

BENEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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

Councillors Present	Jason Cutmore, Charles Parkhouse, Alf Pridmore, Ian Tadman (Chair), and Alan Tarbuck
Also Present	Mrs S Cook (Clerk)

- 469 **Apologies** had been received from Cllr Shatford and were accepted. Cllr Naylor submitted his apologies after the meeting via email to the Clerk.
- 470 There were no **declarations of interest**.
- 471 **No members of Public were present.**
- 472 **District Councillor Vowles** had provided the following report:
North Bridge- work has started
Planning Application for 130 houses on Cotterstock Road deferred over concerns about highway safety and the 65 houses plus 65 Care home units withdrawn by Persimmon on site at St. Christopher's Drive. Will come back modified in January
- 473 Cllr Parkhouse proposed that **The Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th October** should be approved, Cllr Cutmore seconded the proposal, this was agreed by all the other Councillors and signed by Cllr Tadman
- 474 **Matters Arising from the meeting held on 4th October**
- a. **Pathfinder II:** Cllr Tadman purchased one Flood Barrier for Paul Shaw. The door frame at the home of Mrs Singlehurst is not of standard width and for a flood barrier to be fitted requires some work. Mrs Singlehurst has decided not to go ahead with this work therefore there is residual funding of £429. Cllr Tadman has contacted Jo Maddams at Pathfinder II for her advice on how this money could be spent. One suggestion is that the ditches along the A427 towards Weldon could be cleared out.
 - b. **Street Lighting** – due to the recent rain the work has not been carried out on lamppost number 13 Glaphorn Road, 27 Townsend Court and 28 Coronation Crescent, but is scheduled to be done.
 - c. **Grass Cutting Quotes:** Cllr Parkhouse has been given a quote for £280 plus VAT per cut from The Mowerman. The Councillors thought this was very expensive and may decide to stay with Leicestershire Gardens.
 - d. **Highway Issues** – The Clerk confirmed she has e-mailed Michelle Johnson last week, this was delayed due to not having the correct e-mail and no internet/phoneline for 10 days. The e-mail included details of the way the gate was destroyed in the crash, along with photos, the Clerk also offered to meet Ms Johnson on site to discuss. The Clerk will chase Ms Johnson towards the end of the week
 - e. **Vehicle Activated Sign** - The Clerk will apply for a Lottery Grant of £3500 over the next few weeks.
 - f. **Additional Parking in Townsend Court and Coronation Crescent** – Cllr Tadman contacted the Longhurst Group who now own the land who have confirmed that they have nothing in the pipeline to extend parking at either location however they did suggest that the Parish Council could purchase the land or they would put it on the consideration list. It was agreed that Longhurst Group should put this on the consideration list, Cllr Tadman agreed to contact them with the Parish Councils decision.
 - g. **Working Party** - the date has been fixed for Sunday 1st December to start to clearing the area from the Coronation Crescent to the Lay-by, weather permitting.

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- h. **Road Traffic Signs:** The Clerk has included the amount of road signs at the top of Stocks Hill when she emailed Ms Johnson along with the request for Tractor Turning signs on the approach to the Deenethorpe Road turn. Cllr Tadman suggested that the Clerk ask Mr Johnson if the Parish Council has any say in how many road signs are placed in one location. Cllr Parkhouse asked if anything could be done to improve/replace the concrete and wooden sign at the Glaphorn Road Junction. The Clerk agreed to take these requests on board with Ms Johnson.

475 Financial Matters:

- a. The Clerk confirmed there is currently £10457.31 in the Bank, which includes £819.69 Pathfinder II monies.
- b. It was resolved to pay the following in line with relevant legislation.

Details	Value	Cheque No.
Sue Cook Salary for Sept & Oct plus Expenses	£128.45	668
Poppy Appeal for 2 Poppy Wreaths	£37.00	669
Cllr Tadman Flood Barrier (Pathfinder II Fund)	£390.00	670

- c. The Clerk had provided the Councillors with a budget spreadsheet for the prior to the meeting along with a balance sheet for this financial year. Budget/Precept to be agreed at the next meeting. The spreadsheet on the charges from E-on for the last 3 years will be available before the next meeting for the Councillors.

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

- a. 19/01832/TCA – To fell Ash Tree at Ashdale House, Lower Benefield – no objections.

Outstanding planning applications since 14th October

- a. 18/02364/LBC and 18/02408/FUL Rectory Farm – Awaiting decision
- b. 19/01453/FUL – Detached Garage as Ashley Farm House– Awaiting decision
- c. 19/01480/LBC – Conversion and extension to building adjacent to Ashley Farm House – Awaiting decision.

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

- a. Work Schemes Programme showing start date for North Bridge
- b. Government lays Unitary Legislation before Parliament – The Clerk reported that this was only set before the Commons before Parliament broke up for the General Election and still needs to go before the House of Lords.

478 Future Agenda Items/Business.

- a. How to promote the Parish Council ahead of the local elections in May 2020. It was suggested that a small article be put in the next 2 Village Newsletter advertising the fact that there will be an election in May 2020 for Parish Councillors.

479 Date of the next meeting: Monday 6th January 2020
This being all the business the meeting was closed at 7:10p.m.