

# BENEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

## Approved Minutes of the Full Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 11th October 2021

Councillors Present	John Naylor, Alf Pridmore, Graham Shatford, and Alan Tarbuck
Also Present	2 members of the public, Annabel de Capell Brook (North Northants Councillor) and Mrs S Cook (Clerk)

- 644 Apologies** had been received from Cllrs Cutmore and Groom both were accepted.
- 645 No declarations of interest were registered**
- 646 A Member of the public** spoke about the width of the footpath along the A427 in Upper. Councillor de Capell Brook agreed to contact Sarah Barnwell for a site visit.
- 647 North Northamptonshire Councillor Annabel de Capell Brooke gave a brief outline of her work** within the 25 Parishes. The new Officers at Senior level with the North Northamptonshire Council seem very efficient and Annabel is optimistic that the new Council will run efficiently. There are some concerns about the planning structure and Annabel confirmed that the Section 106 monies should be going to the Parishes. Annabel confirmed that she is already working closely with Mrs Cook and will continue to do so.
- 648** It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> August**
- 649** It was resolved that Mr Robert Bullimore be **Co-opted onto the Parish Councillor**. Cllr Bullimore completed the Declaration of Office.
- 650 Grass Cutting** –Townsend Court and Coronation Crescent have still 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 is in contact with Longhurst and she has asked that their estate office contact her, it was agreed that both Cllr Shatford and the Clerk will work on this and that any correspondence will also be sent to Cllr Capell de Brook. In the interim it was agreed that Cllr Pridmore should ask the current contractor to quote for both areas in the hope that the Parish Council can take this over next year. In general the grass cutting has been a success with both villages looking neat and tidy.
- 651 Litter Picking** – The clerk to request that Mr Cook carries a litter pick week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> October.
- 652 Pathfinder II residual funds** – The Clerk has obtained quotes for grit bin in which to store the sandbags. The Clerk to confirm with the Village Hall Committee that they are happy to have the bin on their car park.
- 653 Lorries**- the number of lorries has dropped off.
- 654 Footpath Width**- covered in item **646**.
- 655 Vehicle Activated Signs** – The Clerk agreed to obtain quotes for the next meeting.
- 656 Financial matters:**
- a) The Current Bank Statement stands at £11059.14, which includes £429.69 residual from the Pathfinder II funding, along with £192.69 VAT Claim. The Clerk confirmed that another VAT claim for £120.00 has been made
  - b) The following Payments were approved for payment in line with the relevant legislation

Details	Value	Cheque No.
Rachael Mawson – Remembrance Sunday	£35.00	719
Mowerman – 6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> Grass Cut	£720.00	720
Sue Cook – Salary for Sept & Oct plus Expenses	£252.02	721
E-on – Energy	£282.46	722

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**657 Planning:** The following planning applications were discussed

- a) NE/21/01164/FUL & 01165/LBC Repair and improve the boundary wall between pavement and front garden; Change existing single glazed windows to slimline double glazed at Berkeley House Main Street Lower – no objections
- b) NE/21/01418/LBC - Repairs to the property as per schedule of works to stabilize the building structure at Blackthorn Lodge Brigstock Road Lower – no objections

**Outstanding Planning Applications awaiting decisions**

- a) NE/21/001196/TCA – Tree works at Banhaw Farm House, Lower – No objections
- b) NE/21/01246/FUL – Replacement dwelling at Churchfield Cottages, Harley Way
- c) Oundle Road School, Weldon - Approved

**658** 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

**659 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) War Memorial – Cllr Pridmore informed the meeting that the Churchwarden is applying for a grant for the War Memorial which is crumbling and this will include a conservation advisor who will determine the best course of action.
- b) Remembrance Sunday – the Clerk confirmed that the 2 wreaths have been ordered via the Weldon Branch of the British Legion. Cllr Shatford will lay the wreath at the War Memorial and Mrs Pridmore will lay the other wreath at the 401<sup>st</sup> Memorial.
- c) Flood Warden – Cllr Bullimore agreed to take on this role and will contact Mr Tadman as to the whereabouts of the flood signs etc.
- d) Budget for 2022/23 – the Clerk will work on this to be present for consideration at the next meeting.

**660 The Date of next meeting was confirmed as being Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November in Benefield Village Hall.**

This being all the business the meeting was closed at 7:30 p.m.

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