

BENEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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

Councillors Present	Jason Cutmore, John Naylor, Charles Parkhouse, Alf Pridmore, Graham Shatford and Ian Tadman (Chair)
Also Present	Mrs S Cook (Clerk)

457 **Apologies** had been received from Cllr Tarbuck and were accepted.

458 Cllr Parkhouse **declared an interest** in item 465 Planning.

459 **No members of Public were present.**

460 **District Councillor Vowles** had provided the following report:

Oundle Bridge. Planning approval given last Thursday. It had been continually delayed by Historic England/NCC/Contractor trying to agree on how the work should be done! It should take 30 weeks from now to complete. We need County to confirm but the letter I have says that a 7.5 tonne Amenity limit will be imposed on the bridge. This would allow any vehicle to use the bridge providing that they are servicing a property/business inside the restriction area which I assume would be Oundle boundaries. This needs to be confirmed. This would have very positive implications for Benefield if it stopped HGV traffic from using your road as a shortcut from A1 to Corby etc.

Patient Participation Group. I am having real difficulties with the CCG responsible for Lakeside Oundle because they will not respond to Consultations about housing delivery in the Oundle area. With the current Oundle Neighbourhood Plan identifying 325 houses and two applications for a total of 195 houses plus 65 unit Care Home.

Additionally, there is an application for around 30 more houses on the Stoke Doyle Road. There are also plans for over 100 additional care facilities. Not all of these will come to fruition of course. I am working with the PPG and surgery to try and resolve this as doctors tell me that they have no capacity for additional patients

461 **Crime Report** – 2 vehicles had been entered into in Lower Benefield. Catalytic Converters are being stolen from vehicles in surrounding villages.

462 **The Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd September** were approved and signed by Cllr Tadman

463 **Matters Arising from the meeting held on 2nd September**

a. The **Neighbourhood Plan** is on the website with a note in the Newsletter. Cllr Tadman has had only 1 reply. It was agreed not to proceed with this project unless residents request it.

b. Cllr Tadman has to still purchase the 2 door barriers before the next meeting. All this has been purchased from the **Pathfinder II funding**. The Clerk has had a letter of from Mrs Singlehurst thanking the Parish Council for clearing the silt etc from under the bridge along the Gated Road.

c. **Street Lighting** – after much decision it was proposed by Cllr Naylor to replace lamppost number 13 Glapthorn Road, 27 Townsend Court and 28 Coronation Crescent, Cllr Parkhouse seconded the proposal with a unanimous vote.

d. Cllr Parkhouse reported that the 4th **grass cut** had been completed, and is looking for quotes for next year. The Clerk confirmed that she has the invoice ready to send to Keir for the £417.39 refund for cutting the verges.

e. **Highway Issues** – The Clerk confirmed that the wooden gate structures at Brigstock and Glapthorn had been erected by Keir. Cllr Tadman has provided the Clerk with the google maps for the exact location. Cllr Naylor informed the meeting that he has been speaking to Fix my Street about the problem and

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it has been confirmed to him that they still intend to replace the damaged one. Cllr Naylor has been given the name of Michelle Johnson who is the Senior Highways Improvement Officer. The Clerk agreed to contact Ms Johnson.

- f. **Vehicle Activated Sign** - The Clerk will apply for a Lottery Grant of £3500. Cllr Shatford agreed to be the Project Manager.
- g. The Clerk has provided Cllr Tadman with the Definitive Map to establish which landowner is **Responsible for keeping the Public Footpath's cut** and continue with this project over the winter.
- h. **Meeting Dates for 2020** – the Clerk to provide the Councillors with her proposed dates of Jan 6th, Feb 24th, April 6th, May 18th, June 29th, July 27th, Sept 21st, Nov 2nd and Dec 14th.
- i. **Additional Parking in Townsend Court and Coronation Crescent** – Cllr Tadman agreed to contact Spire Homes to enquiry about extending the parking at both sites for residents/visitors.
- j. Several residents have come forward to form the **Working Party** to clear the area from the Coronation Crescent to the Lay-by. There are several tree stumps to be removed however the Prunus trees cannot be trimmed until June.
- k. Cllr Tadman is unable to attend the **Remembrance Sunday Service** and is looking for another councillor to lay the wreath on behalf of the Parish Council. It was suggested that perhaps Cllr Tarbuck may be available, Cllr Tadman to contact Cllr Tarbuck. The Clerk also reported that she has spoken to Mrs Berridge about the missing name who has confirmed that the War Memorial Names are unreadable and is contacting Lloyd Mills of ENC for his advice on how to repair it.

464 Financial Matters:

- a. The Clerk confirmed there is currently £11355.93 in the Bank, which includes £3500 2nd half of the Precept and £819.69 Pathfinder II monies.
- b. It was resolved to pay the following in line with relevant legislation.

Details	Value	Cheque No.
Rachael Mawson Trumpeter for Remembrance Day	£35.00	663
E-on Maintenance	£67.43	664
E-on Energy	£379.09	665
Sue Cook Salary for Sept & Oct plus Expenses	£257.10	666
Leicestershire Gardens 4 th Cut	£160.00	667

- c. Cllr Shatford agreed to prepare the budget spreadsheet for the next meeting which will have a breakdown of month by month budget versus expenditure. The Clerk will also prepare a breakdown of how the Maintenance and Energy charges have reduced over the last 3 years.

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

- a. 19/01453/FUL - Detached Garage at Ashley Farm, the plans show that the height of the garage and the size has been reduced, although the garage is still to be placed outside the building line and is of timber frame. Whilst one of the councillors made an objection, he also mentioned that he had already commented directly on the council website, so he felt that would be enough. There were no further objections from the Councillors.
- b. 19/01480/LBC – Conversion and extension to redundant agricultural building adjacent to Ashley Farm House. There were no objections to these plans however the Councillors would like to see the footpath extended to the whole width of the plot. Subsequently, I have been informed that there is a pavement already and I have asked the planning department at ENC to ignore that comment.

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Outstanding planning applications since 2nd September

- a. 19/01331/PDU Converting agricultural building to 3-bedroom house at Yoke Hill Piggeries – Approved.
 - b. 19/01279/TCA remove damaged limbs to Leylandii at Gilmour House – Approved.
 - c. 18/02364/LBC and 18/02408/FUL Rectory Farm – Awaiting decision
- 466 The following items of **correspondence** had been circulated to the Councillors prior to this meeting. All were noted with no further action.
- a. Letter of thanks from Resident
 - b. ENC Briefing announcing 2 new web-sites for unitary information
 - c. North Bridge Update
 - d. Oundle Patient Participation Group AGM
- 467 **Future Agenda Items/Business.**
- a. Concern was raised about the amount of Road Side Signage that has appeared and Cllr Pridmore would like to see some signage warning drivers of tractors exiting the Deenethorpe junction onto the Glapthorn Road.
- 468 **Date of the next meeting:** Monday 25th November
This being all the business the meeting was closed at 7:45p.m.