

BEESTON REGIS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 12th April, 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.Roffe, D.Thompson, M.Butt, S.Kent, N.Wright, C.Goodwin, R.Beckley, I.Hudson, and the Clerk.

1a. To receive and consider apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr.M.Wright. Apologies were also received from J.Oliver (NCC).

1b. To receive Declarations of Interest on agenda items

None received.

2. To approve the minutes of meeting held 8/3/23.

The minutes, which had already been circulated, were accepted as a true record. (Prop: DT, 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), NPTS £125.00 (Sub 2023/24),

HMRC £25.40 (tax on salary), P.Bullimore £50.33 (clerks exps).

NALC £256.31 (Sub 2023/24), Secret Gardens £120.00 (Sign cleaning)

GWR.Beckley £124.95 (new notice board), P.Bullimore £516.25 (Hol.pay)

*** The above payments, as scheduled on the agenda, were approved (Prop: DT, Sec: IH). The reconciled bank balances were as follows :- A/C 10162132 £1,647.90 and A/C 10162140 £10,004.39.

(b) To note update regarding the electricity supply contract.

The Chair updated members stating that a deal with SSE had been accepted. This was a contract for two years and was better than the previous deal with NPower. This would cost the PC approx. £2,100 per year and was within budget. This was noted and agreed by members.

(c) To note & consider the Insurance Pre-Renewal Questionnaire.

RB reported to members and referred to increased values of assets and other matters in the pre-renewal questionnaire. The Chair read the members insurance declaration which all members and officials had to read and sign re criminal offences, CCJ's, bankruptcies etc.. This would be dealt with in strictest confidence by the Clerk and formed part of the pre-renewal procedure. RB would update members further at the next meeting before the renewal date of 1/6/23.

5. Planning:

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

The following were noted :- PF/23/0047; Extn at 97, Church Lane (approved) and PF/23/0135; Brick/Flint walls at 2 – 3 Beeston Hall Cottages (approved).

(b) To consider planning applications received since agenda printed

None received.

(c) To note the PC's response to PF/23/0507; Extension at 49, Regis Avenue

This application was dealt with under the "Between meetings planning policy" and resulted in "no objections" from the PC.

(d) FUL/2023/0005; To note news re new Recycling Centre.

The PC response had been submitted (see detail in March 23 minutes – 5d, and the NCC Planning Portal) and the Clerk drew members attention to "serious concerns" quoted in the press from NNDC., CPRE., and the Norfolk Coast Partnership. The Chair stated that this application had a "long way to go".

(m) To consider PCs responsibilities re the AONB.

Duly considered at 5d.

6. Highways/Footpath matters.

(a) To receive update re NCC. Highways Parish P'Ship Scheme, 2023/24.

A formal offer had been received from NCC regarding the Britons Lane Gateways Scheme (funding = NCC £1,000 and Local Members contribution £1,000). The acceptance forms had been duly signed by the Chair and the Clerk was awaiting further news from the NCC Design Officers who will progress this matter.

(b) To note new notice board (northern end of Abbey Park)

The old board was beyond repair and RB arranged for W.Peverill to erect a new post and board. (see payment at 4a).

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

CG reported on a SNAP meeting where most of the discussion was in respect of alcohol problems in Sheringham.

It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting would follow the usual format and commence at 6.30pm before the next PC meeting on 10th May.

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

The Merchant Navy Day event would be on 3rd September.

RB was still investigating the possibility of a Beacon ceremony on 7th May.

9. To receive update and promote Local Govmt.Elections in May, 2023.

The Clerk reminded members that there would be no parish council election on 4th May as there were 11 accepted nominations for 11 seats. (this included two new councillors).

10. Governance:

(a) To review the Code of Conduct.

After a brief discussion comparing the current code with that of NNDC's it was agreed to give this more consideration and carry the matter forward to the next agenda.

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 :- (a) New bus service to Norwich (b) the Big Norfolk Holiday Fund (part of Government's holiday activities) (c) after three seasons 201k trees had been planted in Norfolk (d) first apprentices had completed their degree courses as part of the Social Work Apprenticeship Scheme.

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

The PCC information continues to be circulated.

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

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

NCC: Annual Report, Flood Alliance Meeting on Coastal Erosion, Ukrain update

S.Betts: Offshore Windfarm Update.

Nflk ALC: Various updates

J.Oliver: Coronation Newsletter

NNDC: Coronation Update and Planning Appeal letter re land nr Recycling Centre

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

No members of the public present.

15. To confirm date of next meeting.

The Annual Parish Council Meeting was confirmed for 10th May, 2023 and would follow the Annual Parish Meeting which would start at 6.30pm.