

BEESTON REGIS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wed., 10th January, 2024, 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.Butt, M.Wright, N.Wright, C.Goodwin, R.Beckley, I.Hudson, and the Clerk.

1a. To receive and consider apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. P.Thorogate and S.Kent. Cllr N.Wylde had written to state he would not be attending. 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 13/12/23.

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

3a 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:

P.Bullimore £423.90 (net salary)

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

*** The above payments, as scheduled on the agenda, plus one other payment, were approved (Prop: MW, Sec: IH). The other payment was in the sum of £61.94 payable to W.Peverill for notice board repairs. The reconciled bank balances were as follows :- A/C 10162132 £6,213.09 and A/C 10162140 £7,676.00.

(b) To further consider Budget and agree the Precept for 2024/25.

Following on from last month's discussion, when the draft budget and other information had been circulated, the Chair stated that it appeared to be just a question of if the precept needed to be increased, and by how much, to build up reserves for the future replacement of the LEDs. Members decided to increase the precept by £1,500 and it was agreed that the Clerk notifies NNDC that the precept for 2024/25 would be £14,000 (Prop: RS, Sec: IH).

5. Planning:

(a) To note decisions/information received from NNDC since last update PF/23/2522; Outbuilding at Wykeham, Britons Lane was approved.

(b) To consider planning applications received since agenda printed
None received.

(c) FUL/2023/0005; To receive further update re the new Recycling Centre
Following coverage in the press it would appear that there would be a further consultation by Norfolk CC when the PC could respond again on this matter.

(d) PF/23/2621; Extensions & Alterations to 10, Hillside Road.

Members had concerns regarding this application with MW questioning the need for a second floor and CG stating that it had no resemblance to nearby properties. RB pointed out that there was much useful advice on the pre-planning advice issued. After discussion it was agreed that the PC objects as the proposed extensions and external alterations do not conform to and are contrary to the design requirements of policies EN2 (Protection and enhancement of landscape and settlement character), EN4 (Design), and HO8 (House extensions in the countryside) of the North Norfolk Core Strategy. (Prop: RB, Sec: RS).

(m) To consider PCs responsibilities re the AONB.

Duly considered.

6. Highways/Footpath matters.

(a) To note SAM2 sign needing inspection and possible repairs.

NW had reported a problem with the sign to the Clerk and it had been agreed the sign should be returned to Westcotec Ltd for inspection and possible repair

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

CG stated that he would be attending a SNAP meeting tomorrow night.

8. To consider Affordable Housing in the parish.

The Clerk reminded members of the previous planning application submitted by Hastoe Housing in 2017. The possibility of finding another exception site seemed unlikely and it was agreed to remove this matter from the agenda.

9. To further consider D'Day 80 celebrations

RB had nothing further to report with the main plans being summarised in the October, 2023 minutes

10. Governance:

(a) To receive update re the parish council newsletter.

The Chair had published a newsletter and the distribution to all households by councillors was agreed.

(b) To consider the new Biodiversity Policy.

It was agreed to adopt the Biodiversity Policy as circulated to members on 3/1/24. (Prop: MK, Sec: IH). This would now be posted to the PC website.

11. To receive reports from District & County Councillors

** J.Oliver (NCC) had submitted a written report which had been circulated to members. Topics covered were (a) Modernisation of Fire & Recue buildings (b) Short breaks for children with disabilities (c) Proposal re the number of preferences a parent can have re school admission (d) New Years Resolutions; various information (e) Update re DIY waste at rubbish tips.

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

PCC information continues to be received. RS had no crime statistics to report.

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

The Chair referred to an email sent to members regarding a formal complaint against the PC (3/1/24). He stated that the complainant, who was also a member, had been

informed that this had been forwarded to the NNDC Monitoring Officer as per the parish council's own procedure and as per "The Good Councillors Guide" and NALC. An email had been received from NNDC (Principal Solicitor & Deputy Monitoring Officer) dated 9/1/24 stating that "it is a complaint generally about the whole Parish Council" and "this falls outside the jurisdiction of the standards regime and should be addressed in accordance with the PC's internal policies and procedure". Members agreed that the Clerk should write to the complainant informing them that they would be hearing from the Chair in due course.

Various emails had been circulated by the Chair during the past month from Norfolk ALC., National ALC., CPRE., and Parish On-Line.

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

No members of the public in attendance.

No other comments.

15. To confirm date of next meeting.

This was confirmed for Wednesday, 14th February, 2024. (7pm)