

# BENEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

## Draft Minutes of the Full Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2021

Councillors Present	Dan Groom, John Naylor, Alf Pridmore, and Graham Shatford,
Also Present	Mrs S Cook (Clerk)

Since the last Parish Council Meeting Cllr Repton has resigned from the Parish Council due to relocating away from the area.

- 626 Cllr Pridmore proposed that Cllr Shatford be elected as **Chairman**, Cllr Naylor seconded the proposal. Cllr Shatford accepted the position and completed the Acceptance of Office form.
- 627 **Apologies** had been received from Cllr Cutmore and were accepted.
- 628 **No declarations of interest were registered.**
- 629 **There were no members of the public present.**
- 630 **North Northamptonshire Councillor Annabel de Capell Brooke** was unable to attend but had provided the Clerk with an update on the lorries entering Churchfield Quarry which was given at item 635 below.
- 631 It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July**
- 632 **Grass Cutting** – Cllr Pridmore agreed to become the contact for the grass cutting of the verges. Concern was raised that Townsend Court and Coronation Crescent have not been cut, the state of the bench and the chains & posts to stop vehicles parking on the grass at Townsend Court are in a poor state. The Clerk agreed to write to The Longhurst Group
- 633 **Litter Picking** – Mr Cook has carried out a litter pick in July which resulted in 5 bags. To be reviewed again at the next meeting.
- 634 **Pathfinder II residual funds** – No further progress has been made; Cllr Groom agreed to source the sandbags. The Clerk to try to find out who Mr Repton was in contact with for the bin.
- 635 **Lorries-** Annabel de Capell Brook has be in contact with Phil Watson on behalf of the Parish Council. Mr Watson has yet to respond. The Clerk to contact Annabel de Capell Brook for an update.
- 636 **Vehicle Activated Signs** – The Clerk agreed to obtain quotes for the next meeting.
- 637 **Parish Council Surgery** – It was resolved to defer this until the New Year, date to be decided
- 638 **Joint Action Group** – Cllr Shatford agreed to represent the Parish Council
- 639 **Financial matters:**
  - a) The Current Bank Statement stands at £11408.47, which includes £429.69 residual from the Pathfinder II funding, along with £120 VAT Claim. The Clerk confirmed that another claim for VAT has been made
  - b) The following Payments were approved for payment in line with the relevant legislation

Details	Value	Cheque No.
Benefield Village Hall Hire	£19.50	715
Sue Cook – Salary + Expenses	£132.56	716
Mowerman – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grass Cut	£360	717
Nigel Cook – Litter Pick	£30.00	718

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**640 Planning:** The following planning applications were discussed  
a) NE/21/001196/TCA – Tree works at Banhaw Farm House, Lower – No objections  
**Outstanding Planning Applications awaiting decisions**

- a) NE/21/00700/FUL – Sheep Shelter on existing concrete slab at Lower Farm Barn – Approved
- b) NE/21/00821/FUL & 00822/LBC – External repairs, revised dormer roof forms and extension to Link Barn at Manor Farm House Lower – Approved

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

- a) NNC Q&A session with Cllr David Howes on September 14<sup>th</sup>
- b) Newsletter from Jason Smithers, Leader of NNC
- c) Invitation to the opening of Glapthorn Playing Field
- d) Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service Chief Fire Officer Annual Report for 2020 -21

**642 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) The vacancy for a Parish Councillor will be advertised in the correct manner with a view to co-opting before the next meeting.
- b) Width of the footpath from Gibson Drive to the old Wheatsheaf, The Clerk to highlight this to NNC Annabel de Capell Brook
- c) Cllr Groom agreed to attend one meeting as the Police Liaison for the Parish.

**643 The Date of next meeting was confirmed as being Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October in Benefield Village Hall.**

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