respect adjacent residents' rights and not trespass on their property or cause any undue annoyance* – that the Rules & Regulations be adopted. Once the changes have been made the Clerk will send to school so they can be put on the Notice Board.

Proposed Cllr M Bamford	Seconded Cllr B Feltwell	All in favour	CU
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Cllr Feltwell asked for permission to move sign from one side of gate on the playing field and school field to the other side.

6. **Case Lane – Playing Field Entrance – To agree quotes** – Two quotes had been received from A W Goddard Fencing 7129 – to set Gate further back and rehang existing single field gate £1,560 and 7128 Repair existing fencing with new gate £1590 – after some discussion it was proposed to accept 7129 at a cost of £1,560.

Proposed Cllr B Feltwell	Seconded Cllr K Spicer	All in favour	CU
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Action: Order for quote 7129 to be sent to A W Goddard
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7. **Any Other Business** – Resident asked if church banner could be put on the Playing Field fence – it's usually there for one week. Every four months. Councillors agreed that it could be affixed to the fence.

Tree Warden – Some dog owners are allowing their dogs to poo in the long grass around the edge of the field. This is unacceptable. It will not please Ray Bloomfield when he cuts the grass at the end of September.

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Fireworks – There will be no Firework display this year Tim had been unable to get someone to lead the Team. To get someone to lead from outside would cost in the region of £5K for a 20 minute display. Tim was thanked for trying and told we were very grateful for all he has done in the past.

Tim told the meeting he had put a metal four drawer filing cabinet in the container for paperwork relating to loan of equipment – people borrowing gazebos – and Maritime Units.

Brantham Athletic will need to return the keys to the Maritime units at the end of September.

8. **Date and Time of Next Meeting –** Thursday 6 November 2025 at 7.00pm before Parish Council Meeting.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.28 pm.

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