

BENEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on
Monday 8th April 2019

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

- 402 **Apologies** were received from Cllr Shatford and were accepted.
- 403 There were no **declarations of interest**.
- 404 **There were no Members of the Public present.**
- 405 District Cllr Vowles gave the following report: Unitary is behind schedule because of the delays with Brexit. The Local Planning Part 2 has also been delayed due the consultation in Oct/Nov not going well, there were several errors within the document that need rectifying.
- 406 **No Crimes** in either villages have been reported, however vehicle number plates are still being stolen from neighbouring villages.
- 407 **The Minutes of the Meeting held on 25th February** were approved and signed by Cllr Tarbuck.
- 408 **Matters Arising from the meeting held on 25th February**
- a. Cllr Tadman outlined the reasons for a Neighbourhood Plan stating that both the electricity supply and sewage system may be put at maximum with the rate of building that is happening/planned. Funding is still available. Cllr Tadman is happy to lead the project and will arrange for a leaflet drop to see if there is enough interest from the residents.
 - b. Cllr Tadman confirmed that the brook has been cleared out and still has to order the 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 from the remainder of the funding from Pathfinder II.
 - c. It was agreed by 4 votes to 2 not to spend any more money on the Village Entrance Gates until it has been established if the final plans showed exactly what was erected. Cllr Tadman agreed to investigate.
 - d. Cllr Pridmore had circulated the street lighting survey prior to the meeting. It was agreed that the most urgent ones in Upper should be repaired as soon as possible along with one in Lower which has not been working for 2 years at a cost of approximately £3860 plus VAT.
 - e. Cllr Parkhouse confirmed that approximately 20 people had attended the Annual Litter Pick, with a very large pile of debris waiting to be collected from inside the Cricket Field Gate by ENC.
 - f. The Clerk reported under Highway Issues that Street Doctor had been back out to the broken gate at the entrance to Upper although no work had taken place. The broken road sign at the entrance to Lower has been repaired.

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409 Financial Matters:

- a. The Clerk confirmed there is currently £11732.29 in the Bank, which includes £2361.51 from Pathfinder II. The Clerk also confirmed that the Year End Account were ready to go to the Internal Auditor.
- b. It was resolved to pay the following in line with relevant legislation.

Details	Value	Cheque No.
E-on Maintenance	£86.38	645
Clerk's Salary and Expenses	£254.37	646
Sue Cook reimbursement of ICO Registration	£40.00	646
Landtech – Clearing Culvert (Pathfinder II Monies)	£1218.00	647
Leicestershire Gardens – Grass Cutting	£160.00	648
E-on – new photocell in lamppost no. 20	£28.16	649

- 410 There were no objections to **Planning** Application numbers 19/00367/FUL and 19/00368/LBC new veranda at Willow Barn, Upper Benefield.

Outstanding planning applications since 25th February

- a. 19/00181/TCA – 55 Upper Benefield – Approved
- b. 18/02423/FUL – Wheatsheaf – Approved.
- c. 19/00267/TCA – Willow Trees at Willow Barn, Upper - Approved
- d. 18/02373/FUL – Ashley Farm House – Gone to Appeal
- e. 18/02364/LBC and 18/02408/FUL – Rectory Farm – Awaiting Decision.

- 411 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. Operation London Bridge from ENC
- c. A43 Closure for week-end from 12th April to 15th April

- 412 **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 suggested inviting County Councillor de Capell Brooke to the Annual Meetings, County Councillor Smith had attended in the past. It was agreed to invite County Councillor de Capell Brooke.

- 413 **Date of the next meetings:** 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: 20th May 2019