

BEESTON REGIS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wed., 13th December, 2023, at Scout HQ, Cromer Rd., Beeston Regis. – (7pm)

**** Parish Council Surgery at 6.45pm (Speak with the Chairman)**

Present: M.Knowles (Chair), R.Smith, M.Butt, P.Thorogate, M.Wright, N.Wright, C.Goodwin, I.Hudson, S.Kent, and the Clerk. Also present was Coralie Martin from the NNDC.Community Connectors.

1a. To receive and consider apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr.R.Beckley. The Chair was informed verbally, immediately prior to the meeting, that Cllr.N.Wylde would not be attending. Apologies were also received from J.Oliver (NCC) and K.Toys (NNDC).

1b. To receive Declarations of Interest on agenda items

None received.

2. To approve the minutes of meeting held 8/11/23.

The minutes, which had already been circulated, were accepted as a true record. (Prop: IH, Sec: MB).

3a Public Participation (requests to speak on agenda items)

No members of the public present.

3b To receive presentation from the NNDC Community Connectors

Coralie Martin, representing the Community Connectors, stated that they specialised in promoting and supporting groups and organisations across the community. They worked to build links between services and the people to try and improve health, wellbeing, and community spirit. Seven members of staff covered the whole north-norfolk area and the Sheringham area was CM's responsibility. They were hoping to assist people that were not on-line who might miss out on the services available. The Chair thanked CM for the informative talk and suggested that their leaflet might go out to all households very soon when the parish newsletter was distributed. CM would arrange for the leaflet to be available a.s.a.p.

4. Finance:

(a) To approve invoices for payment and note bank balances:

P.Bullimore £615.70 (net salary, including arrears backdated to 1.4.23),

HMRC £96.80 (tax on salary), P.Bullimore £42.50 (clerks exps).

W.Peverill £140.00 (F/Path inspect., Asset inspect., Seat repair, sign cleaning)

*** The above payments, as scheduled on the agenda, were approved (Prop: MW, Sec: CG). The reconciled bank balances were as follows :- A/C 10162132 £4714.20 and A/C 10162140 £7643.94.

(b) To consider Budget and Precept for 2024/25.

A draft budget had been circulated to members and the Chair summarised the situation regarding next year's precept. A programme for replacing LED's was required and, at a current cost of £250 each, members would need to decide how

much to set aside next year and in future years. Members were asked to give this matter their consideration, bearing in mind the healthy projected balances at 31/3/24. A budget and precept for 2024/25 would be agreed at the next meeting.

The Clerk asked members to note the following financial matters :-

Grass cutting will go up by £5 per cut next year (approx.. 6% increase)

Clerks pay award (w.e.f. 1/4/23) meant a £1 per hour increase.

Interest rates with Barclays Premium A/C = 1.5% pa. The Chair and Clerk did not think it was worth opening other accounts with so little money to invest – Noted.

5. Planning:

(a) To note decisions/information received from NNDC since last update

Nothing received.

(b) To consider planning applications received since agenda printed

None received.

(c) FUL/2023/0005; To receive any further update re the new Recycling Centre

The Clerk had received no further information.

(d) PF/23/2522; Detached outbuilding at Wykeham, Britons Lane.

It was agreed to support this application (Prop: MW, Sec: IH).

(m) To consider PCs responsibilities re the AONB.

Duly considered.

6. Highways/Footpath matters.

(a) To receive update/consider heavy vehicles using Britons Lane.

The Clerk informed members that the police had a positive response from the education establishments regarding coaches using Britons Lane. They would inform transport providers that coaches should not use this route to reach their premises and would also post information on their websites to this effect. Members agreed that, although receiving a negative response from NCC.Highways regarding the signs, this was a step in the right direction. The Clerk would remove this matter from the agenda.

The Clerk asked members to note the following under Highways, Footpaths, etc.

The dedication of a new public bridleway near the A148 (per NCC letter)

Bridge (Abbey Pk to Common) Sheringham TC would be using oak/ going to tender.

PC Asset Review; Contractor reported all ok (staining needed on V.Sign Seat).

RB obtained 2 rowan trees at NNDC free xmas market; they were planted at Daisy Gn

7. Meetings & Conferences (to receive reports and announcements)

NNDC Planning Roadshow; next one in Holt on 1/2/24 (evening) PT to attend.

SNAP meeting on 11/1/24 (CG to attend)

8. To confirm amendment to Action Plan for 2024/25 (to include Biodiversity plan)

It was agreed to add the creation of a policy and plan re Biodiversity to the Action Plan for 2024/25 (Prop: MK, Sec: IH).

9. To further consider D'Day 80 celebrations

Reporting via email, and adding to his report in October 23, RB stated that he was hoping to use a local musician at the event on 6/6/23.

10. Governance:

(a) To consider a parish council newsletter.

The Chair stated that he was hoping to publish another newsletter in time for the January meeting when they would be available to members for distribution.

(b) To review the Communication & Community Engagement Policy

This was agreed without the need for amendment (Prop: MK, Sec: IH).

11. To receive reports from District & County Councillors

** J.Oliver (NCC) had submitted a written report which had been circulated to members. Topics covered were :- (a) Gritting update (b) Travel Norfolk information (c) £49.55m received from the Dept of Transport to improve services (d) Update re the Western Link (e) Council to vote on Devolution on 12/12/23 (f) Childrens Servs; encouraging people to give 16-17 year olds a gift for Christmas (g) Adult Social Care; new services for people needing help at home after leaving hospital (h) Warm and Well Campaign (i) Working Well Norfolk Employment Programme (j) Grants for a community tree project.

12. Police & Sect.17 Crime & Disorder Act.

PCC information continues to be received and communication “locally” seems to have improved. RS had no crime statistics to report.

13. To receive Correspondence (not included in agenda items above).

Various emails via the Chair :-

Norfolk ALC; Biodiversity deadline, Water problems, Flood Action.

NPTS; Biodiversity information.

PCC; Update Oct.23.

Healthwatch Norfolk; Newsletter (incl GP Surgery survey)

Nfk Community Foundation; Funding & Support News

Parish Online; Newsletter

Norfolk CC; Western Link updates

National ALC; Newsletter (article re coastal communities)

NNDC; Event re Safety for Councillors.

Hornsea 3; Benefits/Grants Fund

Rural Servs Network;News Bulletin

The Clerk had also received a receipt/acknowledgement re the Data Protection Fee

14. Resolution re Public Participation (comments/other matters).

SK stated that she was very upset following an incident that occurred prior to the meeting starting. It appeared to relate to a car parking situation although she was confused as to what she had done. A parishioner had acted in an aggressive manner towards her in the hall accusing her of blocking her husband’s wheelchair access. SK was visibly upset when speaking (tearful) and stated that she had only parked where the police car had been parked at the previous meeting. Members were concerned for SK but the Chair moved on as the incident had not taken place during the meeting.

15. To confirm date of next meeting.

This was confirmed for Wednesday, 10th January, 2024 (7pm)

