

BEESTON REGIS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wed., 21st August, 2024, at Scout HQ, Cromer Rd., Beeston Regis. – 7pm

**** BRPC duly considers its responsibilities re the AONB and the Biodiversity Protocol in all matters where applicable.**

Present: M.Knowles (Chair), M.Wright, N.Wright, C.Goodwin, I.Hudson, R.Beckley, and the Clerk. Also present were three members of the public.

1a. To receive and consider apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs.M.Butt, P.Thorogate, and R.Smith. Apologies were also received from K.Toye (NNDC).

1b. To receive Declarations of Interest on agenda items

I.Hudson declared an interest in 5(b).

1c. To receive update re vacancies and consider co-option

A letter and CV from Janice McPhail had been circulated to members and after an introduction by the Chair, followed by a brief discussion, it was agreed to co-opt JM (Prop: MK, Sec: MW). JM duly signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined other members. The Clerk asked her to complete her Register of Interests forms online in the next 28 days. The Chair welcomed JM and the Clerk would notify NNDC Electoral Services of the co-option

2. To approve the minutes of meeting held 10/7/24..

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

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

A parishioner spoke re the lack of community events etc. in the parish and the need for more of a community spirit. The “small but interesting” logo on the bus shelter was referred to but she questioned what was interesting. The Chair referred to a telephone conversation he had with this parishioner and was enthusiastic about trying to move things forward. He referred to a coffee morning recently started in a neighbouring parish which was now fairly successful. The Scout HQ was a perfectly good building for many purposes although it is on the outskirts of the village adjacent to the eastern boundary. The Chair asked the parishioner to make further enquiries and report back to the parish council who he thought would give her its support.

4. Finance:

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

P.Bullimore £423.90 (net salary), Secret Gardens £192.00 (grass cutting)

HMRC £48.60 (tax on salary), P.Bullimore £40.75 (clerks exps),

NNDC £1093.92 (dog bin emptying 2024/25)

*** The above payments, as scheduled on the agenda, were approved (Prop: MW, Sec: IH). The reconciled bank balances were as follows :- A/C 10162132 £3046.20, and A/C 10162140 £9738.17.

(b) To consider a future Electricity Contract.

The Chair had received a phone call from a broker who explained that we could extend the current electricity supply contract in the near future and it could be cheaper than the existing contract currently with SSE. It would not be possible to schedule this matter on an agenda due to the volatility and changes to the market sometimes on a daily basis. It was agreed to give delegated authority to the Chair and Clerk to deal with this matter in the interests of the council as and when necessary, and report back to the council accordingly. (Prop: IH, Sec: MW).

5. Planning:

(a) To note decisions/information received from NNDC since last update PF/24/1240; Garage/Car Port at Fox Hill, Sheringwood; approved 20/8/24.

(b) To consider planning applications received since agenda printed PF/24/1481; Conservatory at The Cottage, Church Close.

It was agreed no objections to this application (Prop: RB, Sec: MW).

(c) To note & consider Section 106 Agreement re Beeston Hall Barns.

The Chair and Vice-Chair were still looking at a project to put before councillors but were having difficulties identifying the land owners. Members were reminded of the £8k plus deposited with NNDC for an “Open Spaces” project.

6. Highways/Footpaths/Asset Management

(a) To receive update re the Britons Lane hedge

Problems still existed in spite of NCC Highways having written to the land owner. It was agreed the Chair would meet the Highways Engineer on site to try and resolve this matter.

(b) To consider the NCC Highways Partnership Scheme for 2025/26

The Clerk stated that the scheme was very similar to that of previous years. He would circulate further details and place the matter on the next agenda.

7. Meetings & Conferences (receive reports and announcements)

NNDC Community Connectors held a meeting at the The Reef on 9/8/24. The subject matter was “Nature Connections”.

No new announcements.

8. To receive reports from County & District Councillors

No reports received this month.

9. To further consider arrangements for :- (a) Merchant Navy Day on 1/9/24 and (b) Celebration of 625th Anniversary of Beeston becoming a “Regis”.

(a) RB had given details regarding the arrangements at last month’s meeting and hoped members would support this ceremony (b) RB stated that the anniversary occurs on 13th October and he planned to have a lighting of the beacon following on from a Hymns & Pimms Service. He hoped again for members support and stated that he was hoping to publish a commemorative book of interesting facts about Beeston Regis to celebrate the occasion.

10. Governance:

(a) To receive update re the next Newsletter.

The Chair stated that he had started a draft and hoped it would be available for members to distribute following the September meeting.

(b) To receive update re councillors training.

The Clerk announced that the second phase of NPTS training would take place at Morston Village Hall on 8th October at 7pm. It was hoped members would support this event.

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

Nothing to report.

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

Various emails had been circulated via the Chairman in the past month :-
National ALC Bulletins, Norfolk ALC Bulletins, Newsletter from Healthwatch Norfolk, R.Pearson – Pylon updates, NNDC – Consultation re Housing Allocation Scheme, NPTS – Updates, Information re campaign to save Benjamin Court, and Norfolk Community Foundation – “State of Norfolk Bulletin”.

A thank you letter had been received from “Help for Heroes” re the donation of £300

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

See item 3a. The parishioner had nothing further to add.

14. To confirm date of next meeting.

This was confirmed for Wednesday, 11th September, 2024 - 7pm