

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 A Thomas	Cllr D Jones

Also present - Tree Warden

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

1. **To Record Apologies for Absence** – Cllr J Campbell, Footpath Warden & Speedwatch
2. **To approve minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 4 September 2025** - The minutes were approved as a true record and duly signed.

Proposed Cllr K Spicer Seconded Cllr M Munday All in favour CU

3. **Matters arising from the minutes. item 5** Copy of the Rules & Regulations for the School Field which were adopted at the September meeting have been sent to Primary School Head who is going to put them on the School Notice Board. Rest covered by agenda items.

4. **To discuss Children’s Play Area Upgrade** – It seems some parents in the village wish to see an upgrade to the Play Area equipment. Councillors felt that if there were similar minded parents who wanted to make suggestions they could be invited to the next Playing Field Society meeting to discuss. It was proposed that we write to the resident and suggest that if there were other interested parties who would form a Working Party/suggest funding etc they be invited to the next Playing Field Society Meeting to discuss. Play equipment is very expensive and at the moment the Parish Council does not have the funding to commit.

Proposed Cllr M Munday Seconded Cllr K Spicer All in favour CU

Action: Write to parent

5. **Brantham Athletic request – Update** – They have now paid the outstanding invoices. We need to make an inventory of the equipment in the Maritime Units – Dave Marks is going to hand the keys back this week. The Portaloo has been recovered by Capel Plant. It seems they made good use of the field and it was quite successful.
6. **Case Lane – Playing Field Entrance – Update** – Quote has been accepted. Cllr Feltwell will chase.

Proposed Cllr B Feltwell Seconded Cllr K Spicer All in favour CU

7. **Request to display other Church banners on Playing Field Fence** – It has been agreed they can put the CONNECT banner on the Playing Field fence (one week every four months). After some discussion it was agreed to write and thank Alison for the enquiry, and say that we have agreed to display one banner but if there are any problems with displaying more banners then please get in touch.

Proposed Cllr M Munday Seconded Cllr B Feltwell All in favour CU

Action: E-mail Alison Partridge

8. **Any Other Business** – Conah Rivers has made a lovely job of the hedge and the resident is very pleased. -. However, the PC cannot commit further public funds to cutting this hedge. The alternative is to take it out completely or tell the resident we are happy for him to organise someone to cut or flail it.

Action: E-mail resident

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The Copse needs to go on future s Playing Field Society agendas for an update. Vertas will cut the grass. Cllr Spicer is to meet with the School for their design ideas – she also queried wild flower sites mentioned in October PC minutes,

Action: Agenda item – The Copse

8. **Date and Time of Next Meeting** – Thursday 5 March 2026 at 7.00pm before Parish Council Meeting.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.27 pm.

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