

BENEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Approved Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on Monday 9th January 2023

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

- 785 **Apologies** had been received from Cllr Groom which was approved.
- 786 **There were no declarations of interest**
- 787 **There were no concerns raised by the members of the public.**
- 788 **There was no report from North Northamptonshire Councillor for the East area.**
- 789 The minutes of the **Full Council Meeting held on Monday 14th November** were approved and signed by Cllr Shatford.
- 790 **Grass Cutting Tender - it was resolved to accept the quote from Mowerman Grounds for 8 cuts at £2496 plus VAT.**
- 791 **Benefield War Memorial** - The Clerk is obtaining quotes for a brass plaque with names of the fallen for Benefield War Memorial.
- 792 **Floral Carpet** - held over to the March Meeting
- 793 **Coronation of King Charles III** - It was proposed that the planting of a tree at Coronation Crescent would be appropriate as the coronation is to be kept low key at the request of the King.
- 794 **Vacancy for Clerk** - It was agreed to advertise the vacancy on all the Parish Council notice boards, on Whatsapp, the Benefield Facebook page and word of mouth to any residents who may be interested.
- 795 **Correspondence from a resident regarding speeding traffic, defibrillator, dog fouling and rewilding/tree planting.** The Clerk explained that Highways will not install any traffic calming on a designated A road. The matter of at least one defibrillator is on this agenda, dog fouling is an ongoing problem and with many residents against the installation of dog bins it will continue to be so. Again rewilding/tree planting is being considered under item 792/793. Cllr Shatford suggested that perhaps residents would like to set up a committee to tackle the speeding traffic issue with Highways.
- 796 **Finance**
- a) It was resolved that the precept demand be set at £8200 under S41 of the Local Government Act 1992 be issued to North Northamptonshire Council with any additional funding coming from the reserve.
 - b) There is currently £10535.89 in the Bank, the grass cutting grant of £417 has been received. A VAT claim of £172 has been applied for.
 - c) The following payments were approved in line with currently legislation

Payee	Reason	Amount	Chq No
Sue Cook	Salary for Dec & Jan plus expenses	287.70	752
Npower	Street Lighting	271.52	7537

797 **Planning -**

- a) NE/22/01531/FUL & NE/22/01532/LBC Single side extension to Plot 1 (approved under 18/02408/FUL) and installation of 1 additional glazing unit. Location: Rectory Farm Buildings Main Street Lower - No objections
- b) NE/22/01549/LBC Replacement of double glazed wooden frame, windows structural repairs with Heli-bar structural reinforcements hidden within the walls repointing with lime mortar, replacement front door, replacement

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wooden painted, double glazed doors/windows and 4 new pivot doors on cart shed. Location: Banhaw Farm House Main Street Lower - No Objections

Outstanding Applications waiting for Decisions since 12th September

- a) Single side extension to Plot 1 (approved under 18/02408/FUL) and installation of 1 additional glazing unit. - Rectory Farm Buildings Main Street Lower Ref. No: NE/22/01532/LBC
- b) Discharge of conditions pursuant to NE/21/01697/FUL - Change of Use from Agricultural 1 bedroom apartment, workshop and store to a 3 bedroom residential property; Erection of new domestic shed and oil tank; Installation of new boundary fence and vehicular access gate Condition 3 - Gates Condition 4 - Windows and doors Condition 8 - Shed Condition 9 - Oil Tank - Rectory Farm Flat Main Street Lower - Approved
- c) NE/22/01310/FUL - Three space green oak car port. | Mayberry House Main Street Upper -
- d) NE/22/01356/TCA - 2 x Sycamore trees - crown thinning by a maximum of 30%. at the Rear Of Hillside Main Street Lower Benefield PE8 5AE
- e) 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
- f) **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

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

- a) Closure of the A427, it was resolved that a letter should be written again including Tom Pursglove MP, Jason Smithers (leader of NNC), Grahame Kane (NNC Highways), George Chandler (Executive Director of Place & Economy NNC), Mark Pengelly (Corby Town Councillor) and Gary Thorp
- b) Newsletter from Jason Smithers
- c) Office of Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner launches Flare Report App
- d) Integrated Care System, Integrated Care Northamptonshire (ICN)
- e) Strategic Town & Parish Forum - December 7th
- f) Superfast Northamptonshire Newsletter - December 2022
- g) Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner's Council Tax Precept Consultation
- h) Peer Review on NNC Planning Service

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

To consider purchasing at least one Defibrillator - Cllr Cutmore will provide the council with a business plan for the next meeting, to include cost and any grants available.

800 **The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Monday 13th March in Benefield Village Hall starting at 6:30p.m.**

The following dates were also confirmed for 2023

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

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

Signature	Date 13th March 2023
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