

BENEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Full Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 14th March 2022

Councillors Present	A Robert Bullimore, Jason Cutmore, Dan Groom, John Naylor, Alf Pridmore, and Graham Shatford (Chair)
Also Present	3 members of the public and Mrs S Cook (Clerk)

- 704 **Apologies** had been received from Cllr Tarbuck and were accepted
- 705 **Declarations of interest** were received from Cllr Groom on item number 718 (a) and Cllr Shatford registered an interest in the same item.
- 706 **Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations** - Representatives from The Cricket Club, Church and the Village Hall are arranging a Fun Day on Saturday 4th June which will include a Fete like event in the afternoon, judging of the Pudding Competition and to end the day with a BBQ in the evening and the Church will be decorate with flowers for the Service on Sunday 5th. The Committee have requested a grant from the Parish Council of £965 to cover the cost of hiring an inflatable slide, to purchase bunting, decorations and flowers. It was resolved to agree to the grant on receipt of quotes. The Committee hope to plant some Oak Trees later in the year.
- 707 **No questions were raised by the public**
- 708 **North Northamptonshire Councillor Report** - The Clerk had invited the new Ward Councillor Charlie Best to the meeting however had not received a reply nor a report
- 709 It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on **Monday 24th January**
- 710 **Grass Cutting** -The Clerk confirmed that The Mowerman will cut the grass verges for the same cost as last year. Cllr Pridmore reported that Longhurst have cut Townsend Court and Coronation Crescent and will carry out this work every 2 weeks. Cllr Groom suggested setting some areas aside for wildflower sowing next year which may reduce the cost of the grass cutting.
- 711 **Litter Picking** - Mr Cook will carry out litter pick within the next few days. Cllr Groom confirmed that the litter picking equipment will be made available for a community litter pick and with one possible date of Sunday 24th April.
- 712 **Pathfinder II residual funds** - Cllr Cutmore has supplied the sand and empty sandbags for the grit bin and the Clerk has sourced a spade. The remainder of the fund will be set aside for emergency flood relieve work.

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- 713 Footpath Width-** Some residents have carried work to extend the width of the footpath. It was agreed to write to the Ward Councillor Best to highlight the problem of the footpath and the lack of response from Highways.
- 714 Vehicle Activated Signs** - It was resolved to write to both Highways and Ward Councillor Best requesting they install a VAS in Lower Benefield
- 715 War Memorial** - Cllr Pridmore did not have an update however it was suggested that perhaps one solution would be to have a brass plaque made with all the names on. The Clerk agreed to write to Mrs Berridge with this suggestion.
- 716 20's Plenty Campaign** - It was agreed that the Clerk should include in her correspondence to Ward Councillor Best how to make both Benefield's a 20mph speed limit. The Clerk will also ask for a Traffic Survey to be carried out by the Police.
- 717 Financial matters:**
- a) The Current Bank Statement stands at £9614.99 which includes £429.69 residual from the Pathfinder II funding.
 - b) The following Payments were approved for payment in line with the relevant legislation

Details	Value	Cheque
Cllr Cutmore - Sandbags and Sand	£61.50	729
The Clerk - Salary and Spade	£142.56	730
NNC - Admin Fees for Uncontested Election in May 2021	£38.60	731

- c) It was resolved to appoint Mr Tom James as Internal Auditor.
 - d) It was resolved to accept the National Pay Award for the Clerk. The Clerk will raise the 12 month's back pay for the next meeting
- 718 Planning:** The following planning applications were discussed
- a) **NE/21/01845/FUL** - Vehicular access and new detached garage at Deene End Upper - No objections
- Outstanding Planning Applications awaiting decisions**
- a) **NE/21/01698/LBC, & NE/21/01697/FUL** - Various works at Rectory Farm House - Still Outstanding
 - b) **NE/21/01840/CND** - Discharge of conditions pursuant to application 18/02364/LBC Conversion of farm buildings to form 3 residential dwellings Condition 4 -Archaeology at Rectory Farm Buildings Main Street Lower - **Approved**
 - c) **NE/21/01838/CND** - Discharge of condition pursuant to application 18/02408/FUL: Conversion of listed farm buildings

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to create 3 dwellings together with demolition of modern agricultural buildings and construction of 2 new build dwellings. Condition 2 - Archaeology Condition 4 - Trees Condition 10 - Contaminated land investigation Condition 16 - Landscapes Condition 18 - Bird box Condition - **Still Outstanding**

- d) **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**

719 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

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720 **Future agenda items/business.**

- a) Weldon Branch of British Legion are the **new Co-Ordinators** for the area would like to place a box of Poppies in one central place, one suggestion as the Cricket Club and Cllr Cutmore ask the Cricket Club's Committee opinion.

721 **The Date of next meeting was confirmed as being Monday 16th May2022, this meeting will include the Annual Parish Meeting, the Annual Parish Council Meeting and a Full Council Meeting.**

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