

Benefield Parish Council

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

Draft Minutes of Parish Council meeting 26.02.24

19.02.24 -1 To note attendance and approve apologies for absence.

Councillors Present:

Cllr Jason Cutmore **Chairman**
Cllr Daniel Groom **Vice Chairman**
Cllr Alf Pridmore
Cllr Robert Bullimore
Cllr Graham Shatford

Public :

2 Residents
Peter Bullock **Clerk**

Apologies:

Cllr Alan Tarbuck sent his apologies for being unable to attend
PLR Steve Lindley unable to attend - Apology received

19.02.24 -2 Minutes approved & signed for meeting held on the 8th January

19.02.24 -3 To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only - **None**

19.02.24 -4 Members declaration of interest in items on the agenda-**None**

19.02.24-5 Public Participation Session

Members of the public should address their representations through the chairman of the meeting -**A member of the Public raised the concern of recent flooding, as an agenda item, discussion delayed until then.**

19.02.24-6 Appointment of new Councillor following the retirement of Cllr Naylor.
Application to be elected received from two residents, Paul Faulkner & Nathalie Tarbuck.
Vote taken by Cllrs. Nathalie Tarbuck elected .
Cllr Nathalie Tarbuck joined the meeting

19.02.24-7 Financial

- i Online banking- Adoption of payment procedures.
It was approved that payments to be made would be circulated prior to meetings and included on the agenda. Payments would be completed online at future meetings once approved.
- ii Budget presentation for 2024/5.
Budget document circulated & approved.
Budget for 2024/5 = £8,319.84

Clerk Salary & expenses	£1,900.00
NCALC	£320.39
Premises Hire	£96.00
Website	£55.00
ICO	£45.00
Insurance	£529.85
Npower	£2,040.00
EON maintenance	£208.00
Audit	£80.00
Grass Cutting	£2,745.60
Remembrance Sunday	£100.00
Litter Picking	£200.00
- iii Accounts to date presentation for submission at year end .
Clerk stated that accounts to date were available for inspection
- iv Accounts for payment.
Clerk Invoice - £153.24 inc expenses of £8.64
- v Grass cutting rebate update.
No rebate as yet received. Clerk ask to chase up payment of rebate
- vi New laptop cost comparison.
Clerk circulated his choice of laptop to be purchased

19.02.24 -8 Planning - Current Planning Applications.

27 Main Street PE85AN - Construction of detached log cabin in rear garden - No objections

19.02.24 -9 Police Liaison Report - Steve Lindley.

Cancelled. PLR unable to attend.

19.02.24-10 Traffic calming progress report.

Cllr Groom reported that following an appeal 53 residents had expressed an interest that a Community Speed Watch group be formed. 23 residents expressed a wish to help. Cllr Groom with the help of PLR to follow up.

19.02.24-11 Flood protection- progress report.

Cllr Bullimore reported that having spoken to authorities that little progress had been made. Cllr Shatford stated that ditch clearance is an important issue currently in dispute between the County Council and the landowner, historically completed by the County Council. Cllr Pridmore outlined possible reasons and causes of road flooding. Highways to be contacted to illicit response and action.

19.02.24-12 Street lighting -progress report.

As yet unaddressed by Clerk. Clerk to follow up this month.

19.02.24-13 Village Hall signage.

Signage completed and installed by Cllr Pridmore on behalf of the Village Hall with 50% funding from the Parish Council. Parish Council to receive 6 hours use of Village Hall in lieu of payment from Village Hall.

19.02.24-14 Future agenda items/business for future meetings.

The nature of future agenda items can be discussed at this point .

No new items requested.

08.01.24-15 Proposed date of next full meeting - **Agreed for Monday 08.04.2024.**

1st April not possible as Easter Monday falls on the 1st

Signed

Date
