

BENEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday 2nd September

Councillors Present	J Naylor, C Parkhouse, I Tadman (Chair) and A Tarbuck
Also Present	6 members of the public and Mrs S Cook (Clerk)

- 445 **Apologies** had been received from Cllrs Cutmore, Pridmore and Shatford and were accepted.
- 446 There were no **declarations of interest**.
- 447 **Public Time:** Concern was raised that the new contract farmers are unaware that they are responsible for keeping the public footpaths cut especially around The Pound. It was agreed that a map outlining who owns what will be devised and a letter issued to these contract farmers reminding them that they are responsible with information gained from WWW.GOV.UK.
- A Neighbourhood Watch scheme is being set up in Upper, with a notice displayed on a Lamp post. The co-Ordinator, who is a resident in Upper, will give both the Clerk and Cllr Parkhouse details for the website and the newsletter. The councillors thought it would be a good idea to put a “Neighbourhood Watch” sign on the wooden gate on the entrance to Upper. The gentleman is hoping that someone will come forward from Lower to set one up and he is prepared to help them organise it.
- 448 **District Councillor Vowles** had informed the Clerk prior to the meeting that he had nothing to report.
- 449 **Crime Report** – Nothing new to report
- 450 **The Minutes of the Meeting held on 1st July** were approved and signed by Cllr Tadman
- 451 **Matters Arising from the meeting held on 1st July**
- Cllr Tadman e-mailed the **Neighbourhood Plan** document to all the councillors who agreed that it should be placed on the website with a note on the next Newsletter pointing residents to the web-site to read and contact Cllr Tadman if they are interested.
 - Cllr Tadman has to still purchase the 2 door barriers before the next meeting. All this has been purchased from the **Pathfinder II funding**. Cllr Tadman agreed to contact take photos of the flooding on the road and contact Fix my Street with them.
 - Street Lighting** to be carried over to the next meeting. The Clerk confirmed that 3eAssets will provide a light outside the Wheatsheaf.
 - Cllr Tarbuck reported that the 3rd grass **cut** had been completed in July but nothing in August. Cllr Parkhouse reported that he has met with another contractor and is waiting for quote, the hedgerows will be cut during September by the Estate and an item will be put in the Newsletter reminding residents to keep their boundaries tidy.
 - Highway Issues** – the insurance claim has gone off for the smashed **wooden gate structure** that was written off in the accident in January. They have replied to the Clerk with a request for 2 quotes, more photos if possible, the exact location, any CCTV footage and the crime number. The Clerk will contact local Parish Councils to see who erected their gates and contact them for quotes, Cllr Tadman agreed to google map the exact location. Finding the crime number will be more difficult as the police web-site states that there is a fee if not directly involved.
 - Cllr Tadman has tried to find organisations that would be willing to help fund with the purchase of a Vehicle Activated Sign but has found none. The Clerk agreed to apply for a Lottery Grant for £3500.

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452 Financial Matters:

- a. The Clerk confirmed there is currently £8554.26 in the Bank, which includes £1103.50 VAT Refund and £819.69 Pathfinder II monies. The second half of the precept should be received prior to the next meeting.
- b. It was resolved to pay the following in line with relevant legislation.

Details	Value	Cheque No.
E-on Energy	£409.88	660
Sue Cook – Salary for August plus Expenses	£128.45	661
Leicestershire Gardens (Cut 3)	£160.00	662

453 There following **Planning** Applications were discussed:

- a. 19/01331/PDU – Convert agricultural building to 3-bedroom house at Yoke Hill Piggeries – no objections
- b. 19/01279/TCA – remove damaged limbs of Leylandii at Gilmour House Lower – No objections
- c. 18/02364/LBC and 18/02408/FUL – Rectory Farm. The plans have been amended to give access from Causin Way to No 4. No amendments have been made to the materials being used or to the linear position of properties. Number 5 stills overlooks Manor House. It was resolve after discussing the plans that the Parish Council should object to the plans on the above issues.
- d. 19/00378/CON – Weldon Park – It was agreed to object to this application on the grounds of increased traffic and the impact on the infrastructure in general.

Outstanding planning applications since 1st July

- a. 19/00828/LBC – 15 Main Street, Lower – Approved.
- b. 19/00535/FUL – 5 Causin Way, Lower – Approved.
- c. 18/02373.FUL – Ashley Farm – Appeal Dismissed

454 The following items of **correspondence** had been circulated to the Councillors prior to this meeting. All were noted with no further action.

- a. Tillage Event
- b. Councillors Guide to handling Intimidation
- c. Illegal Sheep Killing
- d. East Northamptonshire Summer Turn Up & Play
- e. ENC Council Meeting on Monday 22nd July
- f. PFCC Meeting on 16th July
- g. Oundle Neighbourhood Plan 2011 - 2031

455 **Future Agenda Items/Business.**

- a. The Clerk will keep the meetings to 6 weeks again for next year.
- b. Cllr Tadman’s notice on how the Council Tax is calculated will go on the website.
- c. The Clerk will contact Miss Watts-Russell with reference to the trumpeter for Remembrance Sunday.
- d. The Clerk will supply the Councillors with the budget for the next meeting.
- e. Cllr Tarbuck would like the Councillors to think about improving parking at both Townsend Court and Coronation Crescent for the next meeting.
- f. Cllr Parkhouse would like to arrange a working party to tidy up the area around the lay-by in Upper.
- g. Cllr Tadman is arranging for Dog Fouling Signs to be displayed

456 **Date of the next meeting:** Monday 14th October

This being all the business the meeting was closed at 7:50 p.m.