

BENEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Approved Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on Monday 14th November 2022

Councillors Present	Robert Bullimore, Jason Cutmore, Alf Pridmore, Graham Shatford (Chair), and Alan Tarbuck
Also Present	1 member of the public and Sue Cook (Clerk)

- 770 **Apologies** had been received from Cllr Groom which was approved.
- 771 **There were no declarations of interest**
- 772 **There were no concerns raised by the members of the public.**
- 773 **There was no report from North Northamptonshire Councillor for the East area.**
- 774 The minutes of the **Full Council Meeting held on Monday 12th September** were approved and signed by Cllr Shatford.
- 775 **Grass Cutting** has continued into the Autumn following the Summer Heatwave
Grass Cutting Tender the Clerk will obtain quotes for the next meeting
Litter Picking Mr Cook is prepared to carry out any litter picking as required.
- 776 **Remembrance Sunday.** Cllr Shatford laid the wreath on behalf of the Parish Council at the Church and Mrs Pridmore laid the one at the 401st Memorial on behalf of the Parish Council. Both services were well attended.
Benefield War Memorial - The Clerk is obtaining quotes for a brass plaque with names of the fallen for Benefield War Memorial.
- 777 **Floral Carpet** - held over to the January Meeting
- 778 **Coronation of King Charles III** - a grant will be available upon the receipt of a Grant Application form from the reformed Jubilee Committee.
- 779 **Meeting Dates for 2023** please see item 784
- 780 **Finance**
- a) The Budget was discussed in full with the recommendation of increasing the Precept at the January meeting to £8200 for 2023/24 the increase is to be prepared for any rises in the Energy for the Street Lighting and fuel increases for grass cutting.
 - b) The National Salary Increase for the Clerk was approved, with it being backdated to April 1st 2022.
 - c) There is currently £11656.193 in the Bank, the grass cutting grant of £417 has been applied for.
 - d) The following payments were approved in line with currently legislation

Payee	Reason	Amount	Chq No
Benefield VH	Room Hire	24.00	746
Sue Cook	Salary for Oct & Nov plus expenses	265.70	749
Npower	Street Lighting	335.28	747
Rachael Mawson	Remembrance Day Expenses	40.00	745
Sue Cook	Book of Condolence Postage	4.45	749
RBL Poppy Appeal	2 Wreaths for Remembrance Day	50.00	748
Sue Cook	Back Pay from 1st April 2022	99.00	750

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781 **Planning** - there were no new plans to discuss.

Outstanding Applications waiting for Decisions since 12th September

- a) NE/22/01356/TCA - 2 x Sycamore trees - crown thinning by a maximum of 30%. at the Rear Of Hillside Main Street Lower
- b) NE/22/01071/CND | Discharge of conditions pursuant to 18/02364/LBC. Conversion of farm buildings to form 3 residential dwellings. Condition 3 - joinery details | Rectory Farm Buildings Main Street Lower - no comments required from Parish Council
- c) **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 No updates on NNC Website since Sept 2021**

782 The following items of **Correspondence** had been circulated to the Councillors prior to the meeting.

- a) Closure of the A427, any future road works will be controlled by traffic lights. Letter from George Chandler confirming this to be placed on the Parish Council Website.
- b) Keeping in touch and update to date -Kier
- c) Newsletters from Jason Smithers
- d) Changes to Bus Services across Northamptonshire
- e) Augean Open Day
- f) Electric Vehicle Charging Points
- g) NNC Leisure Centre Survey
- h) Exploring Nenescape Conference
- i) Launch of Building the Links for Rockingham Forest

783 **The following items will added to the January agenda:**

Letter from a resident outlining their concerns with Traffic Calming, Defibrillator, Dog Fouling, and Rewilding/Tree Planting.

784 **The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Monday 9th January in Benefield Village Hall starting at 6:30p.m.**

The following dates were also confirmed for 2023

Monday 13th March

May Annual Parish Meeting, Annual Parish Council Meeting and Full Council Meeting to be confirmed as date would clash with the Coronation

Monday 10th June

Monday 11th September and

Monday 13th November

This being all the business the meeting was closed at 7:30pm. after accepting the Clerk's registration. The Clerk will stay in post until April 30th 2023.

Signature	Date
	9th January 2023