

BEESTON REGIS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 9th February, 2022 at Scout HQ, Cromer Rd., Beeston Regis. – 7pm.

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

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

1a. To receive and consider apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from M.Knowles and G.Dyson. Apologies were also received from J.Oliver (NCC) and S.Butikofer (NNDC).

The Clerk informed members that S.Anderson had resigned and NNDC Electoral Services had been notified accordingly. This matter will appear on the next agenda when the Clerk will update members.

1b. To receive Declarations of Interest on agenda items

No interests declared..

2. To approve the minutes of meeting held 12/1/22.

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

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:

P.Bullimore £370.50 (net salary,) Norfolk A2Z £80.00 (re B/Regis.org),

HMRC £33.60 (tax on salary), P.Bullimore £48.25 (clerks exps),

T.T.Jones Electrical £54.82 (shading street light)

*** The above payments, as scheduled on the agenda, plus one other payment were approved (Prop: MR, Sec: MW). The other payment was in the sum of £40.00 payable to GWR.Beckley for reimbursement of money paid to the maintenance contractor for work on footpaths etc. The reconciled bank balances were as follows :- A/C 10162132 £2,836.36 and A/C 10162140 £9,444.55. – Noted.

(b) To consider request for financial assistance from Citizens Advice Nfk.

Further information had been received but it was agreed to place this matter on the agenda at the Annual Parish Meeting in May.

5. Planning:

(a) To note decisions/information received from NNDC since last update

PF/21/3246; Change of use; Annexe at two Pines, Sheringwood; Withdrawn 18/1/22.

RV/21/2892; Variation re Roof Lights; Field Fare, Church Cl; Approved 28/1/22.

(b) To consider planning applications received since agenda printed

None received.

(c) PF/21/2942; Beeston Hall Farm; Conversion & Building of res.dwellings

The Clerk had circulated all plans and information to members in paper form which had been supplied by NNDC. MK and RB had drafted a response and circulated this to members prior to the meeting which was broadly in favour of the application but subject to certain reservations. They also reminded members of the “fallback position” in that the applicant had consent to planning application PF/14/0641 which could still be built. Following discussion the Chair’s draft response was agreed (Prop: DT, Sec: RS). The PC’s full response can be seen on the NNDC Planning Portal but in summary the PC was broadly in favour of this application, but with reservations/concerns. These were (a) the possible urbanisation of the site (the PC would like to see the conditions imposed previously, brought forward to this application) (b) motorised traffic (c) disappointment that there is no contribution for affordable housing in the application (d) urgent concerns re the drainage of the site and (e) a desire that public access to the registered Beeston Hall Common might be considered giving a community gain in the absence of affordable housing.

(d) To consider the North Norfolk Local Plan.

It was agreed not to comment on the plan with Beeston Regis having the same status as in the past. RB would enquire why Church Close was included with Runton for planning purposes.

(m) To consider PCs responsibilities re the AONB.

Duly considered.

6. Highways/Footpath matters.

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

No further news re this project.

(b) Update re Aylmerton Public Path Diversion Order (south east of parish

The Chair had sent a letter as agreed supporting the diversion order.

(c) To receive update re Tree Planting Scheme at Church Field.

RB to follow this matter up with the scouts and NNDC.

(d) To receive update re Public Rights of Way Cutting Agreement with NCC.

The agreement had now been signed and was in operation.

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

The Clerk announced (a) NPTS Spring Seminar on 31/3/22 (b) Quarry Liaison Group meeting proposed for 20th or 21st April (c) NALC various countryside webinars. RS reported on the Environment Action Group and the Marine Conservation Zone meeting.

8. To receive update re Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

RB spoke of the webinar on 12/1/22 and plans in the pipeline (creation of new walks and a sing-a-long at the Royal Norfolk Show). Referring to BRPC plans he stated that he was still to meet with the school but he had been in discussions with the Cromer & Sheringham Brass Band regarding the planned concert.

9. To receive update re the creation of a pollination hub at Daisy Green.

RS reported that he had purchased the plants which were now in the new hub and which he hoped could be linked with the Platinum Jubilee. He would submit a small bill for reimbursement.

10. Local Council Award Scheme & Governance

(a) To review Training.

All members had received basic training and it was agreed not to book any further courses in the immediate future.

11. To receive reports from District & County Councillors

J.Oliver (NCC) had submitted a written report which was circulated to members. It referred to (a) Deal for Norfolk (levelling up) (b) Sheringham Re-cycling Centre (c) Environment workshops (d) Coastal path closure (e) Social care training/jobs (f) illegal e-cigarettes (g) regional plan for water resources (h) Fire & Rescue apprenticeships (i) Library workshops for children and (j) dropped kerbs near Sheringham Primary School.

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

Newsletters and PCC updates continue to be received.

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

The following had been circulated via the Chairman during the past month :- (a) NCC news releases on social care, environment meetings, new health and care system, and western link updates (b) NNDC; consultation on new Local Plan and information re promoting care in the community (c) Transport East; new transport strategy (d) NALC; newsletters including information re countryside webinars (e) Police; Jan.22 newsletter.

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

No public present.

15. To confirm date of next meeting.

This was agreed for Wednesday, 9th March, 2022. (7pm)