

BENEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on
Monday 25th February 2019

Councillors Present	J Cutmore, C Parkhouse, A Pridmore, I Tadman and A Tarbuck (Chair)
Also Present	Mrs S Cook (Clerk)

- 390 **Apologies** were received from District Councillor Vowles and were accepted.
- 391 Cllr Tarbuck **declared an interest** in item 398 i.
- 392 **There were no Members of the Public present.**
- 393 There was no report from District Cllr Vowles
- 394 **There have been several crimes since the last meeting**, farm equipment has been stolen, a transit van has been stolen, 2 garden sheds have been broken into and a motor bike stolen.
- 395 **The Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th January** were approved and signed by Cllr Tarbuck.

396 **Matters Arising from the meeting held on 14th January**

- a. Cllr Tadman confirmed that the funding from Pathfinder II is available and work on clearing under the bridge along with Gated Road will start on Thursday 28th February. The excess funding will purchase 2 door flood barriers for the two properties closest to the brook along the Gated Road and six road warning signs to be distributed across the two villages.
- b. Most of the residents that Cllr Tadman has spoken to would like to see the Wooden Gates in Lower Benefield completed. The total cost would be £4366.20 as this is a lot of money and the Council do not know how much will need to be spent on the street lighting it was resolved that the decision to be agreed at the next meeting when hopefully all Councillors will be present. Purchasing a bus shelter for Lower Benefield may be more beneficial to residents.
- c. Cllr Pridmore has requested that EON carry out a survey on the Street Lighting and this should be available before the next meeting.
- d. It was agreed by 6 votes to 1 in favour that the Parish Council should take on board all the Grass Cutting within the 30 mph. NCC will contribute £417 towards the cost, this funding will allow for 6 cuts and the Clerk to complete the paperwork.
- e. The confirmed date for the Annual Litter Pick is for Sunday 7th April. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact both ENC and CBC via Weldon Parish Council Clerks to find out exactly what the entitlements are for Litter Picking and Road Sweeping along the A427, Glaphorn Road and Brigstock Road.

397 **Financial Matters:**

- a. The Clerk confirmed there is currently £11886.01 in the Bank, a payment of £2361.51 has been received from Pathfinder II along with £108.11 VAT Return since the last meeting.
- b. It was resolved to pay the following in line with relevant legislation.

Details	Value	Cheque No.
Benefield Village Hall Hire	£26.00	643
Clerk's Salary and Expenses	£127.72	644

- c. It was resolved that Mr Tom James should carry out the Internal Audit as in previous years for a fee of £80.

398 **There were no new Planning Applications:**

Outstanding planning applications since 14th January

- a. 19/00181/TCA – 55 Upper Benefield – Awaiting Decision
- b. 18/02188/FUL and 18/02189/LBC – 15 Lower Benefield - Withdrawn

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- c. 18/02423/FUL – W heatsheaf – Awaiting Decision.
 - d. 18/02373/FUL – Ashley Farm House - Refused
 - e. 18/02364/LBC and 18/02408/FUL – Rectory Farm – Awaiting Decision.
 - f. 18/01867/FUL – Nev’s Wild – Approved with Conditions.
- 399 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. North Bridge Weight Restrictions
 - b. Draft revised Local List of Information Requirements for Consultation
 - c. Unitary Authority Workshops explore reform in Northamptonshire
- 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. Cllr Tadman put forward a case for having a Neighbourhood Plan and it was agreed that the possibility of a Neighbourhood Plan should be explored at the next meeting.
- 389 **Date of the next meetings:** 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 7:15 p.m.

Approved by Benefield Parish Council:		
Signature of Chairman:		Date: 8th April 2019