

BEESTON REGIS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wed., 8th May, 2024, at Scout HQ, Cromer Rd., Beeston Regis. – this meeting followed the parish meeting.

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

Present: M.Knowles (Chair), R.Beckley, R.Smith, M.Butt, P.Thorogate, S.Kent, M.Wright, N.Wright, C.Goodwin, and the Clerk. Also present was J.Oliver (NCC)

1a. To elect Chairman & signing of Declaration of Acceptance of Office

M.Knowles was elected Chairman and duly signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office (Prop: MW, Sec: RS)

1b. To elect Vice-Chair and Declaration of Acceptance of Office

R.Beckley was elected Vice-Chairman and duly signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office (Prop: MK, Sec: MW).

1c. To receive and consider apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr.I.Hudson. Apologies were also received from K.Toys (NNDC).

1d. To receive Declarations of Interest on agenda items

No interests declared.

1e. To note resignation and vacancy.

The resignation of N.Wylde was noted and the Clerk had notified NNDC Electoral Services accordingly. Notices displaying the rights of the public to call a by-election were now on the website and notice boards. NNDC Electoral Services would inform the Clerk after 15/5/24 if an election had been called or alternatively the PC could co-opt a new member.

2. To approve the minutes of meeting held 10/4/24

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

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), Secret Gardens £192.00 (grass cutting)
HMRC £48.60 (tax on salary), P.Bullimore £40.75 (clerks exps),
West Runton Scouts £150.00 (Hall Hire), W.Peverill £140.00 (Footpaths/Mtce),
GWR.Beckley £153.82 (new dog waste bin)

*** The above payments, as scheduled on the agenda, plus one other payment, were approved (Prop: MW, Sec: CG). The other payment was in the sum of £120.00 payable to M & M Business Services for payroll work in 2023/24.

(b) To note and consider the Annual Insurance Report

RB's report had been circulated to members and was accepted. The Chair thanked RB for his work and the payment was duly approved. (Prop: MB, Sec: MW).

5. Planning:

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

PF/24/0247; Rear & side extns at Croyland, Church Close; approved – noted.

(b) To consider planning applications received since agenda printed

None received.

(c) FUL/2023/0005; To consider further updates re the Recycling Centre

No further information received.

(d) PF/24/0608; First floor balcony at Mursley, Britons Lane.

The PC objected to this application and approved the following statement which would be submitted by the Clerk to NNDC. (Prop: RB, Sec: RS). In determining the application under PF/18/0043 when the major alterations were approved the planning officer "accepted that the proposed dwelling would look different in appearance when compared to the nearby property". BRPC is of the opinion that the extension of the balcony outside the existing building line will impact on the character and appearance in the Countryside and may be contrary to the Core Strategy Policies SS2 and HO8. In the application PF/18/0043 the plans also provided for a turning area for car parking within the garden area which seemingly will be lost if the extension to the first-floor balcony is installed contrary to the application statement. Further this dwelling is now being used, inter alia, as a Beauty Salon business providing treatments at the property 5 days per week between 9am and 7pm and offers "parking next to the location". This parking will be either on Britons Lane which is narrow and will hinder the flow of traffic or parking on the adopted road known as Hillside Road with adverse effect on the sight line for traffic leaving Hillside Road.

6. Highways/Footpaths/Asset Management

(a) To note temporary repair and the purchase of a new dog waste bin.

RB reported on the temporary repair and subsequent replacement of the dog bin adjacent to the old rectory on the A149. The cost of £153.82 was approved at 4a.

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

CG reported on the recent SNAP meeting and stated that it dealt mainly with police priorities in Sheringham.

8. To receive reports from County & District Councillors

J.Oliver (NCC) had submitted a written report which had been circulated to members. She spoke further on Dentistry Services and Adult Social Care with the latter being of some concern with the lack of staff and government funding.

9. To further consider D'Day 80 celebrations

RB gave another report regarding arrangements and asking members for assistance on the actual day.

10. Governance:

(a) To receive update re councillors training.

A second phase of training by NPTS was to be held at Morston later in the year and it was hoped members would support this.

(b) To confirm eligibility & re-adopt the General Power of Competence

It was agreed that Beeston Regis Parish Council meets the criteria for the GPOC as prescribed by the Secretary of State (two thirds elected members and a qualified Clerk) and it was further agreed to re-adopt the GPOC (Prop: MK, Sec: RB)

(c) To consider appointments & arrangements as per standing orders

The following was agreed (Prop: RS, Sec: MB) :-

** Appointments to outside bodies – Hooke Charity, MW and SK, Church Field; RB, SNAP; CG, and Planning Committees; as agreed at the time.

** Land & Asset Inspection; Contractor (W.Peverill liaising with RB)

** Subscriptions; Subscribe to NALC and NPTS.

** PC Calendar; continue meeting on 2nd Wednesday of the month.

** Bank Mandate; Direct Debit to SSE and Standing Order to T.T.Jones Electrical

** Internal Auditor; Re-appoint Mr.S.Meakin.

*8 Bank Signatories; RB, MW, and MK.

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

RS reported four crimes in the parish in March 2024.

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

Various emails had been circulated via the Chair in the past month :-

Norfolk ALC; Various newsletters

National ALC; Various newsletters

NCC; Update re Western Link

NPTS; Newsletter

R.Pearson; Update on Pylons

Equinor; Update re Sheringham Shoal and Dudgeon Projects.

Crown Estate; Bacton/Walcott landscaping Project update

The Chair referred to correspondence from a parishioner regarding their concerns re muntjacs and spoke of his subsequent reply.

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

No members of the public in attendance.

14. To confirm date of next meeting.

This was confirmed for 12th June, 2024 – 7pm.