

# BYFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 13<sup>th</sup> March 2025 AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT: Councillors: John Gillic (JG) – Chairman; Christl Davis (CD), Barbara Ridyard (BR), Michael Burdon (MB), Simon Shepherd (SS), Lindsay Clark (LC)

Others: Clerk

		Action
1.	<b>Declarations of interest in items on the agenda:</b> N/A	
2.	<b>To receive and approve apologies for absence:</b> Santon Crowshaw (SC), Pom Boddington (PB), Nick Thompson (NT) and Rupert Frost (RF) provided apologies. It was RESOLVED to accept the apologies for absence for this meeting.	
3.	<b>To approve the minutes of the Meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025:</b> It was RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the meeting as an accurate record.	
4.	<b>Matters Arising:</b> It was RESOLVED to allow the Clerk to attend relevant training to their role provided by NCALC.	
5.	<b>Chairman's Announcements:</b> It was RESOLVED for JG to email Welbeck Homes to arrange a meeting with them for the Parish Council to discuss their housing project proposal.	
6.	<b>To receive a report from WNC Ward Councillor:</b> RF was unable to attend this meeting, and no update was provided.	
7.	<b>Public Participation:</b> There was no public participation at this meeting.	
8.	<b>To discuss the upcoming Parish Council Elections on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025:</b> Members were reminded that if they were planning to stand for election as a Parish Councillor again, that nominations opened on 14 <sup>th</sup> March and closed on 2 <sup>nd</sup> April. Applications would need to be handed in by hand to WNC at either Daventry, Towcester or Northampton.	
9.	<b>Finance:</b> a. <i>Income received from 8 February to 8 March:</i> £115.44 in VAT rebate. £8 in allotment rent. £365.00 in burial fees. b. <i>Fund balances on 8 March:</i> Current account £4,227.27. Deposit account £81,430.46. No uncashed cheques, total funds available £85,657.73 c. It was RESOLVED to make the payments detailed on the updated schedule. d. It was RESOLVED to make two additional payments; £60 to WNC for Garden Waste collection at the Churchyard, and £330 to British Gas for electricity usage at the Brightwell Pavilion. e. It was RESOLVED for the Clerk to provide a Year to Date report each month for the Councillors to view.	

10.	<p><b>Planning:</b></p> <p>a. NEW APPLICATIONS: None</p> <p>b. APPROVALS: None</p> <p>c. REFUSALS: None</p>	
11.	<p><b>Highways:</b></p> <p>WNC have informed the Clerk that the chicane on Boddington Road that would be paid for by HS2 funds, has been reopened to consulting. There is no mention about the village sign, or bus shelter at this time. The chicane would be situated next to the bridge on the Boddington Road.</p>	
12.	<p><b>Rights of Way:</b></p> <p>There has been no interest from residents regarding WNC's Rights of Way Warden scheme.</p>	
13.	<p><b>Council and BRG Land/Property:</b></p> <p>It was RESOLVED for members to attend the Sports Club meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> March to speak to them regarding usage of the Brightwell Pavilion.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED for JG to put together a draft Terms and Conditions.</p> <p>PB and SC are dealing with the dog poop signage.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to remove the broken bench at the Fiveways bus stop.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED for the Clerk to continue to chase Anglian Water to remove the waste bags and fencing left on the Brightwell Recreation Ground.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to include a purchase of a salt bin on next month's meeting.</p>	
14.	<p><b>Burial Ground and Closed Churchyard:</b></p> <p>Mole traps have been placed to capture and relocate the moles within the closed churchyard. 8 moles have been captured so far.</p> <p>JG has recently tidied up the burial ground.</p>	
15.	<p><b>Lights and Utilities:</b></p> <p>The Clerk will continue to chase the streetlight supplier regarding the day burner and the installation of a screen on a streetlight.</p>	
16.	<p><b>Allotments, Pocket Park, Environment:</b></p> <p>PB provided an update regarding the pocket park. The outstanding £200 agreed in 2024 for the pocket park will be spent soon to buy more plants.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that the remaining unrented plots in the allotments will be advertised to residents.</p> <p>Chris Butlin is reviving the Pocket Park Working Group to meet on the 29<sup>th</sup> March.</p>	
17.	<p><b>Playground:</b></p> <p>A query was raised as to whether the Parish has enough benches for residents to use.</p>	
18.	<p><b>Date(s) of next meeting(s)</b></p> <p>27 March (planning meeting if required)</p> <p>17 April (full council meeting)</p>	
19.	<p><b>Close of meeting:</b> JG closed the meeting at 8:37pm.</p>	

Signed: .....

Date: .....