

# BENEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Full Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020

Councillors Present	Jason Cutmore (Chair), John Naylor, Charlie Parkhouse, Alf Pridmore, Graham Shatford and Alan Tarbuck
Also Present	Mrs S Cook (Clerk)

- 534 **Apologies** had been received from Cllr Tadman and were accepted.
- 535 There were no **declarations of interest**
- 536 **There no members of the public present.**
- 537 **District Councillor Vowles** had reported that the Traffic Regulation Order for the weight restriction on South Bridge to be instated has been applied for.
- 538 **The Minutes of the Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> July** were approved as a true record and signed.
- 539 **Matters Arising from the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> July**
- a. **Pathfinder II:** it was resolved that the residual money be kept to one side for clearing out the bridge to hire equipment rather than using a company to carry out the work. The Clerk will show this amount as a separate item on the financial reports going forward.
  - b. **Street Lighting** – a light in Gibson Drive is remaining on, Cllr Pridmore to investigate. It was resolved that Cllr Pridmore should press ahead with the upgrade on the remaining 3 lights.
  - c. **Grass Cutting:** Cllr Tadman had reported to Cllr Parkhouse that several areas in Lower had been missed on the last cut. Cllr Parkhouse will contact the contractor to arrange a meeting. Cllr Pridmore is cutting close to the ditch by the layby in Upper.
  - d. **Highway Issues** – None to report in either Village. Stamford Road in Weldon will remain closed for an additional week, Spine Road has still to be opened by Persimmon.
  - e. **Vehicle Activated Sign** – Both Cllrs Parkhouse and Shatford agreed to move the VAS around in Upper. Cllr Shatford will also be responsible for downloading the data. The Clerk agreed to inform Cllr Tadman.
  - f. **Chippings Lay-by** – The travellers have moved on and left the layby clean and tidy.
  - g. 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.
  - h. The **Litter Pick** had been arranged for Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September however it had to be cancelled due to COVID-19. Mr Groom, the new co-ordinator, has asked if the Parish Council would be prepared to purchase litter picking sticks, hi-vis vests, black bin liners and litter picking hoops for the bags. It was agreed that Mr Groom should provide costs before the next meeting.

**540 Financial Matters:**

- a. After some discussion it was agreed to approve the 2.75% salary increase for the Clerk back dated to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020.
- b. The Clerk confirmed that as of 3<sup>rd</sup> September there was £7734.15 in the Bank, which includes £429.69 Pathfinder II monies. The second half of the precept is due any day.
- c. It was resolved to pay the following in line with relevant legislation.

Details	Value	Cheque No.
E-on Maintenance	£67.43	690
Sue Cook Salary, back pay & Expenses	£267.16	689

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- 541 There were no objections to the following **planning application** 20/00897/FUL partial demolition and rebuild of existing barn at 31 Main Street, Upper  
20/00898/LBC Partial demolition and rebuild of existing curtilage at 31 Main Street, Upper  
20/00967/FUL Outdoor swimming pool, access steps, outdoor dining area, landscape and glass house at Benefield House, Lower.

Outstanding Applications waiting for Decisions from East Northamptonshire Council since 27<sup>th</sup> July

- i. 20//00727/VAR – Various changes to Plot 2 at the Wheatsheaf – still outstanding
  - ii. EM/4122 Stopping up of the footpath outside Plot 2 at the Wheatsheaf - Approved
- 542 The following items of **correspondence** had been circulated to the Councillors prior to this meeting. All were noted with no further action.
- i. NCALC Update
  - ii. Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Q&A session for parish and town councils –the Clerk had sent the Councillors her report prior to the meeting.
  - iii. Consultation on the ANPR camera - installed
  - iv. X4 Bus Route

The Clerk has received a letter from 401<sup>st</sup> Bombardment Group Association regarding the status of the Memorial Trust Fund which shows a healthy balance of \$42,469.48.

**543 Future Agenda Items/Business.**

- i. To consider the budget for 2021/22 – the Clerk agreed to provide balance sheet and the proposed outgoings for the rest of the year by November 1st.
- ii. To consider meeting dates for 2021
- iii. To consider Neighbourhood Plan
- iv. To consider Oundle Town Councils concerns for Unitary Council – Cllr Tadman to attend a meeting on behalf of Benefield Parish Council
- v. To consider a grant to Benefield Village Hall – not relevant as they are looking for a substantial amount.

**544 Date of the next meeting:** Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020  
This being all the business the meeting was closed at 7:15 p.m.

Action Points	To be returned at Council Meeting Date
Map of Land Owners	November Meeting
Gateways Lower	Meeting to confirmed