

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 18th September 2023** at Benefield Village Hall. Meeting commenced **18:30** and completed the following business.

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

Present:

Cllr	Jason Cutmore	Chairman
Cllr	Alf Pridmore	
Cllr	Graham Shatford	
Cllr	Robert Bullimore	
Cllr	John Naylor	
Cllr	Alan Tarbuck	

Members of the Public:

1 Resident
Peter Bullock **Clerk**

Minutes - Full Parish Council Meeting

- 18.09.01 Apologies received & accepted from Cllr Groom & PLR Steve Lingley
- 18.09.02 Minutes of meeting 26th June unanimously approved.
- 18.09.03 No matters arising with regard to the approved minutes
- 18.09.04 Members declaration of interest
Cllr Pridmore noted that he would abstain from voting on planning application for Gilmore House
- 18.09.05 Public Participation Session
Resident requested that could comment during the meeting on agenda items with approval from the Chairman. This was agreed. He then expressed concern regarding the "digitilisation" of landline phone services. The concern was that the poor mobile reception and in the event of a power cut service would be non-existence. It was decided that the situation would be monitored and when this became a reality the matter would be addressed

18.09.06 Financial**i New Bank Account report**

The Clerk had investigated options with Unity Bank.

A discussion was then had whether the council should go to digital banking

A vote was taken and the motion to pursue digital & online banking was passed. It was also decided that the council would initially pursue this with NatWest. Clerk to visit NatWest to obtain the necessary mandates

ii Bank Statement

In the absence of receiving any bank statement, the Clerk had drawn up a document listing all cheques written since May totalling £4481.49

This left an assumed balance of £13422.72p

iii Accounts for payment

a) Mowerman £374.40p

b) Clerk £302.16 (24 hours plus £12.96 expenses)

Cheques signed.

Clerk also noted that he had been online to Npower and ION to set up online access to the Parish Council account.

iv Budget presentation

Cllr Shatford had supplied a copy of the original budget now updated and distributed.

Initial budget agreed at £8178

YTD spending £3341.27

Projected spending £7623.54

Updated projected saving on original budget £554.46 (To be monitored)

v Neighbourhood Watch signage

Stays on the agenda to determine & approve exact cost

18.09.08 Planning.**New Planning Applications**

Ref: NE23/00661/FUL

The Airfield Building Weldon Road PE85AS. Change of use to Garden Centre

Status: Awaiting decision

No objections.

Ref NE/23/00624FUL

The Garage Weldon Road PE85AS

Erection of timber acoustic/security fence to site perimeter

Concern raised about height of fence and security lighting and business hours.

Status: Awaiting decision

Contact planning for clarification

Ref: NE/2300899FUL

Manor House Main Street PE8 5AF

**Demolition of 2 storage buildings & Garage. Replace with new annex,
double garage and self-contained 1st floor accommodation**

Status: Awaiting decision

No objections.

Ref: NE23/23/0888FUL

Gilmour House Causin Way PE85AF

**Replace current heating system with Air Source Heat pump in a
conservation area**

Status: Awaiting decision

No objections.

Appealed Planning applications

Ref: 23/00013/REF

The Wool Barn Main Street PE85AN

Affix 14 solar panels to south side of barn roof

Status: Appeal in Progress

No objections.

18.09.09 War Memorial Update

**Clerk reported that the War Memorial is class one listed. Spoke
with the War Memorial Trust. WMT recommended that we
contact planning and modify our plan from a brass plaque
to re-engraving of faded engraved names**

18.09.10 Defibrillator

**A lively discussion on whether there was any real benefit to
deploying given the amount of time to fetch and deploy.
Decision to be made at next meeting**

18.09.11 Traffic Calming

Chairman to look into grants for purchase of traffic calming measures.

18.09.12 Village Hall Sign

**Cost and type of sign information needed from Village Hall Committee
prior to decision. Cllr Pridmore to attend their next meeting to inform.**

18.09.13 Parish Council Website

Clerk to get costs for updating website.

18.09.14 Gates between Upper & Lower

**Letter to Highways. Stating, complaint from disabled resident and people
with disabilities in Upper cannot get to Church or visit lower Benefield.**

18.09.15 Incoming correspondence

Complaint received that website not being updated.

Clerk informed that website need revamping and agenda and minutes are posted. Complainant also was upset that no "Out of Office " was posted. Clerk reminded Cllrs that they all have access with password to read emails. Complainant not a resident of Benefield.

18.09.16 Future agenda items

- i Neighbourhood Watch - Cost of signs**
- ii War Memorial**
- iii Defibrillator decision**
- iv Traffic calming grant report**
- v Village Hall sign**
- vi Website updating costs**
- vii Gates between Upper & Lower.**

18.09.17 Proposed date of next meeting

October 30th 2023

Meeting closed at 19.57

Peter Bullock

05.10.2023

Clerk to Benefield Council

