

BEESTON REGIS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 14th December, 2022 at Scout HQ, Cromer Rd., Beeston Regis. – 5.30pm.

***** Parish Council Surgery at 5.15pm (speak with the Chairman)**

Present: M.Knowles (Chair), R.Smith, M.Roffe, M.Butt, M.Wright, N.Wright, C.Goodwin, R.Beckley, I.Hudson, and the Clerk.

1a. To receive and consider apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. S.Kent. Apologies were also received from J.Oliver (NCC) and S.Butikofer (NNDC).

1b. To receive Declarations of Interest on agenda items

M.Butt declared an interest in item 5(c).

2. To approve the minutes of meeting held 9/11/22.

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

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

No members of the public in attendance.

4. Finance:

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

P.Bullimore £417.10 (net salary), West Runton Scouts £100.00 (hall hire), HMRC £25.40 (tax on salary), P.Bullimore £50.67 (clerks exps), Reboot Systems £544.80 (new computer)

*** The above payments, as scheduled on the agenda, were approved. (Prop: CG, Sec: RS). The reconciled bank balances were as follows :- A/C 10162132 £4236.65 and A/C 10162140 £9985.87.

(b) To consider Budget & Precept 2023/24

Working papers containing the draft budget, projected end of year balances, and other information had been circulated to all members on 6/12/22. The Chair summarised the situation and hoped the precept for 2023-24 could be kept the same as the previous year (£12,500). RB confirmed the Chairman's thoughts and pointed out that the detailed draft budget was fairly accurate other than for the electricity supply figure which was impossible to estimate (the current contract with Eon runs out in 2023). He, like the Chairman, thought the projected balances were looking good at 31/3/23 and also recommended to keep the same precept. After a brief discussion it was agreed to accept the draft budget for 2023-24 (Prop: MB, Sec: IH) and further agreed to keep the same precept as in 2022-23 (£12,500) – (Prop: MK, Sec: MR). The Clerk would notify NNDC accordingly.

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) PF/22/2709; Rear Extension at Breckland, Sheringwood.
After a brief discussion it was agreed that members had no objections to this application (Prop: RS, Sec: NW) – MB abstained from voting..

(d) To receive update re land nr recycling centre (referred to NNDC Planning)

S.Butikofer (NNDC) had informed RB that their Enforcement Panel had agreed to take action and the official notice to cease work would be issued in the new year. In the meantime it had been agreed verbally to stop work. The Chair pointed out that this matter was entirely in the hands of NNDC.

(e) PF/22/2674; Change of use re Annexe at Two Pines, Sheringwood.

The Chair stated that when the previous application for change of use was submitted, NCC Highways raised an objection on the grounds of excess traffic use on unsuitable roads. BRPC, in agreement with this, submitted a similar objection, based on that premise. He now notes that NCC Highways have amended their stance on the basis of supposed road improvements in the area of Sheringwood. Although we are completely unaware of any such improvements, we therefore have no further grounds to object. He stated that perhaps the PC would have another view should a future application appear to convert the holiday let to permanent residential use. This was agreed by members and the Clerk would submit a response to NNDC accordingly. (Prop: CG, Sec: IH).

(m) To consider PCs responsibilities re the AONB.

Duly considered at 6c, d, and e.

6. Highways/Footpath matters.

(a) To receive update re the Sheringham to Cromer Cycleway Project.

No further news.

(b) To receive update re NCC. Highways Parish Partnership Scheme.

A response to the “Britons Lane Gateway” application was expected in the new year

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

Parish & Town Council Forum – 9/1/23 - RS to attend.

RB reported briefly on a Church Field Trustees meeting.

RS reported on the recent Cromer MCZ/ Chalk Beds meeting and gave an update re the adaptive risk management strategy.

8. To consider early plans re special events in 2023.

RB stated that 2023 was the 300th anniversary of Edmund Hooke (Hooke Chrity) and also that PCs had been informed that there would be no beacon lighting in May 23 (per Bruno Peek, Pageant Master).

9. To note Local Government Elections in May, 2023.

The Clerk again reminded members regarding the need to publicise next years elections. (District & Parish).

10. Governance:

(a) To consider an action plan for 2023/24.

RB and the Clerk would draft a document for consideration at the next meeting.

(b) To review the Training & Development Policy.

This was agreed as still ok (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. The report covered the following :- (a) Update on a County Devolution Agreement (b) accident nr Sheringham High School; looking at ways of improving safety (c) avian flu update (d) Waste Service statistics; recycling increased by 2.1% (e) Christmas gifts for children under “supported living” (f) consumer scam alerts (g) Fire Service moving to electric response cars (h) new apprenticeship starts up by 17.7%.

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

Police & Crime Commissioner report received as well as a SNT Newsletter.

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

The following had been circulated via the Chairman in the past month :-

NCC: various news releases.

NNDC; info. re infrastructure levies, info. re the 6 month rule regarding elections, the community hot spot fund, parish & town council forum.

Boundary Commission; changes re constituencies

Norfolk ALC; info re tree planting

Hornsea 3; Drop in events re the Community Fund.

MCZ/Chalk Bed Group; re meeting on 6/12/22.

The Clerk had also received (a) confirmation from the Information Commissioner re the DP fee (b) letter from D.Baker MP re supporting first responders and the weekly Cromer Mental Health Clinics.

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

No members of the public present.

15. To confirm date of next meeting.

This was confirmed for Wednesday, 11th January, 2023 – 7pm.