

BENEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Benefield Village Hall on Monday 6th January 2020

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

481 **Apologies** had been received District Councillor Vowles.

482 Cllr Pridmore declared **an interest** in item 488 (Planning)

483 **No questions were raised from the member of the public.**

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

North Bridge work has started but they are held up because there is water in the river and surrounding fields. Target is still mid-summer.

Two large planning applications were discussed at ENC Cotterstock Road(130 house) was deferred because of concerns about highways and Safety with some discussion about the sewage farm. Probably will come back in February but there is a strong local lobby against it. St Christopher's Drive extension (65 houses and 65 Extra Care units) was withdrawn by Persimmon as they were seeking changes. That could come back in February.

Oundle Neighbourhood Plan was found "Unlawful" with a recommendation to cancel it or go back to Regulation 14 stage. Oundle Town Council decided to go back to reg14 and correct those areas identified by the examiner. This means the report is still interim which complicates it for ENC. ENC Planning Policy decided to revert to the original timetable and revert to their chosen sites and not those identified in the NP and supported by most residents. This will almost certainly result in legal action by developer of one of the NP preferred sites and formal complaint against ENC or an officer.

485 Cllr Parkhouse proposed that **The Minutes of the Meeting held on 25th November** should be approved, Cllr Cutmore seconded the proposal, this was agreed by all the other Councillors and signed by Cllr Tadman

486 **Matters Arising from the meeting held on 25th November**

- a. **Pathfinder II:** Cllr Tadman has contacted Jo Maddams at Pathfinder II for her advice on how this money could be spent, however he has yet to receive a reply. Cllr Tadman to contact Jo again.
- b. **Street Lighting** – Cllr Pridmore reported that the repairs on lamppost number 13 Glaphorn Road, 27 Townsend Court and 28 Coronation Crescent have been completed. It is hoped that the cost of these repairs will come in under budget as the box at Townsend Court did not need replacing. The street light outside Nev's Wild is going to be moved more towards the Wheatsheaf to give access to the site.
- c. **Grass Cutting Quotes:** Cllr Parkhouse is waiting for another quote. The Clerk confirmed that the grant from NCC will be same as this year £417.30
- d. **Highway Issues** – The Clerk confirmed Michelle Johnson has replied stating that they are looking into this, Cllr Shatford agreed to take on the matter of the damaged gate in Upper, the Clerk to pass all the details onto him.
- e. **Vehicle Activated Sign** - The Clerk has applied for a Lottery Grant of £3500 and should know by the next meeting if successful.
- f. **Additional Parking in Townsend Court and Coronation Crescent** – no further action is required by the Parish Council.

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- g. **Working Party** – Cllr Parkhouse confirmed that the refuse from the working party will be cleared this Thursday with the help of Cllr Cutmore and Cllr Tadman.
- h. **Road Traffic Signs:** The Clerk confirmed that Ms Johnson has replied stating that they are looking into all the Road Traffic Signs issues highlighted her the Clerk’s email.
- i. **Chippings Lay-by** – several questions have been raised over the people staying in Chipping Lay-by. Both the Police and the Travellers Enforcement Team are aware of the situation, the site is being inspecting weekly which to date is being kept tidy and no rubbish is being left lying around. The people do know that they have to leave the site by March and they have agreed to do so, they have also agreed to leave the site before if they can. Cllr Tadman agreed to contact Cllr Gretton for the feelings of D&D Parish Council.

487 Financial Matters:

- a. The Clerk produced a proposed budget prior to the meeting as agreed for the Councillors to peruse prior to this meeting. After much discussion it was proposed by Cllr Shatford that the precept for 2020/21 should remain at £7000, this was seconded by Cllr Cutmore and approved unanimously by the Councillors.
- b. The Clerk confirmed that as of 1st December there was £9901.86 in the Bank, which includes £429.69 Pathfinder II monies. The Clerk was expecting the Bank Statement for 1st January to have arrived prior to the meeting, she is expecting £417.30 from NCC and a VAT Claim of £113.81.
- c. It was resolved to pay the following in line with relevant legislation.

Details	Value	Cheque No.
Sue Cook Salary for Dec & Jan plus Expenses	£257.10	671
E-on Maintenance	£67.43	672

- d. It was agreed that Cllr Pridmore should approach E-on for a quote to complete all the street lights in Lower Benefield.

488 There following **Planning** Application was discussed:

- I 19/01851/FUL – To erect an Orangery extension at Gilmour House, Lower – no objections from the Councillors

Cllr Shatford announced that he will be abstaining from voting on any new developments in either Upper or Lower as both Villages are over their allocations according to the Joint Core Strategy

Outstanding Applications waiting for Decisions from East Northamptonshire Council since 25th November 2019

- i. 18/02408/FUL – Rectory Farm, Lower – Approved
- ii. 18/02364/LBC – Rectory Farm, Lower – Approved
- iii. 19/01453/FUL – Garage at Ashley Farm House Upper - Refused
- iv 19/01480/LBC & 19/01479/FUL – Conversation and extension of redundant agricultural building at land adjacent Ashley Farm House, Upper – Awaiting Decision
- v 19/01832/TCA – Ash Tree removal at Ashdale House, Lower – Approved

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

- a. Submission of the Part 2 Local Plan for Corby to the Secretary of State, which has since been recalled
- b. Changes to the X4 bus service, posted on the web-site

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489 Future Agenda Items/Business.

- a. To obtain feedback from ENC Enforcements on planning matters, Clerk to contact Alice Duggan at ENC for advice.
- b. Annual Litter Pick, looking for someone to co-ordinate and volunteers to help on the day, Clerk to advertise on the Web-site.
- c. A request has been received to side out the footpath between Upper and Lower, it is thought that is a NCC matter Clerk to contact NCC.

490 Date of the next meeting: Monday 24th February 2020

This being all the business the meeting was closed at 7:25p.m.

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