

BENEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 11th January 2021

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

545 **Apologies** had been received from Cllr Naylor and were accepted.

546 There were no **declarations of interest**

547 **There were no members of the public present.**

548 **The Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st September** were approved as a true record

549 **Matters Arising from the meeting held on 21st September 2020**

- a. **Street Lighting** – Cllr Pridmore reported that the all the Street Lights along Main Street in Upper have been upgraded, all that is left are the 4 lights in Gibson Drive. Cllr Shatford proposed that these lights are upgraded as soon as possible, this was seconded by Cllr Tarbuck and agreed by everyone. The Clerk agreed to remind the developer of the Wheatsheaf that they agreed to erect a streetlight.
- b. **Grass Cutting:** It was agreed to continue with outside contractors. Quotes to be submitted for consideration at the next meeting.
- c. To purchase **Litter Pick Equipment for Community use**– it was agreed to defer this until the next meeting. In the meantime, the Clerk to ask Mr Nigel Cook to quote to litter pick along the Glaphorn Road to the Gated Road, in between the bends, along Stock’s Hill and from the Lay-by to the Coronation Crescent.
- d. Dates of the meetings for 2021, it was resolved to arrange the next Council meetings at the previous meeting.
- e. Neighbourhood Plan – it was agreed not to pursue this.
- f. Oundle Town Councils concerns for Unitary Council – Cllr Tadman has attended the meeting and reported that it was proposed that if any Parish Council in the area has a problem it is reported to the Unitary Council as a group and not as an individual Parish Council. The next meeting is planned for Monday 18th January.

550 **Financial Matters:**

- a. The **Budget** estimates had been circulated to the Councillors prior to the meeting, after discussing the proposals it was proposed by Cllr Shatford that the precept demand under s41 of the Local Government Act 1992 should be issued to East Northamptonshire Council for £7000.00, Cllr Pridmore seconded the proposal with everyone in agreement. Cllr Tadman noted that the precept remains the same for the coming financial year, when several Councils are increasing theirs.
- b. The Clerk confirmed that as of 31st December there was £10309.48 in the Bank, which includes £429.69 Pathfinder II monies. The grant of £417.39 has been received from NCC and there is a VAT Refund of £323.66 due.
- c. It was resolved to pay the following in line with relevant legislation.

Details	Value	Cheque No.
E-on Street Lighting Upgrades	£1548.00	698
E-on Maintenance	£67.43	699
Sue Cook Salary, back pay & Expenses	£161.54	700

551 There were no objections to the following **planning application**

- i. 20/01490/FUL Change of use from agricultural land to garden at 24B Main Street Upper

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- ii. 20/01543/LBC Replacement window (retrospective) and 2 No. doors (New) at 17 Main Street Upper

Outstanding Applications waiting for Decisions since 21st September

- i. 20/00727/VAR – Various changes to Plot 2 at the Wheatsheaf – approved
- ii. 20/00897/FUL & 20/00898/LBC – Partial demolition and rebuild of existing barn at 31 Main Street Upper – Outstanding
- iii. 20/00967/FUL – construction of outdoor swimming pool, access steps, outdoor dining area, new landscape and glass house at Benefield House, Lower -

Approved

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

- i. Transfer of Household Waste Recycling Centre Contracts
- ii. Budget Consultation for NNC
- iii. Notes of the North Northamptonshire Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Focus Group – 21 October 2020
- iv. ENC News – Recovery through Enterprise Bulletin
- v. ENC News- Councillors agree response to proposed Government changes to planning system
- vi. ENC News – ENC embraces digital democracy with virtual full council meeting
- vii. Planning for the Future – email from Cllr Vowles
- viii. North Northants Unitary Rural Working Party – 28th October

553 Future Agenda Items/Business.

- i. To consider a resident's email account – it was agreed not to pursue this as there is WhatsApp account which is working well.

554 Date of the next meeting: Monday 22nd February 2021

This being all the business the meeting was closed at 7:00 p.m.