

BEESTON REGIS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wed., 12th June, 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), R.Smith, M.Butt, P.Thorogate, M.Wright, N.Wright, C.Goodwin, R.Beckley, I.Hudson, and the Clerk.

1a. To receive and consider apologies

Apologies and resignation received from Cllr.S.Kent. Apologies also received from J.Oliver (NCC) and K.Toye (NNDC).

1b. To receive Declarations of Interest on agenda items

No interests declared.

1c. To receive update re vacancy

The Clerk had been informed by NNDC. Electoral Services that the vacancy can be filled by co-option and a notice on the website and notice board advertising the vacancy was now being displayed. The same procedure would have to be followed re the second vacancy following receipt of S.Kent's resignation this evening.

2. To approve the minutes of meeting held 8/5/24

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

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 £43.45 (clerks exps),

T.T.Jones Elect £76.97 (light repair),

GWR.Beckley £18.98 (website domain names)

*** The above payments, as scheduled on the agenda, plus five other payments, were approved (Prop: MW, Sec: CG). The five other payments were as follows :- S.Meakin £120.00 (internal audit fee), Cromer & Sheringham Brass Band £250.00 (D'Day commem exps), E.Askew £50.00 (D'Day commem exps), GWR Beckley £137.11 (D'Day commem exps), Chevertons £112.00 (D'Day commem exps).

(b) To note/consider the Internal Audit Report (31.3.24)

A satisfactory internal audit report was noted.

(c) To approve the Governance Statement “

The Governance Statement was considered and approved (Prop: RS, Sec: IH).

(d) To approve the Accounting Statement “

The Accounting Statement was considered and approved (Prop: MB, Sec: NW).

(e) To consider S.A. Exemption for the year 31.3.24

Having met the criteria for exemption it was agreed the Chair signs the statement (Prop: RS, Sec: IH).

The Chair and RFO duly signed all documents relating to 4c – 4e.

All the necessary documentation would be displayed on the notice board and website with the exemption form being submitted to the external auditors.

5. Planning:

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

The Tree Preservation Order relating to Croyland in Church Close was confirmed.

(b) To consider planning applications received since agenda printed

None received.

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

Members noted the approval of this application and expressed concerns re the likely costs of the project.

6. Highways/Footpaths/Asset Management

(a) To consider future grass cutting in the parish.

The Chair summarised the situation stating that not all grass areas were suitable for re-wilding as corridors needed to be created for insects to benefit. Members considered the many small areas of grass in the village, that the PC was responsible for, but decided to make no changes to the cutting programme. This would be monitored and reviewed from time to time under the Biodiversity Protocol.

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

The Clerk reminded members of (a) Coastwise Cafes (b) NNDC Planning Roadshow at Fakenham on 17/7/24.

8. To receive reports from County & District Councillors

J.Oliver (NCC) had submitted a written report which had been circulated to members. It referred to the following:- (a) co-operation agreement with the Ukrainian region of Lviv (b) update on grants (c) a creativity and well being week held last month (d) update on the Youth Parliament (e) more people needed for foster caring (f) NCC to lead a new music hub (g) working with others on a Local Nature Recovery Strategy as part of a national effort (h) encouraging people to start home composting.

9. To receive report re the D'Day 80 celebrations

RB gave a report on what was a very successful event. He had issued a press release and was pleased to announce that a collection had raised £600 which was to be shared between the Church and "Help for Heroes". With the D-Day flag to be taken down tomorrow the Chair congratulated RB, and a vote of thanks should be recorded in the minutes. This was agreed unanimously (Prop: MK, Sec: IH).

10. Governance:

(a) To receive update re councillors training.

The Clerk informed members that a second phase of training by NPTS was to be arranged for September or October 2024 by Morston PC.

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

RS reported on two crimes recorded in the parish for April, 2024.

The Clerk informed members that PC.Jack Houghton hoped to attend the August meeting.

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

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

Vattenfall update, NPTS training update, Healthwatch News, Orsted newsletters, Norfolk ALC updates, NNDC Coastline Cafes information, R.Pearson's report on Pylons.

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 Wednesday, 10th July, 2024 – 7pm