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Minutes of the Meeting of the Beeston with Bittering Parish Council held on **Tuesday 27th October 2015** in Beeston Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

**Present** Councillor J Farrall (Chair)
Councillor B List
Councillor T Townshend

County Councillor M Kiddle Morris

One member of the public

**1. Apologies for Absence.**
Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Perry who was working and these were accepted. Apologies for absence had also been received from District Councillor E Gould.

**2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**
There were no DPIs.

**3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
Councillor List proposed and Councillor Townshend seconded the resolution that the minutes of the meeting held on 29 September 2015 having been circulated be approved. All were in favour and the minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

**4. County and District Councillor Reports.**
The County Councillor reported that the Policy and Resources Committee had requested that all Committees should cut their budgets by 25% to save £169 million. All the Committees had stated that this was not possible. It was therefore agreed that £111 million should be saved which would protect some services for example transport for over 16 children still in education. The County Council will be consulting with the public and one option is to increase the Norfolk County Council share of the Council Tax by 1.99%. This consultation will run until February 2016. A further meeting on the NDR is to be held on 6 November as there had been a request for a judicial review as some of the information disseminated for the last meeting was claimed to be incorrect. A possible outcome of this is that the NDR may only go as far as the A140 Cromer Road as the road to the A1067 needs to be financed by the developments along this section of the route. The meeting on 6 November will revisit the scheme with the correct information and then decide if the whole route is to proceed.
There was no report from the District Councillor.

**5. Matters to report**

**5.1 Maintenance at the Millennium Lakes.**
This was deferred to the next meeting.

**5.2 Post Box at the former Post Office.**
As the Government had now sold its remaining stake in Royal Mail there may be little that the M.P. can do.

**5.3 Vandalism at the Village Hall.**
There had been an arson attack at the beginning of October and a claim submitted to the insurance company who have agreed to reimburse the Playing Field Committee. An arrest has been made and it was fortunate that more damage had not occurred.

**5.4 Anonymous Letters.**
The letter received the previous month regarding the hedge along Herne Lane had been anonymous and Councillor Townshend felt that no action should be taken over letters that are not signed. It was agreed that a paragraph would be place in the Church

and Village magazine stating that anonymous letters will not be considered.

**5.5 Community Assets.**

The Clerk reported that he had forwarded the application for the Ploughshare P.H. to Breckland Council.

He will forward the application for the shop and school in the next month. Breckland Council is to be requested to forward all details regarding the shop application for change of use.

**5.6 Remembrance Sunday.**

Councillor List reported that she had contacted several parishio0ners to provide food and assist at the Village Hall. Her niece will lay both wreaths and the Village Hall will be open at 0900. Councillor Townshend confirmed that all items had been purchased and Councillor List will purchase some table cloths. The Clerk will put out the small crosses.

**5.7 Vacancies on the Parish Council.**

The Chairman confirmed that he had spoken to two parishioners following the last meeting but no volunteers had come forward. Councillor Townshend stated that she knew a possible person to be co-opted.

**5.8 Bench on The Green.**

The Chairman reported that he had been unable to find Nigel. This is to be removed from the agenda until such time as progress is made.

**5.9 Request for a Skate Park.**

A request had been received from two children living in the village for a skate park on the Playing Field. Concerns were raised over vandalism. It was agreed to refer this to the Playing Field Committee to consider the request and to write to the children informing them of this.

**5.10 Dead Tree on The Green.**

The Chairman reported that there is a tree on The Green which is dead and he will seek quotations for its removal.

## 6. Planning.

**6.1 Applications.**

**6.1.1 3PL/2015/1154/F-500m west of New Farm-amendment to 3PL/2009/1189 most efficient cable installation.**

Councillor Townshend proposed and Councillor List seconded the resolution that no objection be raised. All were in favour.

**6.2 Decisions.**

There were no decisions to report.

**6.3 Ditch to the North of the Houses to the East of The Ploughshare P.H.**

The ditch to the side of The Street/Chapel Lane where the houses have been built next to the Ploughshare is reported to have been filled in. There is nothing in the reserved matters from the original planning permission to state that this ditch is to be filled in. The Chairman will visit site to check.

## 7. Highways.

**7.1 Report on the problems from the previous month.**

Councillor Townshend had spoken to the landowners regarding the hedge on Herne Lane. The Clerk had received a reply from the Open Spaces Society thanking the Parish Council for raising the mater of FP1 with Norfolk County Council. The landowner will be requested to spray off the land now that it has been replanted.

**7.2 New problems.**

There is a pothole on The Street outside Home Farm. Nothing further has been heard about the junction of Back Street and Dereham Road. The verge at the junction of C241 and C222 needs cutting down to give a visibility splay. The Highway Community rangers are to be requested to do this. There is still surface water forming at the junction to Canister farm on Dereham Road. The Highways Department will be asked to investigate. The passing place on Herne Lane needs filling in again.

**7.3 20m.p.h. Limit on The Street.**
The Clerk reported that the he has not heard if maize cutting is taking place.
**7.4 Local Highway Improvement.**
The Chairman reported that he had contacted both landowners who are in agreement to have the ditch piped provided that the surface water from their properties can still discharge into the ditch. The Clerk will contact the Highways Engineer to obtain a price.
**7.5 Local highway issues.**
The Chairman reported on the traffic survey and the map but the details for the map are missing. The Clerk will check if he still has a copy and forward this to the Chairman. The matter will then be discussed at the next meeting and it may be necessary to check if the same problems are occurring.

**8. Finance**
**8.1 Budget.**
Councillor List proposed and Councillor Townshend seconded the resolution that the budget which had been circulated be approved. All were in favour.
**8.2 Donation to Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.**
Councillor List proposed and Councillor Townshend seconded the resolution that £40 be donated. All were in favour.
**8.3 Balances and Cheques for authorisation.**
Councillor Townshend proposed and Councillor List seconded the resolution that the balances and cheques for authorisation be approved. All were in favour.
**Balances :-**

**Bank of Ireland Treasurers' Account**

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| Balance at 31 08 15 | 9402.43 |
| Plus receipts-interest-.68 | |
| Breckland precept-3625.00 | |
| Breckland Rate Support grant-308.01 | 3933.69 |
| Balance at 30 0915 | 13336.12 |
| Less unpresented cheques authorised 29 09 15 | 1090.06 |
| Balance at 01 10 15 | 12246.06 |

Amount available for Section 137 :417x £7.36 = £3069.12
Spend to Date :£0.00
Cheques for authorisation:

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| 362 | B J Leigh | Salary-Oct-171.60<br>Less PAYE 34.40 | 137.20 |
| 363 | HMRC | PAYE Oct | 34.40 |
| 364 | CGM | Grass cutting Sep | 156.82 |
| 365 | Beeston Playing Field | Donation to assist with the cost of mowing | 500.00 |
| 366 | Beeston Playing Field | Hall Hire | 32.00 |
| 367 | Tapping House | Donation | 75.00 |
| 368 | Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal | Donation | 40.00 |

**9. Correspondence received for circulation.**
The following correspondence would be circulated.
**9.1 Norfolk County Council School Questionnaire.**
**9.2 Clerks and Councils Direct November 2015**

**10. Matters for the Next Meeting.**
**10.1 Precept**
**10.2 Dates of meetings for 2016.**

**11. Date of the Next Meeting.**
This was confirmed as Tuesday 24 November 2015 at 7.30p.m. to be held at Beeston Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 2055.