

BENEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 12th April 2021

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

568 Apologies had been received from Cllr Naylor, and were accepted.

569 There were no **Declaration of Interest**

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

571 The minutes of the Meetings held 22nd February and 17th March were approved

572 Matters Arising

- a) **Street Lighting** – Cllr Pridmore reported E-on have reduced the maintenance down to £27 per year making a saving of £242 per year. Cllr Pridmore explained that the maintenance is just for standard charge of £1 per light. The Clerk has received a new certificate.
- b) **Grass Cutting:** Cllr Tadman informed the meeting that Leicestershire Gardens were unable to match the quote received from Stuart Garvey. The contract has been appointed to Stuart whose team have been out today to start the first cut.
- c) **Litter Picking Quote** – Mr Cook has completed one Litter Pick, he only collected 3 bags as 2 residents had carried out a community litter pick some time previously.
- d) **Community Email Account** – The Clerk confirmed that the details of explained how the Community Email Account works have been posted on the website with 2 residents registering their interest. Cllr Parkhouse will advertise this in the next Newsletter.
- e) **Footpaths** – Cllr Tadman suggested that letters are sent to any one who does not maintain their grass areas outside their properties especially in Upper where the footpath is narrow. The footpaths in Lower are much wider. The landowner of the Pound has agreed to keep the path clear. Cllr Tadman will speak to the estate about the circular footpath in Upper to see if that can be made into an all-year round path.
- f) **Dog Bins** – There is nothing currently in the budget to allow the purchase, it was agreed to review later in the year.
- g) **Election** – The Clerk confirmed that there would not be an election for Parish Councillors but there would still be elections for North Northamptonshire Councillors and for the Fire, Police and Crime Commissioner on Thursday May 6th. Notices to this effect will be on the website and displayed in the Notice Boards. The new Parish Council comes into effect on Monday 10th May.

573 Financial Matters:

- a) The Clerk confirmed Mr Tom James will carry out the internal audit of the accounts. The Parish Council ended the year with £7367.17 in the bank. The accounts will go to Mr James by the end of the week, once the cheques from this evening's meeting have been signed.
- b) The Clerk confirmed that there is £7367.17 in the Bank, which includes £429.69 Pathfinder II monies and the VAT Claim for £229.25.
- c) It was resolved to pay the following in line with relevant legislation.

Details	Value	Cheque No.
Mr N Cook, Litter Pick	£40	
E-on Maintenance	£27	
Sue Cook Salary, Expenses & ICO Renewal	£297.92	

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574 The following **planning applications were discussed:**

- i. NE/21/00342/FUL – agricultural access at land north of Rectory Farm Yard in Lower Benefield – No Objections
- ii. NE/21/00366/FUL – 2 storey rear extension at The Long Barn Upper Benefield – No Objections
- iii. Secondary School Oundle Road, Weldon - Cllr Tadman outlined the size of the building, the fact that it will be 3 storey and sitting on top of a hill. Concern was raised about the increase of traffic through both villages and light pollution from the outdoor activities which will be open to the public.

Outstanding Planning Applications waiting for Decisions since 22nd February

- a) NE/21/00049/FUL – New timber store at Berkley House, Lower - Approved
- b) 20/01644/VAR – Boundary position and treatment at plots 1 & 2 Wheatsheaf - Approved
- c) NC/21/00185/FUL - Extension to Pig Building at Hill Farm, Upper - Approved

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

- a) East Northamptonshire Councils final Council Meeting
- b) Time Capsule burial to commemorate the end of ENC
- c) Oundle School notice of Duke of Edinburgh Silver Practise Expedition

576 **Future Agenda Items/Business.**

- a) E-mail account for all councillors – The Clerk explained the reason behind this and will be down to the discretion of each Councillor.
- b) Pathfinder II residual funds -
- c) Remembrance Sunday – The Clerk will contact the Weldon Branch of the British Legion to order the 2 wreaths.

577 **Date of the next meeting:** Monday 24th May, this will be the Annual Parish Meeting, The Annual Parish Council Meeting and the first meeting of the new Parish Council.

This being all the business the meeting was closed at 7:20 p.m.