

BEESTON REGIS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 8th February, 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, D.Thompson, M.Butt, N.Wright, M.Wright, R.Beckley, I.Hudson, S.Kent, and the Clerk. Also present was J.Oliver (NCC).

1a. To receive and consider apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. C.Goodwin and M.Roffe.

Apologies were also received from S.Butikofer (NNDC).

1b. To receive Declarations of Interest on agenda items

None.

2. To approve the minutes of meeting held 11/1/23.

The minutes, which had already been circulated, were accepted as a true record.

(Prop: RS, Sec: MB).

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 sal), M & M Business Syst. £100.00 (payroll servs)

HMRC £25.40 (tax on salary), P.Bullimore £46.23 (clerks exps).

*** The above payments, as scheduled on the agenda, were approved. (Prop: DT, Sec: RS). The reconciled bank balances were as follows:- A/C 10162132 £3246.63, and A/C 10162140 £9991.99.

(b) To note new grass cutting price for 2023.

The increase of £5 per cut was noted (new cost = £75).

(c) To consider request for financial assistance from Age UK Norfolk.

As in the past members decided to refer this request to parishioners at the next annual parish meeting.

5. Planning:

(a) To note decisions/information received from NNDC since last update PF/22/2674; Two Pines, Sheringwood; Change of use to holiday accommodation – permission given with conditions.

(b) To consider planning applications received since agenda printed

None received.

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

This was a NNDC matter and it was agreed to remove this from the agenda. RB referred to some emails he had received from Hilltop regarding this which had been forwarded to the Clerk.

(d) To consider consultn on Coastal Adaptation Suppl. Planning Document
Details had been circulated to members via the Chairman and it was agreed not to submit a response. RB had referred this to Beeston Regis Holiday Park because they owned all the coastline in the parish. Noted.

(e) PF/23/0047; Erection of rear extension at 97, Church Lane.
It was agreed “no objections” to this application (Prop: RS, Sec: MW).

(m) To consider PCs responsibilities re the AONB.
Duly considered.

6. Highways/Footpath matters.

(a) To receive update re the Sheringham to Cromer Cycleway Project.
There being no further news from Cromer Town Council or Norfolk County Council members agreed to remove this item from the agenda.

(b) To receive update re NCC. Highways Parish Partnership Scheme, 2023/24.

A response to the Britons Lane Gateways application was expected next month.

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

CG had been unable to attend the last SNAP meeting because of IT problems. RS reported briefly on a poorly attended NPTS meeting.

The NNDC Community Connectors request to attend a meeting seemed pointless with no members of the public attending PC meetings.

8. To receive update re early plans on special events in 2023.

(including the 300th anniversary of the death of Edmund Hooke).

The church service commemorating the 300th anniversary of the death of Edmund Hooke would be on Sunday 19th February at 11am. Members were again reminded to make a diary note for the beacon lighting on 6th May, 2023.

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

Further discussion would take place at the next meeting. Posters will be provided by NNDC for notice boards in the near future.

10. Governance:

(a) To further consider adopting the Civility and Respect Pledge.

It was agreed not to adopt the pledge with members feeling the code of conduct was sufficient for BRPC.

(b) To review the Financial Regulations.

The FRs currently used and displayed on the PC website were identical to the NPTS model for small councils and members did not wish for any changes or amendments (Prop: MK, Sec: RB)

(c) To review the PC's Risk Assessment.

The RA was agreed subject to one addition to be inserted under Appendix B. This referred to the footpaths and grass agreements with NCC which were dealt with by a contractor who carried out his own RA and had public liability insurance. (Prop: RB, 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) safety improvements near Sheringham High

School (b) County deal with Government (c) summary re NCC Budget proposals (d) new bus service; Airport ParknRide to UEA and Hospital (e) update re apprenticeships in Norfolk (f) Digifest; Library Service workshops to encourage interest in technology.

There was a brief discussion when members asked about the County Deal and JO spoke of the four district councils who were currently against the deal. She also spoke of peoples concerns because of the “apparent secrecy” surrounding the deal.

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

The PCC update and SNT reports had been circulated. RS gave a brief report on the November 22 and December 22 crime statistics for the parish.

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

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

NPTS; Newsletters

Norfolk ALC; Newsletters and “stay warm” information.

National ALC; Chief Execs Bulletins.

Hornsea Three; Information events coming up

Rural Servs Network; Rural cost of living survey.

Police; Priorities for Sheringham area.

NNDC; Coastal Adaption Supp. Planning Document.

Planning Inspectorate; Timetable re SEP/DEP hearings.

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, 8th March, 2023 - 7pm.

The Clerk hoped to have all the relevant information and nomination packs for parish councillors who wished to stand for re-election on 4th May, 2023.