

Benefield Parish Council

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Benefield Parish Council are pleased to publish the Council's draft minutes for its meeting held on **Monday 26th June** at Benefield Village Hall. Meeting commenced **18:30** and completed the following business

This is a Public Meeting and all Residents and members of the Public were invited to attend

Present:	Cllr	Jason Cutmore	Chairman
	Cllr	Daniel Groom	V.Chairman
	Cllr	Alf Pridmore	
	Cllr	Robert Bullimore	

Members of the Public:

Peter Bullock	Clerk
Steve Lingley	PLR
8 Residents	

Minutes - Full Parish Council Meeting

- 26.06.01 Apologies received & accepted from Cllr Naylor, Cllr Tarbuck & Cllr Shatford
- 26.06.02 Minutes approved and signed
- 26.06.03 No matters arising with regard to the minutes
- 26.06.04 Members declaration of interest
Cllr Groom noted that he would be making a short presentation on the "Floral Carpet" agenda item
- 26.06.05 Public Participation Session
It was agreed that items of concern to the public were already on the agenda and the Chairman invited that all participants present would be invited to comment.
- 26.06.06 Financial
 - i Sign off of accounts.
Accounts were agreed and signed off. It was noted (via NCALC) That fixed assets are valued at original purchase price not current value or replacement cost (£61,190.19)

- ii Review of Banking Procedures.
Protracted discussion. Decision to change to Unity Bank
- iii Insurance update
Insured with Zurich Review of assets = £204.90 Saving
- iv Review of Fixed assets
Fixed asset replacement/insurance value = £42,500
To be reviewed annually
- v Bank Statement
Current Balance 03.05.23 = £17904.21 (Precept of £8200 paid in)
Bills paid since.

Highway Lighting	£32.40	Not Cleared
Mowerman	£374.40	Cleared
Npower	£280.90	Cleared
NCALC	£45.60	Cleared
Clerk	£277.82	Cleared
TOTAL	£1,011.12	£978.72
Balance		£16,925.49
- vi Accounts for payment

		Total
Village hall -June	£24.00	
Village hall -May	£24.00	£48.00
NCALC Annual membership	£301.62	
NCALC Finance Training	£39.60	£341.22
Mowerman	£374.40	374..40
Clerk Wage	£216.90	
Clerk Payments made		
(Zurich Ins +Wordpress)	£503.94	
Clerk expenses	£3.00	£723.84
Total		£1,113.06

Approved for Payment
- vii Annual Budget Review.
CLlr Shatford to formulate updated budget if willing to do so.
- viii Responsible Financial Officer
Parish Clerk remains the RFO
- ix Sign off of Standing Orders.
Chairman to sign off Standing Orders.
- 26.06.07 PLR Report
To include Neighbourhood Watch report
Professional report from Steve Lingley on current PLR and Neighbourhood watch issues and requirements . together with crime figures. Needs £42 for N.Watch signage to be approved at next P.Council meeting.
- 26.06.08 Planning.
 - i New Planning Application
NE/23/00624/FUL | Erection of timber acoustic and security fence to perimeter of site | The Garage Weldon Road
Upper Benefield Peterborough PE8 5AS
Applicant N Crouch Recovery Ltd - Mr Adam Crouch
Approved subject to being sympathetic to the environment

- ii Current Planning Applications.
Cllr Groom stated that planning decisions take too long and do not consider current environmental and energy conservation considerations. Cllr Groom has spoken to planning (Lloyd Mills) Chairman Cutmore stated that although we have no power over planning we do approve applications but see Applications rejected. A resident stated that he has now enlisted the help of Tom Pursglove MP to try to speed his two year old application to a decision.
- iii Longhurst Housing
**Comments on length of time to re-let properties (2 years plus in one case)
 Query on why properties are not on the for rent site - Keyways
 Appearance of unlet properties
 Townsend green is owned by Longhurst -redundant lamppost and chain link fencing in need of repair. Letter to Longhurst agreed to illicit information.**
- 26.06.09 Highways
 - i Hedges
 - a) Council's responsibility
Council is responsible to ensure pathways are kept clear.
 - b) Resident's responsibility
To maintain hedges to edge of Pathway not overlapping plus control height.
 - c) Course of action
**Estate hedgecutter is unservicable. Estate has asked that Chairman organises cutting of Estate hedges until new hedgecutter is available.
 Letter to be sent out to outline owners responsibility to maintain hedges**
 - ii Pathways
 - a) Course of action
**Action promised by NNC. Work Scheduled hopefully by the end of June.
 If not completed, letter to remind them.**
 - iii Weldon Academy Roundabout,
4 months of road works.
- 26.06.10 War Memorial update
Grant applied for for professional evaluation
- 26.06.11 Floral Carpet. Aims & update
**Cllr Groom was given permission to progress his "Floral Project to beautify the green areas of the village. He sees this as a community project.
 Cllr Pridmore suggested possible sites.**
- 26.06.12 Defibrillator
Lottery Grant refused. Cricket Club can apply for funds, request for funds for cabinet - Future agenda item.
- 26.06.13 Litter Picking
**Cllr Groom stated that the P.Council now has its own equipment so volunteers needed. New procedures needed.
 Residents can pick litter and use Council approved bags, these will be collected by the bin collection. Nigel Cook to be asked to continue with his efforts. Big Wlk- encourage litter picking.**
- 27.06.14 Grass Cutting
Discussion and decision: No change to current grass cutting - Mowerman.

- 27.06.15 Traffic Calming
Petition needed for evidence to further action from Highways.
Community Speed Watch "Speed Gun" muted
Dustbin Speed signs muted but only one day per week
PLR stated that Roadsafety is a priority.
- 27.06.16 News letter + Skills Directory
One off then on web (Sponser required) Progress if possible
- 27.06.17 Residents/Incoming correspondence
Charlie Mitchell - Planning concerns, footpaths. Closed gate, signage
Village Hall sign
Ian Tadman - Minutes - Add future agenda items
Tessa Watts Russell - Paths
Geraldine Barrow- Sign Thank you
- 27.06.18 Future agenda items/business for future meetings.
The nature of future agenda items can be discussed at this point
Kissing gates
Bridges
Defibrillator
Nieghbourhood watch signage
Traffic Calming
Village Hall Sign
Website
Newsletter
- 27.08.19 Proposed date of next full meeting - Monday 7th August

Meeting closed at 20.10.

Peter Bullock

04.07.23

Clerk to Benefield Council

