

Minutes of the Meeting of the Beeston with Bittering Parish Council held on **Tuesday 29th**
March 2016 in Beeston Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Present	Councillor J Farrall Councillor J Perry Councillor M Greene Councillor R Kennealy Councillor T Townshend	(Chair) (after co-option)
County Councillor M Kiddie Morris		
Three members of the public		

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor List who was taking an examination and Councillor Hobbs and these were accepted. Apologies for absence had been also received from District Councillor E Gould

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor Townshend declared a DPI under Appendix A in Agenda Item 8.1.1 being the partner of the person who submitted the application.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Councillor Perry proposed and Councillor Townshend seconded the resolution that the minutes of the meeting held on 23 February 2016 having been circulated be approved. All were in favour and the minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

4. Co-option to the Parish Council.

Mr Mark Greene stated that he had moved to Beeston in November 2014 to Street Farm and his children go to the local school. He felt that it was time to do something for the Parish.

Councillor Farrall proposed and Councillor Kennealy seconded the resolution that Mr Mark Greene be co-opted onto the Parish Council. All were in favour.

5. County and District Councillor Reports.

The County Councillor reported that Norfolk County council had increased the Council Tax by 3.99%. 2% of this, which would raise an additional £6.2 million, is ring fenced for Adult Social Care and would cover the deficit that had been forecast for the coming financial year. The 1.99% increase would restore the proposed cuts. Devolution would bring into the region £65 million for the first five years and then £30 million per annum. Some of this income could be used to service a loan for example from The PWLB. The finance would be used for housing, transport, and infrastructure of the region. The Government is still stating that there should be an elected mayor who would be the Leader of a Combined Authority with a Cabinet from the 23 local authorities. Both Cambridge City and Cambridgeshire County Council, have rejected the idea of a local mayor. The main objections have always been to mayor and another tier of government. He stated in answer to a question that elections would take place in summer 2017. The Chairman stated that he was worried about the planning changes from Norfolk County Council and the County Councillor stated that he is monitoring this. The Planning changes from Central Government were also discussed and that there is a short timescale to respond.

6. The Ploughshare Public House.

The meeting was adjourned.

A parishioner informed the meeting that a Village Meeting had been held when 110 attended. 1000 houses had been leaflet dropped. An explanation had been given on how the process works and Shouldham had explained how their bid had been undertaken. A Committee had been formed, Save Beeston Ploughshare, consisting of 7 members all with different responsibilities to take forward the purchase of the Ploughshare as a Community pub. There is still time for any person to join a sub-committee to assist. The possible purchase has been registered with the Plunkett Foundation which has been set up to assist with the purchase of community pubs. The Committee has requested that confirmation be forwarded the pub has been registered with Breckland Council as a Community asset and also if the Parish Council would fund £100 for stationery, postage and printing.

Councillor Perry proposed and Councillor Kennealy seconded the resolution that £100 be donated to the Committee.

Councillor Townshend stated that several people had put their names forward to be on the Committee but they had been ignored. She further stated that she had made sure that the pub was on the Community Asset register. The Chairman of the Committee stated that he was very grateful to the Parish Council for its assistance and apologised for the mix-up regarding the volunteers following the meeting, but added that there is still time to become involved.

7. Matters to report

7.1 Maintenance at the Millennium Lakes.

The Chairman had spoken to a parishioner who works for Norfolk Wildlife Trust and the parishioner will speak to an expert at NWT. It was agreed to keep this on the agenda. There are three possible pollutants from the highway-salt, oil and dust and the Chairman will speak again to the parishioner. It was agreed that it is necessary to find out if there are fish in the ponds or not. Councillor Perry stated that the meadow could be used for grazing or cut for hay.

7.2 Post Box at the former Post Office.

The Clerk reported that he had been contacted by Royal Mail who had stated that it could not intervene as the dispute had been to its Postal Review Panel.

The Clerk had replied that the Parish Council is not requesting that the box be re-opened but that a new box be sited on the Green.

7.3 Bench on The Green

The Chairman distributed a plan which showed the bench to the side of the Village Sign. He also felt that this was a good time to consolidate all the items on the Green into one area. Councillor Townshend felt that moving the items to one area will encourage parking on the Green and also queried whether there would be more likelihood of children running onto the road from the bench. Councillor Greene stated that school children would use the bench when waiting for the school bus so the bench should be sited to allow the bus to be seen as it approaches.

Councillor Townshend proposed and Councillor Greene seconded the resolution that the bench be sited to the side of the village sign. All were in favour.

7.4 Website.

The Clerk had discussed this with Paul Marchant who had suggested that the person who administers Beetley's website on a word press system be employed to set up the new Beeston website.

Councillor Perry proposed and Councillor Townshend seconded the resolution that Julia Bloomfield be employed to set up the website for a cost of £100. All were in favour. Once set up Mr Paul Marchant will maintain the website.

7.5 Bittering Parva Church.

As the correspondence for circulation had not been to all this matter was deferred until the next meeting. The Clerk had confirmed with the Vicar that he is able to give a presentation to the Parish Council at the next meeting.

8. Planning.

8.1 Applications.**8.1.1 3PL/2016/0169/HOU-Windy Ridges Primrose Farm Water End Farm-erection of garden room extension to bungalow.**

It was agreed to make no comment on the application.

County Councillor M Kiddle Morris withdrew from the meeting.

8.1.2 3PL/2016/0269/O-Land off Herne Lane-proposed residential development (10 dwellings)

The meeting was adjourned.

A parishioner stated that he had forwarded a letter of objection to Breckland Council stating that the new dwellings would be very close to their bungalow and that they do not wish to be living next to a building plot for a considerable time. They moved to Beeston for health reasons and the quietness and pollution free environment will be lost.

The meeting was re-convened

Councillor Perry proposed and Councillor Farrall seconded the resolution that the application be objected to. The site had been objected to when the Local Plan was discussed and to be consistent this application should be objected to. The resolution was not carried.

Councillor Townshend proposed and Councillor Kennealy proposes the resolution that the application be supported. Councillor Townshend suggested that a condition should be placed on any permission that the affordable housing should be moved further away from the bungalow on Herne Lane to leave a green space next to it. She also said that it was preferable to work with the developer to obtain something that the Parish Council wants rather than having a development in a position that the Parish Council does not support. A condition was also to be requested that a S106 agreement to be obtained for a footway from the development to the Primary school and that no further development be allowed on the site in the future.

The resolution was carried by a majority decisions on the casting vote of The Chairman.

8.2 Decisions.**8.2.1 3PL/2015/1290/F-The Bungalow Drury Square-conversion of kennel block to agricultural workers dwelling. Permission.****9. Highways.****9.1 Report on the problems from the previous month.**

The matters raised at the last meeting, the passing places along Watery Lane are now too deep for cars to use without damage, why HGVs are going along the Street from the quarry rather than going onto Litcham Road, the reflector posts have been damaged near to the Ploughshare on Chapel Lane and the large pothole on Herne Lane had all been reported. Grip cleaning had been programmed for the water accumulating near to Canister Farm.

9.2 New problems.

There are a number of potholes along Watery Lane and the verge on Herne Lane will be reported. The landowner will be requested to reinstate FP1 across his land.

9.3 Local Highway Issues.

This was deferred to the next meeting.

9.4 Local Highway Improvement.

The highways engineer had suggested that the area outside the recycling bins at the Village Hall and the beside the post box on The Street could be improved by a local highway improvement in 2017/18. It was agreed to await until the application for the

houses on The Street was determined to see if any agreement had been imposed as a condition of the permission, for improvements at the Village Hall.

10. Finance

10.1 Budget.

The budget figures which had been circulated were agreed.

10.2 Donation to Beeston PCC.

Councillor Townshend proposed and Councillor Greene seconded the resolution that £300 be donated to assist with the cutting of the churchyard. All were in favour.

10.3 Balances and Cheques for authorisation.

Councillor Townshend proposed and Councillor Greene seconded the resolution that the balances and cheques for authorisation be approved. All were in favour.

Balances :-

Bank of Ireland Treasurers' Account

Balance at 31 01 16	11704.90
Plus receipts-interest-	.79
	<u>11705.69</u>
Less cheques authorised 26 01 16- 325.84	
cheques authorised 23 02 16-137.40	<u>463.24</u>
Balance at 29 02 16	11242.45
Less unpresented cheques authorised 23 02 16	<u>292.03</u>
Balance at 01 03 16	10950.42

Amount available for Section 137 :417x £7.36 = £3069.12

Spend to Date :£115.00

Cheques for authorisation:

385	B J Leigh	Salary-Mar-171.60 Less PAYE 34.40	137.20
386	HMRC	PAYE Mar	34.40
387	CGM	Grass cutting Feb	78.41
388	Beeston PCC	Donation	300.00
389	B J Leigh	Telephone-48.00 Use of Home as office April 2015- March 2016-100.00 Postage April 2015-February 2016-13.14 Mileage March 2015- February 2016-102miles @.45 per mile- 45.90	207.04
390	123-reg	Website renewal	49.05
391	Beeston Playing Field	Donation	750.00

10.4 Village Hall.

The donation was deferred until such time as the planning application for land off The Street had been determined.

10.5 Grass cutting.

Councillor Townshend proposed and Councillor Kennealy seconded the resolution that the quotation from CGM for £395 + VAT be accepted. All were in favour.

10.6 Membership of Norfolk ALC.

Councillor Greene proposed and Councillor Perry seconded the resolution that the Parish Council continues its membership. All were in favour.

11. Correspondence received for circulation.

The following correspondence would be circulated..

Bittering Parva

11.2

Norfolk ALC

11.3

Clerks and Councils Direct March 2016

11.4

Queen's Medal

12. Matters for the Next Meeting.

There were no new matters raised for the next meeting.

13. Date of the Next Meeting.

This was confirmed as Tuesday 26 April to follow the Annual Parish Meeting which will commence at 7.00 p.m. 2016. to be held at Beeston Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 2139.