

BENEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday 25th June 2018

Councillors Present	J Naylor, C Parkhouse, A Pridmore and G Shatford
Also Present	District Cllr Jake Vowles and Mrs S Cook (Clerk)

Cllr Parkhouse chaired the meeting with the approval of all the councilors present and welcomed Cllr Pridmore to the Parish Council.

326 **Apologies** had been received from Cllr Cutmore, Cllr Tadman, and Cllr Tarbuck which were accepted.

327 There was no **Member's declaration of interest in items on the Agenda**

328 **No members of the Public present.**

329 District Councillor Vowles stated that he would make comment on the North Bridge and the Local Government Bulletins later in the meeting.

330 **No Crimes have been Reported.**

331 **The Minutes of the Meetings held on 21st May 2018** were approved and signed by Cllr Parkhouse

332 **Matters Arising from the meeting held on 21st May 2018**

- a. Cllr Parkhouse reported that Cllr Tarbuck has not had a reply from Sarah Barnwell with reference to the wooden gates.
 - b. The Clerk reported she had contacted Mrs Berridge who is waiting for the vicar to advice on the next steps.
 - c. The Clerk is aiming to have the new Web-site live by the September meeting.
 - d. The VAS is in Lower Benefield now, the battery will need re-charging before being moved to Upper Benefield.
 - e. The Clerk has received a quote from Forde & McHugh which is slightly higher than E-on's for the Street Lighting Repairs in Upper. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact E-on for a picture of the replacement lamp post before proceeding with any changes.
 - f. Cllr Parkhouse suggested that prior to the grass cutting season next year that quotes are obtained for the possibility of the Parish Council paying for more cuts. This may result in an increase in the precept.
 - g. District Cllr Vowles informed the Councillors that the meeting on June 9th about the North Bridge Oundle did deliver the promises of what is going to happen to the bridge. NCC are still in consultation although they do intend to repair the bridge with a 3-ton limit put in place and with barriers narrowing the width. Public Service vehicles will have access over the South Bridge.
- 333 It was agreed to not pay the £500 to the Village Hall as in previous years for unlimited use of the Hall but to go onto the hourly rate. No Councillor is prepared to represent the Parish Council on the Village Hall Committee at present.
- 334 Financial Matters:
- a. The Clerk confirmed that there is £9603.83 currently in the Bank. The Clerk informed the meeting that she has received an invoice from E-on for maintenance on the street lighting however payment is not being raised as it does not include the new LED lights. The Clerk has queried this with E-on.
 - b. The following Payment was confirmed

Details	Value	Cheque No.
Sue Cook, Salary for May plus Expenses	£127.72	628

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335 New Planning Applications:

- a. 18/01035/FUL detached dwelling between Winward and 40 Main Street, there were no objections to the dwelling being erected however the plans show a shared access for residential and agricultural vehicles, this was deemed a Health and Safety issue if children are playing in the area. The Clerk agreed to state this on the comments.
- b. There were no objections to 18/0115/LBC Townsend House
- c. There were no objections to 18/01143/FUL and 18/00887/LBC Willow Barn, Middle Farm

Decisions made by East Northamptonshire Council on any Planning Applications since 21st May 2018:

- a. 18/00841/LBC and 18/00840/FUL 33 Lower Benefield - Passed

336 Correspondence/Training and Events: The following items of correspondence had been circulated to the Councillors prior to this meeting.

- a. 2nd Government Reform Bulletin in Northamptonshire – District Cllr Vowles suggested that someone ought to attend one of the meetings, he is very concerned about the changes that will be implemented as the Council Tax will certainly increase.
- b. Letter from resident with reference to the lack of Rooks in the Rookery – it was agreed that the Clerk should reply to the resident stating that this is not a Parish Council issue and that they should take the matter up with the landowners.
- c. 1st Government Reform Bulletin in Northamptonshire - noted
- d. Meeting about North Bridge 7th June, Fletton House Oundle - noted
- e. Town and Parish Briefing from ENC - noted
- f. Tree Management Guidance and principles Consultation 21st May to 2nd July - noted

337 Future Agenda Items/Business. The nature of future Agenda items can be discussed at this point, but no decision can be made until the next meeting.

- a. Cllr Naylor suggested that perhaps a donation should be made to the Cricket Club this year, the Clerk pointed out that the Parish Council cannot make donations the correct procedure is for the Cricket Club to complete a Section 137 Grant Form for the Parish Council to consider. The Clerk will forward a form to Cllr Parkhouse for the Cricket Club to complete.

338 Date of the next meeting:

Monday 3rd September 2018,
Monday 15th October 2018 and
Monday 26th November 2018

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

Approved by Benefield Parish Council:		
Signature of Chairman:		Date: 3rd September 2018