

BEESTON REGIS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wed., 8th November, 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, M.Butt, N.Wright, P.Thorogate, S.Kent, M.Wright, N.Wylde, C.Goodwin, R.Beckley, I.Hudson, and the Clerk.

1a. To receive and consider apologies

Apologies were received from J.Oliver (NCC) and K.Toys (NNDC).

1b. To receive Declarations of Interest on agenda items

None received.

2. To approve the minutes of meeting held 11/10/23.

The minutes, which had already been circulated, were accepted as a true record.
(Prop: RS, 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 £296.90 (net sal), Secret Gardens £150.00 (grass cutting)

HMRC £145.60 (tax on salary), P.Bullimore £45.55 (clerks exps).

W.Runton Scouts £150.00 (hire of hall), Morston PC £14.75 (copying paper)

NNDC £51.72 (election exps), Information Commissioner £40.00 (DP fee)

*** 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 £430.00 payable to W.Peverill for work carried out at Daisy Green. The reconciled bank balances were as follows :- A/C 10162132 £6,071.49 and A/C 10162140 £7,643.94

(b) To consider investment of parish council balances

Further enquiries would be made regarding this matter.

The Clerk asked members to note that it was “budget time” and the matter would be on the next agenda (NNDC. Precept deadline was 31/1/24.

5. Planning:

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

The Clerk informed members that the Beeston Hall Farm application had been given delegated approval subject to conditions

(b) To consider planning applications received since agenda printed

None received.

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

The Clerk had received no further information

(m) To consider PCs responsibilities re the AONB.

Nothing to consider.

6. Highways/Footpath matters.

(a) To consider Highways Partnership Scheme, 2024/25

Following the request from members the Clerk had made further enquiries re having gateways on the boundaries of the A149. NCC Highways had no real objections but the cost of £5k - £6k (based on NCC estimates and the cost of the Britons Lane project) made members feel that they did not wish to proceed further. This matter would now be removed from the agenda.

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

The police had contacted NCC Highways but had received a negative response regarding changing or adding to the 7.5 ton weight limit signage. However they would be contacting the education establishments in the area to explain that coaches should not be using this road. It was hoped that the formation of a speed watch group would assist with this matter as well as speeding in Britons Lane.

(c) To note annual lighting inspection report.

The Clerk reported that the annual inspection had found no defects. Noted.

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

Coastal Forum on 14/11/23 – Noted

Town & Parish Council Forum via Zoom on 8/11/23 (Chair or Clerk to join)

RS gave a brief report regarding the Coastal Management Conference (via Zoom)

8. To further consider an Action Plan for 2024/25

The Action Plan 2024/25, as circulated to members, was agreed (Prop: RB, Sec: CG)

9. (a) To further consider D'Day 80 celebrations

RB, following on from his proposed arrangements for 6/6/24 given at the last meeting, reported that he had received insurance clearance but was still awaiting an answer from NNDC regarding the need for a licence for such an event.

(b) To consider a Parish Council and Church coffee morning/social (RS)

After discussion it was agreed not to proceed with this matter.

10. Governance:

(a) To consider a plan to conserve and enhance biodiversity in the parish

Following receipt of information from NALC and NPTS it was agreed that BRPC would create a Biodiversity Policy/Plan thereby fulfilling its obligations under Section 102 of the Environment Act 2021. A draft would be presented to the January meeting.

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) NCC Budget proposals (b) Home-help after hospital stays (c) Consultation on Walking & Cycling Strategy (d) Grants for heat pumps (e) A new Public Health Strategic Plan – health checks etc.

** K.Toye (NNDC) had submitted a written report which had been circulated to members. Topics covered were :- (a) the new Local Plan (b) Free car parking on Remembrance Sunday (c) Green grants for local groups (d) update on planning matters for Beeston Regis.

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

Information from the PCC continues to be received.

RS reported that no crimes had been recorded for September (via statistics published)

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

Various emails circulated via the Chair :-

Healthwatch Norfolk; News including Benjamin Court update

Norfolk ALC; Various updates including NCC Budget Consultation.

National ALC; Chief Execs Bulletins

Norfolk CC; News re Western Link and Rangers visit 13/11/23.

NNDC; Re Community Connectors visit/talk.

A letter of thanks, re the donation made, had been received from the Royal British Legion

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

No members of the public present.

15. To confirm date of next meeting.

This was confirmed for Wednesday, 13th December, 2023 (7pm)

There would be a presentation by the NNDC.Community Connectors.