

BEESTON REGIS PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 11th August, 2021
at the Scout HQ, Cromer Rd., Beeston Regis. – 7pm.**

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

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

1a. To receive and consider apologies

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

1b. To receive Declarations of Interest on agenda items

None declared.

2. To approve the minutes of meeting held 14/7/21.

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

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:

W.Peverill £175.00 (footpath work), P.Bullimore £370.50 (net salary,)
HMRC £33.60 (tax on salary), P.Bullimore £48.85 (clerks exps),
Secret Gardens £195.00 (grass cuts), NNDC £873.60 (dog bin emptying),
M & M Business Servs. £20.00 (replacement of lost cheque).

*** The above payments, as scheduled on the agenda, were approved. (Prop: DT,
Sec: SK). The reconciled bank balances were as follows :- A/C 10162132 £7,806.17
and A/C 10162140 £3,194.28. – Noted.

5. Planning:

(a) To note decisions/information received from NNDC/NCC.

Nothing received. It was noted that decisions re PF/21/0584 and PF/21/1235 were still outstanding with NNDC.

(b) To consider planning applications received since agenda printed

None received.

(c) PF/21/1913; Extensions & Outbuilding at 9, Britons Lane Close.

Following enquiries being made regarding the type of salon applied for and parking provision, it was agreed no objections to this application. (Prop: DT, Sec: RS).

(m) To consider PCs responsibilities re the AONB.

Nothing to consider.

6. Highways/Footpath matters.

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

An email stating that BRPC would like to work with Cromer TC on this project had been sent, but there was no further news since the last meeting.

(b) To further consider NCC Highways Partnership Scheme 2022/23.

Agreed to carry forward to the next meeting.

(c) To receive update re inspectn. of parish footpaths & public rights of way.

Members, who had agreed to carry out the inspection, had returned their reports to the Chairman. At the Chair's suggestion it was agreed to budget next year for what was considered "emergency work" on footpaths when NCC were unable to carry out this out.

(d) To receive update re Britons Lane hedge.

After much delay the hedge had been cut and the path was now safer for pedestrians. The Chair summarised what had happened over the past weeks and said that members would need to monitor the situation in the future and he would continue his dialogue with the County Councillor.

(e) To receive update re Tree Planting Scheme around Beeston Regis church.

RB stated that planting had been agreed with NNDC for the approaches to the church and alongside the church field, with trees on order for the autumn. The caravan park had been made aware of the scheme and the scouts had been asked if they wished to be involved with the project. This was noted and members also agreed that RS plants a silver birch on Daisy Green that had been gifted to the parish.

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

The Clerk announced a virtual event organised by the Norfolk & Suffolk Forum in conjunction with the Anglian Regional Flood Committee on 7/10/21. An email would be circulated to members with further details. The Chair reported on his attendance at the Equinor Seminar regarding offshore windfarms and stated that an Offshore Transmission Network appeared to be a non-starter for the immediate future. A working group had been considering this matter but it appeared that the present system of laying individual cables would need to continue in order to meet government targets. Overall he thought that it was the lack of central government planning that had created the situation and the companies concerned, along with the national grid, were doing their best to meet targets and demand.

8. Hooke Charity: To note appointment of new trustees.

The following trustees had been appointed :- M.Knowles (BRPC), M.Ashcroft (Sheringham TC), and J.Sykes (Vicar).

9. To receive update re Textile Bank in the parish.

The Clerk had obtained permission from Victory Housing (Flagship) to place a textile bank in the south-east corner of the Britons Lane car park. An application for a textile bank had been submitted to NNDC on 20/7/21 and the Clerk had been informed verbally by NNDC Environmental Health that "we had a fair chance of getting one".

10. Local Council Award Scheme & Governance

(a) To review & consider the following (as circulated) :- Complaints Procedure, Guidance for PC Disciplinary Procedure, and Grievance Procedure.

All three procedures were agreed and adopted. The website would be updated accordingly (Prop: DT, Sec: GD).

(b) To note Parish Council Newsletter.

The Chair informed members that he had completed the newsletter which was dominated by the Annual Report and the Accounts. Members agreed to distribute these to all households a.s.a.p.

11. To receive reports from District & County Councillors

*** J.Oliver (NCC) had submitted a written report which was circulated to members on 9/8/21. It referred to (a) £5 billion government funding for Rural Broadband (b) “one-step” greener ambassadors; appointments (c) meeting with NCC Highways Engineer re dropped kerbs and Primary School parking (d) Cromer Rd. drain cover (e) a car free day on 19/9/21; give up your car for a day (f) work on developing the Norfolk film industry and (g) advice from Nfk Fire & Rescue re recalling of various products.

*** S.Butikofer (NNDC) had requested comments regarding the temporary car park in Beeston Regis to alleviate parking problems in Sheringham. It was agreed that the Chair replies expressing concerns for what appeared to be a poor take-up by visitors and possible problems with signage.

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

Cluster Newsletters and the Police and Crime Commissioner updates continue to be circulated.

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

The following had been circulated via the Chairman :- (a) NALC Wellbeing: notices and briefings, affordable housing guide, Safer Norfolk Plan, Better Together Newsletter (b) Police & Crime Commissioner: invite to submit questions to PCC, July update, further email re PCC Consultation (c) Norfolk ALC: Bulletin and survey on mobile phone coverage (d) Equinor: response to the PC Group letter (e) NCC Highways: notice re Rangers visit (f) Norfolk Coast Partnership: update.

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

No members of the public in attendance.

15. To confirm date of next meeting.

Wednesday, 8th September, 2021 (7pm). The Chair still had delegated powers to revert back to the “Delegation Scheme” if Government guidelines changed. Agreed.

RB asked members to note Merchant Navy Day Ceremony on 3/9/21 – 10.45am.