

BENEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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

Councillors Present	Dan Groom, John Naylor, Alf Pridmore, Neil Repton (Chair) Graham Shatford, and Alan Tarbuck
Also Present	5 Members of the Public and Mrs S Cook (Clerk)

- 608 Apologies had been received from Cllr Cutmore and were accepted.**
- 609 No declarations of interest were registered.**
- 610 Public Time** – a member of the public raised concerns about the amount of tipper lorries travelling though both Upper and Lower which may be in going to Storefield Quarry.
- 611 All 3 North Northamptonshire Councillor** had been invited to attend, due to holidays and other commitments no one was unavailable to attend.
- 612** It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting, the Annual Parish Council Meeting and the Parish Council Meeting held on **Monday 24th May**
- 613 Street Lighting** – Cllr Pridmore reported that there are currently no issues with the new lights. Going forward street lights can no longer be erected on a telegraph pole and there is a charge of approximately £1000 to place one on an electric pole. It was resolved that this item should be removed from the agenda.
- 614 Grass Cutting** – There have been another cut since the last meeting and it is still believed that there may have to be an additional cut in preparation for Winter. It as suggested allowing the high bank in Lower to become a wild flower area along with planting some trees, to be discussed further later in the year.
- 615 Litter Picking** – it was agreed that Mr Cook would carry out a litter pick week commencing July 19th.
- 616 Pathfinder II residual funds** – 50 sandbags would cost £38.50 plus VAT; the sand would have to be purchased. Cllr Repton has approached the Village Hall Committee who would be prepared to have a receptacle, something like a salt bin, placed on the Village Hall Car Park. Cllr Repton has enquired on cost which would be in region of £150 plus VAT. It was resolved to proceed with this.
- 617 Lorries-** concern has been raised by residents as to the amount of tipper lorries travelling though both Upper and Lower at speed, it is believed they may be going to Churchfield Quarry along Harley Way. If this is correct the number of lorries entering and leaving is in breach of the planning application, which states 30 movements per week. There has been no variation applied for on the original application, in one 4 hour period 30 tipper lorries were noted as going towards the quarry via the Benefield's. It is also believed that during September there will be an additional 400 tonnes going into the site. It was agreed to write to Annabel de Capell Brooke outlining the Parish Councils concerns.
- 618 Entry Gates** – Cllr Repton is waiting for quotes but after speaking to some residents it is felt that some sort of speed control is more important at the moment that completing the gates. Cllr Repton will source quotes for Sola Powered Vehicle Activated Signs and apply for grants.
- 619 Parish Council Surgery** – It was resolved to hold this in September date to be agreed at the August meeting.
- 620 Rural Coordination Meeting** – Cllr Shatford reported that he had attended the meeting on Monday 28th June, which was only attended by 4 people, this was rescheduled for Thursday 1st July. Cllr David Chapel chaired the meeting. Cllr Shatford listened intently for almost 2 hours whilst the discussion of the planning applications for 286 properties to be built in Oundle. It was deemed that the services would be able to cope with these additional properties and due to the

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weight restrictions in Oundle all the construction would travel through both villages. None of the other items on the agenda were discussed due to the length of time the planning item took. North Northamptonshire Councillors will be attending the next meeting, date to be confirmed Cllr Shatford agreed to attend this meeting on behalf of the Parish Council.

621 Financial matters:

- a) The Current Bank Statement stands at £12371.65, which includes £429.69 residual from the Pathfinder II funding. The Clerk has made a VAT claim of £120.00 which is not showing yet. The Clerk will provide a Year to Date against Budget for the Councillors prior to each meeting.
- b) The following Payments were approved for payment in line with the relevant legislation

Details	Value	Cheque No.
Sue Cook – Salary + Expenses	£132.56	712
Mowerman – 3 rd & 4th Grass Cuts	£720.00	713
E-on Energy	£230.62	714

622 Planning: The following planning applications were discussed

- a) NE/21/00700/FUL – Sheep Shelter on existing concrete slab at Lower Farm Barn – A resident had requested his objections be read out to the meeting, which Cllr Repton did. This raised several questions which the applicant, who attended the meeting, did to the satisfaction of the Councillors. No objections
- b) NE/21/00821/FUL & 00822/LBC – External repairs, revised dormer roof forms and extension to Link Barn at Manor Farm House Lower – No objections

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

- a) Newsletter from Jason Smithers, Leader of NNC
- b) Inspector Report on Part 2 Local Plan for Corby
- c) Letter from Cllr David Howes

624 Future agenda items/business for future meetings. The nature of future agenda items can be discussed at this point, but no decision can be made until the next meeting.

- a) **To consider forming a Planning Committee** – it was agreed that all planning applications should be reviewed by full council.
- b) **To consider Grass Cutting Contact**
- c) **To consider contact for Highway Issues**

625 The Date of next meeting was confirmed as being Monday August 23rd in Benefield Village Hall.

Before closing the meeting Cllr Repton reported that he had met with the Dog Warden, new signage has been erected. Cllr Repton has also made enquires about Dog Pooh Bins, these will cost £120 plus VAT, £90 plus VAT to fit and £55 to be emptied, if the Parish Council does decided to purchase they will have to be placed near the highway for east emptying. The situation dog pooh bags being thrown in hedges or dog pooh not even being picked up will be monitored.

This being all the business the meeting was closed at 7:50 p.m.