

MINUTES of the BEESTON REGIS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Wednesday, 11th May, 2022. – 6.30pm.
The Scout HQ, Cromer Rd., Beeston Regis
(near West Runton Railway Bridge)

PRESENT: M.Knowles (Chair), Cllrs. R.Smith, M.Roffe, S.Kent, M.Wright, N.Wright, R.Beckley, C.Goodwin, and the Clerk. Also present were J.Oliver (NCC) and three members of the public.

1. CHAIRMANS WELCOME & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and received apologies from Cllrs. D.Thompson and I.Hudson.

2. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 21/5/21.

The minutes were accepted as a true record (Prop: MR, Sec: MW).

3. CHAIRMANS ANNUAL REPORT

M.Knowles was pleased to report that face to face meetings were again part of routine and he hoped Zoom was consigned to the past for the PC. His report referred to the following :- (a) Long standing member G.Dyson had sadly passed away and S.Anderson had resigned. (b) the PC had co-opted and welcomed Ian Hudson as a new member in the past year (c) He thanked all councillors for their contributions over the last twelve months with special thanks to his Vice-Chair Roy Beckley who had been his stalwart self (d) Financial matters :- 2021/22 and 2022/23 Precept would remain at £12.5k working out at approx. 50p per household per week (this was the same as when he first took the chair eleven years ago).. BRPC is well below the average precept in the NNDC table of figures.....We still receive grants towards grass cutting and sign cleaning from Norfolk CC and a contract is now in place for a Delegation Agreement regarding footpath maintenance.....He pointed out that electricity costs were sure to rise in 2023 and referred to the bus shelter cleaning and vehicle activated sign movements that had been brought “in-house”.....as usual a copy of the full accounts would be in the next edition of the Beeston Regis Newsletter. (e) Cllr.R.Smith had monitored the defibrillator in Britons Lane and had also created a pollination hub at Daisy Green (f) Liaison meetings with the quarry had been very positive resulting in many new road signs which would hopefully divert some traffic away from Britons Lane (g) Planning Applications had been studied during the year with the most significant application being the renovation of Beeston Hall Farm (yet to be decided by NNDC) (h) the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Concert would be on 26th May at Beeston Hall School and again thanks go to Roy Beckley for

pushing this forward. (i) There would be a lighting of a Beacon on 2nd June and a N.Nfk Classic Vehicle Club show on the field in the afternoon of 1st June. As always the PC is here to assist parishioners whenever possible.

M.Roffe gave a vote of thanks to the Chair for all his work in the past year.

4. PARISH MATTERS (members of the public questions & comments)

No matters raised.

5. OTHER REPORTS

J.Oliver (NCC) had provided a written report for the meeting regarding the NCC. year. It referred to the following :- (a) £464m Net Revenue Budget for 2022/23 (an increase of £25m on last year). (b) Litter Pickers can now use recycling centres to deposit bags (c) £29m for pothole prevention work (d) A new £1.9m Norwich South recycling centre opened (e) Fire & Rescue Awards (f) NCC wins national award for its work with the armed forces (g) Plan to tackle Adult Social Cares winter pressures (h) Agreed support for the new local Health & Wellbeing Partnerships (i) Strengthening Community Resilience (j) Flood Reserve Fund agreed (k) Strategic Flood Alliance adopts strategy (l) Community groups awarded £1m in Norfolk (m) Partnership to provide Covid19 recovery support for Nfk. (n) Faster Broadband for Nfk (Govmt funding) (o) New support for vulnerable young people (p) Free activities for young people over Easter (q) Free on-line summer school for 16 – 25 year olds ® Thousands of new school places (s) Inspectors praise for in-care childrens support (t) Carbon cutting central to new Transport Plan (u) Tripling the number of roadside nature reserves (v) Boosting cycling and walking across Norfolk

The Chair thanked Judy Oliver for her thorough annual report.

6. DONATION REQUESTS

Citizens Advice Norfolk had written requesting financial assistance. It was agreed to refer this to the next PC meeting for consideration following a positive response

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Roy Beckley gave a report on the Hooke Charity which had a capital value of approx. £150k and around £15k available for distribution. This had been set up to assist the poor in the parish. The wording of the deed was being reviewed.

Judy Oliver (NCC) referred to a “one stop helpline” which would direct people to the correct place regarding help with finance, health, etc.. She also spoke re the numerous road works as NCC Highways worked hard to prevent potholes (preventative mtce).

