

Minutes of the Meeting of the Beeston with Bittering Parish Council held on **Tuesday 26th September 2017** in Beeston Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Present Councillor T Townshend (Chair)
Councillor M Greene
Councillor J Farrall
Councillor R Kennealy
Councillor A Mullenger

District councillor E Gould was present. The clerk was in attendance.

Min 145/17 **Apologies for Absence.** Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr List (LGA1972 s85 dispensation). County councillor Kiddle-Morris had sent apologies due to ill health.

Min 146/17 **Declarations of Interest.** There were no declarations of interest

Min 147/17 **Minutes of the Meeting dated 25th July 2017.** Cllr Kennealy proposed and Cllr Greene seconded that the minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting. It was unanimously **AGREED that the minutes of the meeting dated 25th July be duly signed as a true record of that meeting.** The minutes were signed

Min 148/17 **Right to Bid for the Ploughshare Public House.** No report was presented

Min 149/17 **County and District Councillor Reports.** The clerk reported that Cllr Kiddle-Morris advised that a new highways engineer, Ben Rayner, was now in post. He advised that work was taking place on a new Minerals and Waste Local Plan and there was proposals for further extraction in the parish which would be consulted on in early 2018. Work had started on the budget for 2018/19 and further savings would need to be made over the next 4 years. He advised that the PCC was reviewing whether the fire responsibility should be transferred from the county council to him, but the county council were against this proposal.

Min 150/17 **Village Green.** Cllr Farrall had visited the manufacturer at Fransham and the new seat would be ready by the end of the year. Cllr Greene had been in touch with the Open Spaces Society to seek inspiration for a revised layout and it was agreed that the new seat would be sited adjacent to the village sign and parallel with Dereham Rd.

Min 151/17 **Councillor Vacancy.** The clerk reported that no one had come forward at this time to fill the vacancy. Cllr Greene advised that he had been speaking to a villager who had expressed an interest in possibly joining the council and this would be followed up.

Min 152/17 **Remembrance Sunday.** Arrangements were discussed. The clerk confirmed that the wreathes had been ordered. Cllr Greene will lay the wreath at the American War Memorial and the brownies will be asked if they would like to lay the wreath at the church. Cllr Townshend and Mullenger will set the village hall up on the Saturday afternoon ready for the event on Sunday lunchtime. Drinks for the event have already been purchased and a budget for the food was agreed.

Min 153/17 **External Audit 2016/17.** The parish council **NOTED the comments made by the auditor about the high level of general reserve and will identify specific uses for the excess funds in earmarked reserves before the current year end**

Min 154/17 **NCC Parish Partnership Fund 2018/19.** The council considered whether it could resurrect the scheme for a footway along Dereham Rd. It was **AGREED to contact NCC to establish what information they held with regards the scheme when it was previously considered.**

- Min 155/17 **Planning Applications.** The following had been considered and it was **AGREED to comment as follows:**
 3PL/2017/0985 Building Land at Dereham Rd - to make no comment
 The following was considered and it was **AGREED to comment as follows:**
 3PL/2017/1141 Residential Development at Chapel Lane - to object as the site is outside the settlement boundary, it would remove scenic variety from the rural landscape, it is contrary to the recent appeal decision for land at the Street and the application shows no merit for the village, the widening of Chapel Lane only likely to further compromise highway safety in the village.
- Min 156/17 **Decisions.** The council **NOTED the following decisions:**
 3PN/2017/0046 Crossways Farm Barns - approved
 3PL/2017/0698 Ploughshare, The Street - refused
 3PL/2017/0698 - Roehampton, Syers Lane - withdrawn. The district councillor advised that she had spoken to the applicant and was concerned about the removal of trees on the site, some of which may be covered by a preservation order. She encouraged members to keep an eye on what was happening on the site and she would push Breckland to have action taken.
- Min 157/17 **Appeals.** The following appeal decisions were **NOTED:**
 APP/F2605/W/17/3174343 - Chinnock, Dereham Rd - allowed and permission granted
 APP/F2605/W/17/3171002 - Land off The Street - dismissed
- Min 158/17 **New Appeal.** The new appeal was considered and it was **AGREED that:**
 APP/F2605/W/17/3182476 - Bronze Lodge, Herne Land - no further action should be taken
- Min 159/17 **Breckland Local Plan - Pre-submission Publication Consultation.** It was **AGREED that no further action was necessary on the local plan**
- Min 160/17 **Herne Lane Site for 11 Dwellings.** Cllr Farrall updated members with regards conversations he had held with Breckland and the developer. In summary, the affordable housing element could not be converted to self-build plots but the market rate plots could and it was **AGREED to speak to Breckland about demand for self build plots and pass that back to the developer for him to pursue and to put an article in the parish magazine.**
- Min 161/17 **Report on the Highways Problems from the Previous Month.** The clerk reported that he had spoken to the county councillor with regards Watery Lane flooding and that the highways ditches were clear and therefore any blockage would be on private land. The pothole on Church Rd had been noted by NCC who would monitor. Fly tipping on Fransham Rd and in Bittering had been reported and cleared. The SAM2 sign had been stationed on Herne Lane twice and speeds recorded had been within limits. The second siting had been in the wrong direction and the opposite direction will be monitored next time.
- Min 162/17 **New problems.** The pothole at the junction of Back Lane and Mileham Rd had already been reported by the clerk.
- Min 163/17 **Balances and Cheques for Authorisation.** The financial statement at the end of May and budget summary were reviewed. Cheques were presented for signature

Balances :-**Bank of Ireland Treasurers' Account**

Balance at 30 6 17		12617.95
Income - Interest - July	1.05	
Interest - Aug	1.13	
		<u>2.18</u>
		12620.13
Less Cheques authorised		<u>327.23</u>
Balance at 31 8 17		12292.90
All cheques cleared		<u>0.00</u>
Cash Book Balance at 31 8 17		12292.90

Cheques for authorisation: Total value = £704.05

Amount available for Section 137 : 463 x £7.57 = £3504.91
Spend to Date = £0.00

449	CGM Group	Grounds maintenance Jul 17	41.50
450	T Townshend	Refreshments for Remembrance Sunday	54.22
451	C Brindley	Clerks salary Aug/Sept 17	326.66
452	HM Revenue and Customs	Income Tax Aug/Sept 17	81.60
453	Norfolk PTS	Data Protection Regulations Training for clerk	17.50
454	C Brindley	Clerk's expenses Apr - Set 17	182.57

It was **AGREED** that the balances be noted and it was confirmed that Cllrs Townshend and Farrall be authorised to sign the cheques

Min 164/17 **Data Protection Regulations Training.** It was **AGREED** that the clerk should attend the training in Swaffham in November at a cost of **£17.50**

Min 165/17 **Clerks and Councils Direct September 2017.** Receipt of the magazine was **NOTED**

Min 166/17 **Matters for the Next Meeting.** Possible listing of wartime buildings

Min 167/17 **Date of the Next Meeting.** This was confirmed as Tuesday 31 October 2017 at Beeston Village Hall starting at 7.30pm. The chairman confirmed that she would be unable to attend

The meeting closed at 9.19pm