

Benefield Parish Council



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Date: Wednesday 3rd June 2026

Time: 18:45

Venue: Benefield Village Hall

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

- 26-27/023 To note attendance and approve apologies for absence.**
Present: Cllr Faulkner (Chair), Cllr Cutmore, Cllr Waters, Cllr Shatford
Cllr Pridmore
Also present: Emma Lingley-Clark (Clerk), 2 members of the public
Apologies: Cllr Wood
- 26-27/024 To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on the 15th April 2026**
Approved
- 26-27/025 To note any matter arising from the minutes - for report only**
Cllrs agreed to advertise the parish Cllr vacancy arising from resignation of Cllr Bullimore as of 26th May 2026
- 26-27/026 To receive members declarations of interest on today's agenda items**
None
- 26-27/027 Public Participation session**
Suggestion received to advertise councillor vacancy through Village Hall Café
- 26-27/028 Incoming communications**
Clerk reported that an unclaimed grass-cutting rebate from the previous year could still be claimed. Concerns raised that this was significant drop in rebate and representation should be made to NNC on the calculation process for that year.
- 26-27/029 Financial reporting & matters arising**
- i Bank balance to be noted**
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| NatWest current balance | £0.00 |
| Unity current balance | £10,164.52 |
| Unity savings balance | £9,440.54 |

ii	Payments approved	
	Mowerman (grass cutting) 2351	£454.08
	Mowerman (grass cutting) 2410	£454.08
	Parish Clerk (expenses)	£47.83
	S Lingley (speed sign padlock)	£9.59
	S Lingley (speed sign padlock)	£5.90
	ElanCity (speed sign)	£2,941.94
	BC&SC (defib contribution)	£250.00
iii	Payment by Direct Debit noted	
	ICO (GDPR regs)	£47.00
	Valda (DD) electricity	£97.44
	Valda (DD) electricity	£0.36
iv	2026/27 spend to date	
v	Accounts and AGAR 2025/26	
(a)	Approved the change to income and expenditure method of accounting	
vi	Sign off financial regulations - approved	
vii	Insurance renewal	
	Renewal with Zurich noted and approved	

26-27/030 To agree review timelines for parish council policies
Clerk to develop a programme of policy reviews. Standing orders to be prioritised.

26-27/031 Planning Applications
i 25/01351/FUL - The Garage, Weldon Road, Upper Benefield, PE8 5AS

Council agreed no objection in principle.

Comments to be submitted regarding:

Potential noise from 24-hour operations.

Potential light pollution.

Clarification regarding overnight staff accommodation.

Clarification on operation of site lighting.

ii 26/00899/HFUL - 4 Rectory Farm, Main Street, Lower Benefield, PE8 5AF
No objection

26-27/032 Traffic calming update

i Update on current vehicle activated speed sign

Data renewed. Average speed remains below the 30mph speed limit

ii Request for additional funding for brackets and community speedwatch

Payments approved for:

(a) Brackets £49.94

(b) Community speedwatch speed gun £150

Concerns raised regarding Heavy goods vehicle movements associated with local works

26-27/033 Police liaison representative update (PLR not present)

Crime prevention packs distributed in Upper Benefield.

Additional packs ordered for Lower Benefield.

SmartWater kits available for community assets and residents.

26-27/034 Road closure for resurfacing

Update received regarding ongoing resurfacing works.

Concerns raised regarding:

Outstanding road markings.
Surface treatment quality.
Clerk to seek clarification from NNC regarding remaining works.

26-27/035

Environmental improvements

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Footpath between Lower and Upper

Council noted concerns raised by residents regarding path width.

Path remains open and accessible.

Any widening works would likely require volunteer involvement.

Additional concerns raised:

Overgrown hedges and vegetation affecting footpaths in Upper Benefield.

Reminder to be included in village communications asking residents to maintain hedges next to footways

26-27/036

Future agenda items/business for future meetings.

Next meeting:

Local Plan development proposals affecting the Benefield area.

Standing Orders review.

26/27/037

Approve date of next meeting

Approved-15th July 2026

Meeting time end: 19:50

Emma Lingley-Clark

Clerk to Benefield Parish Council