

BENEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday 1st July 2019

Councillors Present	J Naylor, A Pridmore, G Shatford, I Tadman (Chair) and A Tarbuck
Also Present	County Councillor Annabel de Capel Brooke and Mrs S Cook (Clerk)

- 432 **Apologies** had been received from Cllrs Cutmore and Parkhouse; these were accepted.
- 433 There were no **declarations of interest**.
- 434 **There were no Members of the Public present.**
- 435 Cllr Tadman introduced **County Councillor Annabel de Capel Brooke** to the meeting. Annabel gave a brief outline of her career in both ENC and NCC. She is spending time visiting schools and community groups. Funding is available from Augean for community projects. Annabel has recently had a tour of the Tresham Garden Village site and the planning applications is likely to be presented in the Autumn. Annabel is trying to arrange another meeting with Stephen Mold, the Police and Crime Commissioner, and the Chief Constable Nick Adderley.
- 436 **District Councillor Vowles** had informed the Clerk prior to the meeting that he had nothing to report.
- 437 **Crime Report** – there had been several crimes committed in Lower Benefield on Saturday 22nd June/ Sunday 23rd June. Among items stolen was a garden strimmer, and a sit on lawn mower.
- 438 **The Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th May** were approved and signed by Cllr Tadman
- 439 **Matters Arising from the meeting held on 20th May**
- a. Cllr Tadman has a document to be e-mailed to all the councillors for their approval prior to it being placed on the website for the **Neighbourhood Plan**.
 - b. Cllr Tadman has been asked by Pathfinder II to provide photos of the work carried out so far. Cllr Tadman has distributed the Flood Warning signs along with locks. Cllr Tadman will also purchase the 2 door barriers before the next meeting. All this has been purchased from the **Pathfinder II funding**. Cllr Tadman agreed to contact Joanne Maddams with reference to clearing the gully along the Weldon Road as the road flooded during the recent rain.
 - c. Cllr Tadman has investigated the **Wooden Gate Structures** and it was agreed that no further action should be taken at this moment in time. It was also agreed that due to the length of time that Highways are taking in repairing the damaged one in Upper that an insurance claim should be made, the Clerk to action this.
 - d. Cllr Pridmore agreed to provide the Councillors with details of any street lights which may require work on them before the onset of Winter. The Clerk confirmed that 3eAssets will provide some sort of light outside the Wheatsheaf. The Clerk also confirmed that she has received the new unmetered certificate from and will ensure that all the invoices are correct before raising payment.
 - e. Cllr Tarbuck reported that the 2nd **grass cut** had been completed, however due to the length of time it took for the completion because of his mower breaking down the villages look untidy. Cllr Parkhouse has agreed to talk to the contractor and it was resolved that the 2nd cut payment should not be sent until Cllr Parkhouse has agreed that he is happy with the contractor.
 - f. **Highway Issues** – Sarah Barnwell has walked the roadside footpaths in Upper as suggested at the last meeting. Her findings were e-mailed to all Councillors prior to the meeting and “it has been noted a few places where hedges or other

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vegetation was overhanging from adjacent properties, the landowners will be contacted by the Amenities Technician. There were some places with longitudinal cracking, but at this stage none of these present a trip hazard. Glapthorn Road seems to have a particularly narrow path. From a practical point of view, it might well be feasible to widen the path in Glapthorn Road. With regard to A427, it is unlikely that we could widen the paths beyond the current width as the properties abut close behind the path and the road has no spare width." It was agreed that Cllr Shatford to obtain a quote for RSOPA for an independent survey.

Cllr Pridmore has cut all the footpaths, Cllr Tarbuck thanked Cllr Pridmore. It was resolved that a letter should be sent to all the landowners reminding them that it is their responsibility to keep the bridleways cut, Cllr Tadman and the Clerk to action this.

440 Financial Matters:

- a. The Clerk confirmed there is currently £11914.79 in the Bank, which includes £819.69 Pathfinder II monies. The Clerk also reported that she has made a VAT Claim for £277.62 with a further £825.88 claim to be made.
- b. It was resolved to pay the following in line with relevant legislation.

Details	Value	Cheque No.
Benefield Village Hall	£19.50	655
Sue Cook – Salary for June & July plus Expenses	£257.10	656
E-on – Repairs to Street Lights 1, 17, 18, 19, 20 & 21	£3960.00	657
Leicestershire Gardens (Cut 2)	£160.00	658
E-on – Maintenance	£67.43	659

- 441 There were no new **Planning** Applications to discuss, Outstanding planning applications since 20th May
 - a. 19/00828/LBC – 15 Main Street, Lower – Awaiting Decision.
 - b. 19/00535/FUL – 5 Causin Way, Lower – Awaiting Decision.
 - c. 18/02364/LBC and 18/02408/FUL – Rectory Farm – Awaiting Decision.
- 442 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 Council Bulletin
 - b. PCC visit to Fletton House
 - c. North Bridge Update
 - d. Unitary Council Update
- 443 **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 Pridmore asked if Dog Bins could be purchased. It was suggested that Cllr Tadman should obtain some notices for the bridleways reminding dog walkers to clear up after their dogs
 - b. It was suggested that the Parish Council purchase their own Vehicle Activated Sign, The Council may consider hiring the VAS from D&D Parish Council again, decision to be made at the next meeting.
- 444 **Date of the next meetings:** Monday 2nd September
This being all the business the meeting was closed at 7:30 p.m.

Approved by Benefield Parish Council:

Signature of Chairman:		Date: 2nd September 2019
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