

BEESTON REGIS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 9th March, 2022 at Scout HQ, Cromer Rd., Beeston Regis. – 7pm.

Covid 19 – At the request of the Chairman the previous restrictions and guidelines were in place

Present: M.Knowles (Chair), R.Smith, S.Kent, D.Thompson, M.Wright, N.Wright, C.Goodwin, R.Beckley, and the Clerk.

Prior to the meeting the Chair referred to the recent sad announcement of the death of Cllr.Geoff Dyson. He had been a parish councillor for many years and his input would be missed. There was a minute's silence in memory of Geoff.

1a. To receive and consider apologies

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

1b. To receive Declarations of Interest on agenda items

No interests declared.

1c. To note and receive update re vacancies.

The Clerk announced that clearance had been received from NNDC Electoral Services to co-opt a new member following the recent resignation. An advert regarding this vacancy and asking for people interested in becoming a councillor to contact the Chair or Clerk would be placed on the notice boards and website. (there had already been an expression of interest from a parishioner living in Church Close).The second vacancy (re GD) had been notified to NNDC and would follow the same procedure.

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

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

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

No members of the public present.

4. Finance:

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

P.Bullimore £455.36 (net salary,) R.Smith £10.00 (Daisy Gn. plants),

HMRC £33.60 (tax on salary), P.Bullimore £51.37 (clerks exps),

West Runton Scouts £100.00 (hire of hall/room)

*** The above payments, as scheduled on the agenda, plus one other payment, were approved. (Prop: DT, Sec: CG). The other payment was in the sum of £75.00 payable to I.Allen in respect of mole catching off Britons Lane near the village sign. The reconciled bank balances were as follows :- A/C 10162132 £2,180.71 and A/C 10162140 £9,444.55. – Noted.

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

The new contract price of £70 per cut was noted (increase of £5).

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/22/0460; Erection of stone pillars; Mont St.Michel, Sheringwood.**
It was agreed to object to this application on the grounds that it was not in keeping with the AONB and referred the Planning Dept. to a similar application for an adjacent property (PF/07/1333). (Prop: RB, Sec: MW).

(d) **EF/22/0350; To note consultation re solar panel; Briarwood ,S'Wood.**
Duly noted.

(m) **To consider PCs responsibilities re the AONB.**
Considered at 5(c).

6. Highways/Footpath matters.

(a) **To receive update re the Sheringham to Cromer Cycleway Project.**
The Clerk was instructed to write enquiring of further progress.

(b) **To receive update re Tree Planting Scheme at Church Field.**
RB informed members that this project had been agreed for the autumn (5th/6th Nov) and could be removed from the agenda for the time being.

(c) **To receive update re Public Rights of Way Cutting Agreement with NCC.**
Agreement now in operation and could be removed from the agenda.

The Chair spoke briefly regarding the new signs that should reduce traffic on Britons Lane. He also referred to a parishioner's email regarding hedges encroaching on the highway which he had dealt with. RB spoke briefly on his action to prevent a classic car rally using Britons Lane.

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

The Clerk referred to the Norfolk Coastal Forum on 2/3/22 (via zoom) and the Sheringham Shoal exhibition on 10/3/22 (Sheringham Museum 11 – 4pm). The Chair hoped to attend the latter. CG spoke of a SNAP meeting on 17/2/22 but had nothing significant to report.

8. To receive update re Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

RB reported he had arranged a meeting with the school tomorrow to discuss plans for the concert . He hoped to have a draft programme for members consideration at the next meeting. He was also looking at a beacon/bonfire at the holiday park which had been registered on the Queen's Pageantmasters website.

9. To receive update re the creation of a pollination hub at Daisy Green.

RS had created the hub and had been reimbursed for the plants. This could now be removed from the agenda.

10. Local Council Award Scheme & Governance

(a) To appoint trustee to the Hooke Charity

RB reported that two trustees had died but he thought it would be best to carry this matter forward to the next meeting because the existing trustees would probably be meeting in early April.

11. To receive reports from District & County Councillors

***J.Oliver (NCC) had submitted a written report which had been circulated to members. It referred to the following :- (a) new recycling centre (b) update re covid from Norfolk & Waveney Health (c) Fire & Rescue; marking equality and womens rights (d) highway funding (e) NCC Budget; 2.99% increase in share of council tax. (f) link between county and local councils (g) activities for youngsters over the easter break.

*** S.Butikofer (NNDC) had submitted a written report today and it referred to (a) 2nd homes tax loopholes; tighter rules (b) free membership to Visit North Norfolk (c) Environment Agency announcement re quality bathing water (d) increase in NNDC car parking charges (e) contract for Cromer Pier theatre contract (f) NNDC Budget; £4.95 up for a band D property. (g) consultation just closed re the N.Nfk Local Plan.

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

Newsletter and PCC updates continue to be received.

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

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

- (a) Norfolk CAB; re recruitment of volunteers (b) NALC; newsletters and summer conference on 6/7/22 (c) NCC; update re the Western Link (d) Oulton PC, Alison Shaw; offshore windfarm update plus a copy of the Secretary of State's letter.

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

No public present.

15. To confirm date of next meeting.

This was agreed for Wednesday, 13th April, 2022. (7pm)

RB requested the Deep History Coast Marathon be placed on the agenda.