

BENEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 27th July 2020

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| Councillors Present | John Naylor, Alf Pridmore Ian Tadman (Chair) and Alan Tarbuck |
| Also Present | Mrs S Cook (Clerk) |

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- 523 **Apologies** had been received from Cllrs Cutmore, Parkhouse and Shatford these were accepted.
- 524 There were no **declarations of interest**
- 525 **There no members of the public present.**
- 526 **District Councillor Vowles** had not supplied a report.
- 527 **The Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th May** were approved as a true record and signed.
- 528 **Matters Arising from the meeting held on 18th May**
- Pathfinder II:** Cllr Tadman reported that at the moment no one has any idea as to how to spend the residual funds, it was suggested to contact dogwalkers who use the footpaths by the brook to see if they had any ideas.
 - Street Lighting** – Cllr Pridmore reported that there are only 3 more lights to have new fittings. It was agreed to review this once the 2nd half of the precept had been received in September.
 - Grass Cutting and hiring Stump Grinder:** Cllr Tadman has removed 3 tree stumps with the grinder, the cost to hire the grinder will only be £30 plus VAT as it was not working correctly. Leicestershire Gardens continue to cut the around both villages and Cllr Pridmore is cutting close to the ditch by the layby in Upper.
 - Outstanding Highway Issues** – The Clerk reported that the 30mph sign into Lower is facing the wrong and the hedge needs cutting as it is obscuring it. Cllr Tadman agreed to contact the land owner to rectify.
 - Vehicle Activated Sign** – It was agreed not to pursue the Lottery Grant for the time being. The Clerk has spoken to Brian Gretton from Deenethorpe who has suggested that Benefield could hire D&D VAS at a charge of £50 per month. Cllr Shatford had indicated that he would be prepared to download the data, the Clerk to check with Cllr Shatford if this was still the case before arranging the hire of the VAS.
 - Chippings Lay-by** – The Clerk reported that the travellers have been seen to be making signs of moving on. If they have not gone by August the CTU unit will be taking measures to move them on.
 - The Clerk will contact the Community **Payback Team** with a view to siding out the footpath between Upper and Lower or Main Street in Upper along with any other work that may need attention. The team will need access to toilets etc so the work may have to wait until the Village Hall is available.
- 529 **Financial Matters:**
- The Clerk confirmed that as of 1st May there was £8741.01 in the Bank, which includes £429.69 Pathfinder II monies, and a VAT refund of £393.78.
 - It was resolved to pay the following in line with relevant legislation.

| Details | Value | Cheque No. |
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| E-on Maintenance | £67.43 | 685 |
| E-on Energy | £286.13 | 687 |
| Sue Cook Salary & Expenses | £253.30 | 688 |
| Leicestershire Gardens | £200.00 | 686 |

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530 There were no objections to the **planning application** 20/00727/VAR change of elevations and plans at plot 2 at Benefield Wheatsheaf.
 Outstanding Applications waiting for Decisions from East Northamptonshire Council since 18th May

- i. 20/00425/FUL Removal of Collyweston slate (retrospectively) and replace with Siga conservation roof slates on Plot 5 for a temporary period of 2 years at The Benefield Wheatsheaf - Refused
- ii. 20/00244/AMD (18/02423/FUL) Non material amendment of retain of existing plot 2 at Benefield Wheatsheaf – Refused

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

- i. Weekly Schemes Works Programmes for Councillors – Harley Way
- ii. ENC Offices reopening
- iii. Change of working hours at the Wheatsheaf
- iv. Ash View

532 Future Agenda Items/Business.

- a. Litter Pick.

533 Date of the next meeting: Monday 21st September 2020

This being all the business the meeting was closed at 7:15 p.m.

| Action Points | To be returned at Council Meeting Date |
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| Siding Out Footpaths | September Meeting |
| Map of Land Owners | September Meeting |
| Gateways Lower | Meeting to confirmed |