

# BENEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

## Approved Minutes of the Full Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 29th November 2021

Councillors Present	Robert Bullimore, Jason Cutmore, Dan Groom, John Naylor, Alf Pridmore, Graham Shatford, and Alan Tarbuck
Also Present	1 member of the public and Mrs S Cook (Clerk)

- 661 There were no Apologies**
- 662 No declarations of interest were registered**
- 663 A Member of the public** spoke about the outstanding planning applications that the Parish Council have not commented on. The Clerk explained that the Parish Council is not required to comment on all applications, especially Tree Preservation Orders, Condition of changes to applications or Local Building Conservation. The resident agreed to keep the Clerk informed of any new applications.
- 664 North Northamptonshire Councillor Report** - Annabel de Capell Brooke has not responded to any contact with the Clerk and it is believed that her and her family have moved away from the area. This being the case there will be a bye-election in the New Year.
- 665** It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on **Monday 11th October**
- 666 Grass Cutting** –Townsend Court and Coronation Crescent have at long last been cut, however the state of the bench and the chains & posts to stop vehicles parking on the grass at Townsend Court is still outstanding. The Parish Council have received a very favourable quote from Mowerman to cut these areas. Cllr Shatford informed the meeting that the Facility Manager left during lockdown and believes that a new has been employed. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Longhurst asking for the contact details of the Facility Manager so that negotiations can begin for the Parish Council to take over the cutting of both sites but the Parish Council will require reimbursement for this.
- 667 Litter Picking** – Mr Cook carried out another litter pick, collecting 5 bags of litter. It was resolved to carry on with this next year.
- 668 Pathfinder II residual funds** – **It was agreed that the Clerk should order a 400-litre black grit bin to be placed in the Village Hall Car Park.** Cllr Cutmore to order the sandbags.
- 669 Footpath Width-** a meeting was held with Sarah Barnwell from NNC Highways on October 26<sup>th</sup>, at which it was agreed that letters should be sent to all residents along Main Street to cut back the vegetation to their boundary. Only one letter has gone out and the resident has not done anything about their boundary. Cllr Naylor informed the meeting that a resident has contacted Tom Pursglove MP about this who has replied asking the resident to contact her local council. It was resolved that the Clerk should instruct Ms Barnwell to issue the letters as soon as possible and that the Clerk should also write to Jason Smithers Leader of NNC informing him of the situation. Cllr Pridmore informed the meeting that the Estate have agreed to cut back their boundaries.
- 670 Vehicle Activated Signs** – The Clerk agreed to obtain quotes for the next meeting.
- 671 War Memorial** – nothing further to report. Cllr Pridmore to contact Mrs Berridge for an update.
- 672 Flood Warden** – Cllr Bullimore agreed to become the flood warden and has registered for some training.

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673 **Town and Parish Strategic Forum** – the Clerk attended a Zoom meeting on behalf of the Parish Council, there will be future meetings and will inform the Councillors of the date of the next one.

**674 Financial matters:**

- a) Precept – the Clerk had presented her predictions prior to the meeting, after much discussion it was agreed that Cllr Tarbuck would make enquires as to how much impact it would have on residents for a 10% increase. Another meeting to be arranged once Cllr Tarbuck has these details.
- b) The Current Bank Statement stands at £10307.01, which includes £429.69 residual from the Pathfinder II funding, along with £1200.00 VAT Claim and the grass cutting grant of £417.39 from NNC.
- c) The following Payments were approved for payment in line with the relevant legislation

Details	Value	Cheque
Mowerman – 8th Grass Cut	£360.00	723
Sue Cook – Salary for Nov & Dec, Expenses & Wreaths	£302.02	724
Nigel Cook – Litter Pick	£30.00	725

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

- a) NE/21/01450/FUL – construction of a 3 bay timber garage carriage house, fronted with bar doors at Benefield House, Lower – No objections.

**Outstanding Planning Applications awaiting decisions**

- a) NE/21/001196/TCA – Tree works at Banhaw Farm House, Lower – Approved
- b) 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 – still outstanding
- c) NE/21/01418/LBC - Repairs to the property as per schedule of works to stabilize the building structure at Blackthorn Lodge Brigstock Road Lower – Approved
- d) NE/21/01264/FUL Replacement dwelling at Churchfield Cottages Harley Way - Approved
- e) Appeal Decision at 31 Main Street Upper Cart Barn – Dismissed by the Planning Inspectorate

**676** 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) Newsletter from Northants Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner (PFCC)
- c) NNC disengagement Re planning issue. A605 letter from Chair of Warmington Parish Council
- d) Weekly Schemes of Works
- e) Joint Action Group (JAG) meeting date for January
- f) Titchmarsh consultation event

**677 There were no Future agenda items/business.**

**678 The Date of next meeting was confirmed as being Monday 24th January 2022**

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

Signed	Date 24th January 2022
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