

## **BEESTON REGIS PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wed., 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2023, at Scout HQ, Cromer Rd., Beeston Regis. – (7pm)**

**\*\* Parish Council Surgery at 6.45pm (Speak with the Chairman)**

**Present:** M.Knowles (Chair), R.Smith, S.Kent, P.Thorogate, M..Butt, M.Wright, N.Wright, N.Wylde, C.Goodwin, and the Clerk. Also present were K.Toye (NNDC) and two members of the public.

### **1a. To receive and consider apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted from councillors R.Beckley and I.Hudson. 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 14/6/23.**

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

### **3 . Public Participation (requests to speak on agenda items)**

No requests to speak on agenda items.

### **4. Finance:**

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

P.Bullimore £417.10 (net sal), Reboot Systems £151.19 (fee for Microsoft Office HMRC £25.40 (tax on salary), P.Bullimore £48.50 (clerks exps).

Secret Gardens £150.00 (grass), Morston PC £9.79 (photocopying)

\*\*\* The above payments, as scheduled on the agenda, were approved (Prop: MW, Sec: SK). The reconciled bank balances were as follows :- A/C 10162132 £1551.85 and A/C 10162140 £11279.62.

The Chair raised the subject of on-line banking and it was agreed to terminate the use of cheques and move over to BACS at a time convenient to the Clerk/RFO.

### **5. Planning:**

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

Nothing received.

#### **(b) To consider planning applications received since agenda printed**

PF/23/1409: New vehicular access and driveway at Shaston, Sheringwood.

It was agreed there were no objections to this application (Prop: MK, Sec: RS)

#### **(c) FUL/2023/0005; To receive any further update re the Recycling Centre**

The Clerk had received no further news from NCC but an email, received late that afternoon from a neighbour to the proposed site, giving their views/update would be circulated to members. K.Toye (NNDC) informed members that a group of local councillors were against the proposals and were looking at why an offer of land immediately adjacent to the proposed site had been rejected. The Chair stated that this

matter had a long way to run but the PC's main concern, if the proposal was approved, was the extra traffic likely to use Britons Lane when much time and money had been spent trying to divert traffic to the Holway Road.

**(d) PF/23/1316; Extn to existing dormer window at 80, Abbey Park.**

It was agreed no objections to this application (Prop: N.Wy, Sec: MB)

**(m) To consider PCs responsibilities re the AONB.**

Duly considered at 5(b) and 5(c).

**6. Highways/Footpath matters.**

**(a) To receive update re Highways Partnership Scheme, 2023/24 & 2024/25**

The Clerk was hopeful that the Britons Lane project would be completed soon. Details of the recently announced 2024/25 scheme would be circulated to members in the next couple of days.

**(b) To receive update/consider heavy vehicles using Britons Lane.**

Following further discussion regarding heavy vehicles using Britons Lane it was agreed that the Clerk and Chair investigate the current signage. It would appear from NCC Highways that the current sign, illustrating a lorry, also covered buses and coaches because they were not exempted from the traffic order introduced in the 1990s. The Chair stated that he was willing to write to the owners of any vehicles not obeying the sign but he would need evidence and details in his possession first.

**(c) To receive report re footbridge on western boundary (adjacent common)**

The Clerk informed members that Sheringham TC were willing to take responsibility for the bridge and introduce it on to their asset register. This could now be removed from the agenda.

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

MK and NW reported briefly on the Quarry Liaison Group meeting. Members were invited to look round the site when a suitable time could be arranged.

CG reported that a SNAP meeting was on the following day and he would report to the next meeting.

**8. To receive report re mobile library**

The Chair summarised the situation stating that RB had noted the Church Close stop had been removed from the NCC list. RB was writing to officers and members hoping to get it reinstated.

**9. To receive update re the recent footpaths inspection.**

Inspections had taken place and forms were returned to the Chair. This could be removed from the agenda.

**10. Governance:**

**(a) To further consider councillors training for the coming year.**

To reduce costs the Clerk was hoping to arrange a group training session at Morston

**(b) To revisit "Register of Interest" forms**

There appeared to be numerous errors with members register of interest forms submitted online recently. The Chair and Clerk encouraged members to visit the NNDC "Town & Parish Council Help Hub" to check on their submissions. K.Toye (NNDC) would take the matter up with the Democratic Services Dept.

**11. To receive reports from District & County Councillors**

**\*\*K.Toye** (NNDC) reported on the following :- (a) Having discussions with NCC Library Service (item 8) (b) Proposed NCC Recycling Centre; Local councillors opposing the location (c) Battle of the Beaches update (d) She would be holding Councillor Surgeries for the public in the future.

**\*\*J.Oliver** (NCC) reported on the following via email :- (a) Norwich Western Link update (b) a new approach to Adult Learning (free summer schools) (c) Big Norfolk Holiday Fun for 4 – 16 year olds from 24.7.23 – 5.9.23 (d) new equipment and training for Nfk Fire Service (e) Consultation on Adult Social Care (f) Consultation on childrens short break services (g) Nfk CC and Suffolk CC appointed as responsible authorities for Local Nature Recovery Strategy (h) Review of Community Servs. (i) RNLI float to live campaign (j) Report re voter ID by Electoral Commission.

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

A PCC update had been circulated.

RS reported on crime stats for May, 2023.

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

The following had been circulated via the Chair since the last meeting :-

**NCC:** Update re Climate Strategy, A149 speed limit update, new fire engines bought.

**NNDC:** Webinar re 20 min neighbourhoods, submission of N.Norfolk Local Plan

**Nfk ALC:** Update re training & grants

**National ALC:** Newsletter

**Nfk Community Foundation:** Annual Review

The Chair referred members to a letter of apology from Beeston Hall School sent to Church Close residents regarding a recent firework display.

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

No comments/other matters

**15. To confirm date of next meeting.**

This was confirmed for Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2023 – 7pm