

BENTLEY PLAYING FIELD SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE PLAYING FIELD SOCIETY MEETING HELD AT BENTLEY VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 5 FEBRUARY 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 D Jones

Also present - Speedwatch

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

1. **To Record Apologies for Absence** –, Cllr K Spicer, Tree Warden, & Footpath Warden
2. **To approve minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 6 November 2025** - The minutes were approved as a true record and duly signed.

Proposed Cllr M Munday Seconded Cllr A Horne All in favour CU

3. **Matters arising from the minutes.** E-mails sent to Brantham Athletic re return of keys to units and Alison Partridge re posters on fence. Charity Commission Return has been completed and sent to Charity Commission. Cllr Bamford has fixed regulation notice in the children’s play area.
4. **To discuss Children’s Play Area Upgrade** – The Clerk told the meeting she had sent the resident an agenda for this meeting. Cllr Feltwell told the meeting it took a lot of effort to get the play area – equipment is so expensive- rules for health and safety have to be followed. Wooden equipment was chosen because it was natural. This will be kept on the agenda.
5. **To discuss removal of CC signage from Playing Field** – A discussion took place on this – it would be a problem moving the posts – could the posts be used for something else? The notices give the impression it’s the school playing field. It was suggested that we leave the posts and put up our own signs. It was therefore proposed that the signs be removed but we keep the posts.

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

6. **Case Lane – Playing Field Entrance – Update** – This has now been refurbished. Disabled access was discussed - some gates on public footpaths can be opened to give wheelchair access to make it more accessible. The gate at West Mill Green needs to be concreted back. Disabled Access to Playing Field to be an agenda item at the next meeting.

Action: Agenda item Disabled Access to Playing Field

7. **Any Other Business** – **Copse:** - The Clerk read out Cllr Spicer’s e-mail – *The Eco council/school council delivered an assembly to the whole school, outlining the brief for the garden space. Children have created their own version of the garden and then the best ideas were taken from each year group to produce a final version with everyone’s ideas. The children are very keen to help and are excited to be involved.* Councillor Spicer has asked to meet Miss Cooper and the school council after the half term holiday to view their designs and the final design. The aim is to ask them to present their final design and give their thoughts behind their choices at the March Parish Council meeting if this is appropriate. Once they have presented their final design Otley College will give it a final check so it can be turned into a practical solution. Clerk will write to School thanking for their involvement and that we would be very pleased to receive their ideas at the March Playing Field Society meeting at 7pm on Thursday 5 March – just this one item on the agenda.

Action: Write to school invite them to Playing Field Society Meeting 5 March.

An e-mail was received from a resident re holding a Classic Car Rally on the Playing Field was discussed–. – A risk assessment will need to be done – if a charity is involved should it go through The Case or the Parish Council – Clerk to check with school re dates – date to be agreed. It was therefore proposed that the car rally was a good idea and can be held on the field - Date to be established. Agenda item

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Proposed Cllr M Bamford

Seconded Cllr A Horne

All in favour

CU

The Clerk was also asked to contact Brantham Athletic to see if they will be requiring use of the field this year.

Action: Agenda item – Car Rally

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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