

BEESTON REGIS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wed., 14th June, 2023, at Scout HQ, Cromer Rd., Beeston Regis. – (7pm)

Present: R.Beckley (Chair), R.Smith, P.Thorogate, S.Kent, M.Wright, N.Wright, C.Goodwin, N.Wylde, M.Butt, I.Hudson, and the Clerk. Also present were four members of the public.

1a. To receive and consider apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr.M.Knowles. Apologies were also received from J.Oliver (NCC) and K.Toye (NNDC).

1b. To receive Declarations of Interest on agenda items

None received.

2. To approve the minutes of meeting held 10/5/23.

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

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

No requests to speak on agenda items.

4. Finance:

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

P.Bullimore £416.90 (net sal), Community Heartbeat Trust £130.74 (defib. pads)
HMRC £25.60 (tax on salary), P.Bullimore £45.75 (clerks exps).

Secret Gardens £225.00 (grass), G.W.R.Beckley £22.76 (B/Regis domain names)

*** The above payments, as scheduled on the agenda, plus two other payments, were approved (Prop: MW, Sec: SK). The other payments were as follows :- S.Meakin £110.00 (Internal Audit fee) and W.Peverill £230.00 (footpath maintenance etc). The reconciled bank balances were as follows :- A/C 10162132 £2,910.24 and A/C 10162140 £11,254.39.

(b) To note/consider the Internal Audit Report (31.3.23)

A satisfactory internal audit report was noted.

(c) To approve the Governance Statement “

Duly approved and signed by Chair (Prop: SK, Sec: RS)

(d) To approve the Accounting Statement “

Duly approved and signed by Chair (Prop: SK, Sec: RS)

(e) To consider S.A. Exemption for the year “

The application for S.A. Exemption from External Audit was agreed.

(Prop: SK, Sec: RS).

All the necessary returns would be displayed on the notice board and website, with the exemption certificate being sent to PKF. Littlejohn.

5. Planning:

(a) To note decisions/information received from NNDC/NCC 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 but the Chair referred members to the NCC Planning Portal where comments on the consultation had been posted. This matter would be carried forward to the next agenda.

(m) To consider PCs responsibilities re the AONB.

Nothing to consider.

6. Highways/Footpath matters.

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

The Britons Lane Gateway Project was now in the hands of the NCC Design Team and the Clerk was hopeful that the work would be completed soon. He reminded them that the wording (“Beeston Regis – Please Drive Slowly”) would be placed on the gateways.

(b) To consider speed and access on Britons Lane

The Clerk informed members that the NCC Highways Engineer had stated there was no chance that a 20mph zone could be introduced on Britons Lane as it did not meet the current criteria. He did however state that Government were currently looking at 20mph zones for all villages although this was well into the future. Pedestrian Zones had resulted in the same negative response being given to the Clerk. Discussion followed regarding weight limits of vehicles using Britons Lane and the Clerk would seek clarification on this.

(c) To consider dealing with moles on Daisy Green

The Chair informed members that the contractor had cut Daisy Green and so a decision did not have to be made. This would be removed from the agenda.

(d) To consider large increase of Alexander Plants in the parish.

The Clerk informed members that having spoken to the NCC Highways Engineer there seemed little chance of any action being taken. This was mainly a coastal problem and the Highways Environment Team were monitoring the situation. The Chair reminded members that the plant could be eaten and produced many recipes for their information.

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

RS reported on his attendance at the Marine Conservation Zone meeting where new fishing by-laws were discussed and a suggestion that recreational fishing would have to be paid for. RS also reported on the Walking and Cycling Project, which was via Zoom, and was largely disappointing because much was focussed on the simpler schemes in city/urban areas and not in rural areas with problems such as the A149.

8. To arrange a village litter pick.

This was arranged for Monday, 10th July at 6pm with members meeting at the Britons Lane car park. Sacks and hi-viz jackets would be provided but members were requested to bring their own gloves.

9. To arrange a further footpaths inspection.

The appropriate forms to be completed were provided by MK and would be distributed at the end of the meeting (members to report back to the next meeting)

10. Governance:

(a) To consider councillors training for the coming year.

The Clerk referred to the NPTS course “Induction for Councillors”. The cost per head was approx.. £50 and it was a one day course. After discussion the Clerk was asked to find out if a local group training session could be organised.

11. To receive reports from District & County Councillors

*** K.Toye (NNDC) had completed her first month as a councillor and wanted to be available to local people. She reported on NNDC joining the UK 100 (organisation fighting climate change) and The Reef in Sheringham being shortlisted for a planning award.

*** J.Oliver (NCC) had submitted a written report which had been circulated. It referred to :- (a) Phase 2 of the Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan (b) NCC/Health Board together in providing integrated common services for equipment in the home (c) £2 bus fare scheme extended to October, 2023 (d) NCC have decided on a corporate delivery plan for next year (e) Update re decarbonisation of council’s buildings (f) Report on the work of Trading Standards (g) Update on Energy Bills Support Vouchers.

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

PCC Bulletins still circulating to members.

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

The following had been circulated via the Chair since the last meeting :-

Hornsea 3: Consultation Summary re Community Fund

B.Regis Church : Notice re Wild Church event on 11/6/23.

SEP/DEP: Various updates.

Norfolk ALC: Nomination for NALC Rep., Cycling/Walking event, and updates.

Nat. ALC: Various updates including “Parish UK”.

PCC: Update/News Round-up.

RB reported he had been dealing with parishioners concerns re the mobile library.

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

A parishioner expressed concerns re the hedge on Daisy Green adjacent to the entrance to the common. The Chair said that this would be dealt with after the end of the bird nesting season.

RS brought to the attention of members the problems of a blind person living in the parish (problems crossing the A149 on a return journey from Sheringham). PT volunteered to assist with taxi rides and RB suggested the use of the Community Bus which provided a door to door service.

15. To confirm date of next meeting.

This was confirmed for Wednesday, 12th July, 2023 - 7pm.