

BENEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday 14th January
2019

Councillors Present	J Cutmore, J Naylor, C Parkhouse, A Pridmore, I Tadman and A Tarbuck (Chair)
Also Present	4 members of the Public and Mrs S Cook (Clerk)

- 378 **Apologies** were received from Cllr Shatford and District Councillor Vowles and were accepted.
- 379 There were no declarations of interests.
- 380 **Several Members of the Public** attended the meeting due to the planning application at Rectory Farm Buildings: Mr Nicholson gave a brief outline of the reason for the application along with the reduction of the size of the building area. Highways have issues with access from the A427 Mr Nicholson confirmed that there will be no vehicular access to the site from Causin Way. One resident had concerns that his property will be overlooked by number 5, along with the working hours of 8 to 6 during the weekdays and 8 to 1 on Saturday another resident would like the Senior Conservation Officer to look into the design and materials being used on the 2 new builds.
- 381 There was no report from District Cllr Vowles
- 382 **No crimes have been reported in either village**, however the Clerk made the meeting aware of several number plates have been stolen in Apethorpe, one serious break in at Woodnewton and cold calling in Collyweston
- 383 **The Minutes of the Meeting held on 26th November** were approved and signed by Cllr Tarbuck.
- 384 **Matters Arising from the meeting held on 26th November 2018**
- a. The Clerk had sent the Councillors several e-mails with reference to the North Bridge in Oundle over the last few weeks including the X4 bus route. It was agreed that at this present time the Councillors would take no further action. The Clerk agreed to continue forwarding any correspondence relating to this matter to the Councillors.
 - b. Cllr Tadman had nothing to report on Pathfinder II.
 - c. Cllr Tadman agreed to ask the residents of Lower if they would like the Wooden Gates completed on the A427 or left as is before the next meeting.
 - d. The Street Lights in Gibson Drive have been repaired. Cllr Pridmore informed the meeting that for each mercury light that requires changing will cost the Council £336 on a metal post for any on telegraph posts it will cost £400 for reworking plus £336 for new light. The Clerk agreed to forward Cllr Pridmore the current lighting survey so that any urgent work can be identified before the next meeting.
 - e. Cllr Parkhouse presented the meeting with a quote for the Grass Cutting from Leicestershire Gardens. £165 per cut for all the grass verges within both Upper and Lower with a further £165 per cut for the grass verges along the A427 between Upper and Lower. It was agreed by everyone present to have the grass verges in both villages cut 3 times and between the 2 villages once. In the meantime, the Clerk agreed to contact NCC to try to establish when they intend to do their two cuts and how much the refund would be if the Parish Council under took all the grass cutting.

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385 Financial Matters:

- a. The Clerk confirmed that there is £10895.75 currently in the Bank.
- b. It was resolved to pay the following in line with relevant legislation.

Details	Value	Cheque No.
Sue Cook, Salary for December and January + Expenses	£251.84	640
Sue Cook, 50% reimbursement of Arnold Baker	£50.00	640
E-on Maintenance	£86.38	641
E-on Repair to PL23	£336.00	641
E-on New Photocell Gibson Drive	£28.16	641
E-on Energy	£390.98	642
E-on Repair to PL14	£336.00	641

386 New Planning Applications:

- a. 18/02373/FUL – no objections
- b. 18/02188/FUL and 18/02189/LBC – no objections however concerns were raised about the splay of the entrance and that no turning space has been accounted for on the drive therefore allowing vehicles to reverse onto the A427. The Clerk agreed to highlight these concerns to ENC.
- c. 18/02364/LBC and 18/02408/FUL – no objections but concern was raised as to if the properties were within the conversation area and settlement line of Lower Benefield. The Clerk agreed to highlight this concern to ENC along with ones mentioned in item 380.

Decisions made by East Northamptonshire Council on any Planning Applications since 26th November

- a. 18/01867/FUL – Nev’s Wild – withdrawn awaiting new submission.

387 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. Heather Smith’s Resignation
- b. Town & Parish Briefing – Local Government Reform – Update on proposed unitary timetable
- c. East Northamptonshire Draft Local Plan Part 2 Consultation

388 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 informed the meeting that there is a 2% Government pay increase for all Parish Clerk’s commencing 1st April. The Clerk’s salary will increase from £10.42 per hour to £10.65 per hour.
- b. Provisional date for the annual litter pick is Sunday 7th April, to be confirmed at the next meeting.

389 Date of the next meetings: Monday 25th February, Monday 8th April, Monday 20th May (Annual Meetings) Monday 1st July, Monday 2nd September, Monday 14th October and Monday 25th November.

This being all the business the meeting was closed at 7:30 p.m.

Approved by Benefield Parish Council:		
Signature of Chairman:		Date: 25th February 2019