

BENEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday 26th November 2018

Councillors Present	J Cutmore, J Naylor, C Parkhouse, A Pridmore, G Shatford and I Tadman (Chair)
Also Present	3 members of the Public Mrs S Cook (Clerk)

364 **Apologies** were received from Cllr Tarbuck and District Councillor Vowles and were accepted.

365 Cllr Parkhouse **declared an interest** in item 372a, Nev's Wild.

366 Mr Gary Ellard-Elliott and Owen Gibbons from 3eAssets were welcomed and gave the following presentation on the revised plans for the Wheatsheaf. 3eAssets have carefully looked at the previous plans and the reasons for the objections not only from the Parish Council but also residents. Three drawings were presented to the Council, which have not been presented to ENC for planning approval, Proposed Site Plan Drawing Number 312 P 04, Proposed Plot 1 Drawing Number 312 P 10, Proposed Plot 3, 4, & 5 Drawing Number 312 P20 and Proposed Plot 3, 4, 5 Elevations Drawing Number 312 P 21 all dated November 2018 which now reduces the number of from 10 dwellings down to 5, the main building will only be one dwelling and not apartments, there will be 3 dwellings facing the Cricket Field and one behind the new house. Each property will have their own garden, there will be a separate access for plots 3,4 and 5 (facing the Cricket Field) and the Wheatsheaf and plot 1 will share the current access. The Councillors unanimously approved of the new plans, it was agreed to give 3eAssts a letter of support suggesting that some sort of lighting being erected outside the Wheatsheaf to compensate for removal of the light which lit up the bus stop.

Mr. Tom Crewe presented his rationale for his triple garage and has taken on board the council's comments. The new plans when submitted to ENC will be only have 2 bays, this will move the proposed garage from the road side and the pitch of the roof will be reduced but keep the dormer windows.

367 **There were no other members of the Public at the meeting**

368 There was no report from District Cllr Vowles

369 **Several crimes have been reported in area of Gibson Drive**, one included someone demanding monies late at night this person has now been apprehended.

370 **The Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th October** were approved and signed by Cllr Tadman

371 **Matters Arising from the meeting held on 15th October 2018**

- a. Both Cllr Shatford and Cllr Tadman had attended a meeting at ENC to discuss the North Bridge. The funding is now available to start work in January 2019, with a 3-ton weight limit in place until completion in October 2019. Cllr Shatford suggested that a letter be written stating that as soon as the work is completed on North Bridge that the weight limit be removed.
- b. The Master Plan for Tresham Garden Village has gone before the full council at ENC. The Board may be disbanded in the near future.
- c. Cllr Tadman reported that he has been advised by Pathfinder II to claim the full £3000 of the grant, which includes the cost £1200 to clear out the bridge along the gated road. It was agreed that Cllr Tadman should order 6 Flood Road Signs and flood barriers for the properties closest to the A427 in Lower Benefield.
- d. PGR have supplied a quote of £4366.20 to complete the Wooden Gates, this amount is almost the same as was charged by NCC to erect all 8 structures. It was decided to hold this over until the next meeting.
- e. Nothing further to report on Reginald Price's name on the War Memorial.
- f. The Street Light at the junction of the Glapthorn Road has been replaced. Mr Pridmore proposed that lamp post 23 is repaired in Gibson Drive, this was approved by everyone. It has also been reported that lamp post 25 has not been working for some

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time, residents claim to have reported it but not to the Clerk. Mr Pridmore agreed to contact e-on for a quote.

- g. Cllr Parkhouse hopes to have the quotes for the Grass Cutting by the next meeting. The matter of the litter being cut by the mowers and strewn everywhere once the verges had been cut was raised, the Clerk commented that her husband has just retired and is litter picking for D&D PC for £9 per hour.
- h. Cllr Tadman attended the Joint Action Group meeting on 17th October nothing to report.
- i. The Dog Warden will be monitoring the Dog Fouling in both Upper and Lower Benefield.

372 Financial Matters:

- a. The proposed Budget for next year had been presented to the Councillors prior to the meeting. After discussion it was agreed unanimously to increase the precept to £7000.
- b. The Clerk confirmed that there is £11093.07 currently in the Bank.
- c. It was resolved to pay the following in line with relevant legislation.

Details	Value	Cheque No.
Sue Cook, Salary for November plus Expenses	£160.32	638
The Poppy Appeal, 2 Wreaths for Remembrance Sunday	£37.00	639

373 No New Planning Applications had been received since the last meeting.

Decisions made by East Northamptonshire Council on any Planning Applications since 15th October

- a. 18/01867/FUL – Nev’s Wild – no decision
- b. 18/01823/FUL – Springwood - Passed
- c. 18/01647/FUL 33 Lower Benefield – Passed
- d. 18/01617/FUL Bluebell Cottage – Passed

374 Correspondence/Training and Events: The following items of correspondence had been circulated to the Councillors prior to this meeting. All were noted with no further action.

- a. Town and Parish Briefing Update on proposed unitary timetable
- b. Residents Survey
- c. East Northamptonshire Draft Local Plan Part 2 Consultation

375 Future Agenda Items/Business. **The nature of future Agenda items can be discussed at this point, but no decision can be made until the next meeting.**

- a. The Clerk agreed to put an additional section in the Standing Orders for the Provision to call emergency meetings at short notice in line with legislation.
- b. The Clerk had explained prior to the meeting that the Parish Council Meetings could not be moved from the Village Hall to the Cricket Club during the winter as the premises was licenced to sell alcohol as stated in the Standing Orders. Cllr Tadman agreed to find a Village Hall Committee Member who would turn the heating on during the afternoon of the meetings.
- c. The Clerk had purchased Arnold Baker Local Council Administration 11th Edition for £103.99, (20% discount) if Benefield PC would contribute £50 towards the cost D&D PC would pay the balance. This was agreed by all Councillors present as the book is not available in any other format.

376 Date of the next meetings:

Monday 14th January, Monday 25th February, Monday 8th April, Monday 20th May, Monday 1st July, Monday 2nd September, Monday 14th October and Monday 25th November.

This being all the business the meeting was closed at 7:35 p.m.

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Approved by Benefield Parish Council:		
Signature of Chairman:		Date: 14th January 2019

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