Minutes of the Meeting of the Beeston with Bittering Parish Council held on **Tuesday 23rd October 2018** in Beeston Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Present

Councillor T Townshend (Chair)
Councillor J Farrall
Councillor H Palmer-Wright
Councillor A Mullenger
Councillor R Kennealy

The clerk was in attendance.
County Cllr M Kiddle-Morris was present along with 1 member of the public

Min 194/18 **Apologies for Absence.** Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Wiseman (prior commitment) and Cllr Kennealy (work commitment). District Cllr Gould had sent her apologies.

Min 195/18 **Declarations of Interest.** Cllr Palmer-Wright declared a personal interest in agenda item 7.3. appeal against refusal of permission to build two dwellings at Mill Drift, as she is related to the applicant's brother.

Min 196/18 **Minutes of the Meeting dated 25th September 2018.** Cllr Palmer-Wright proposed and Cllr Farrall 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 September 2018 be duly signed as a true record of that meeting.** The minutes were signed.

Min 197/18 **County/District Councillor Reports.** Cllr Kiddle-Morris reported that the police and crime commissioner would decide in early November whether to send his business plan for the transfer of the Fire Authority to him would be sent to the secretary of site. NCC would be able to submit an alternative plan at the same time. He confirmed that site MIN23 in the current draft minerals and waste consultation was also in the previous consultations in 2009/10 and was refused then. A new highways officer for the area would shortly be in place.

Min 198/18 **Transportation Difficulties for the Elderly.** The issue was discussed and it was **AGREED that the clerk would contact Cllr Gould for details of whom to speak to at Breckland about Community Car Schemes.**

Min 199/18 **Village Green.** It was confirmed that the new seat would be ready for installation shortly and Cllr Kennealy would install**.** The clerk advised that the village sign needed some work on the painting. It was suggested that Litcham had refurbished their sign some years ago and the clerk **AGREED to contact the Litcham clerk to find out who undertook the works.**
Cllr Greene had researched Xmas lights for the green. The proposals were discussed and upon a resolution proposed by Cllr Kennealy and seconded by Cllr Mullenger, it was **AGREED unanimously to purchase 3 - 600 light strings.** It was agreed that the lights would be switched on on Friday 30th November at 6pm and a community event with refreshments and carol singing would be organised.

Min 200/18 **Village Survey.** Cllr Mullenger agreed to format the questionnaire for final authorisation at the next meeting**.**

Min 201/18 **Remembrance Sunday.** Arrangements for the reception at the village hall were discussed and finalised. The clerk confirmed that the wreathes had been ordered and it was **AGREED that the clerk would lay the wreathes on the council's behalf.** The hall was booked and the timing for the start of the reception would be discussed with the PCC.

Min 202/18 **Planning Applications.** The following responses were **AGREED*:***
3PL/2018/0922 Water farm, Water End Lane - no comment
3PL/2018/1205 Land at Syers Lane - to comment that it would prefer 4 bed rather than 5 bed properties and would wish to see a good scheme of structural landscaping at the front of the plots on the south side of Syers Lane bearing in mind that the scheme as permitted in outline proposes the removal of at least 7 trees on the Syers Lane boundary

Min 203/18 **Planning Decisions.** The following decision was **NOTED:**
3PL/2018/0822 Holmedene Farm, Syers Lane. **APPROVED**

Min 204/18 **APP/F2605/W/18/3201174 - Land Off Mill Drift.** The clerk confirmed the council's original objection to the application. This was considered and, with confirmation that this would be passed to the inspector, it was **AGREED that no further comments need to be made.**

Min 205/18 **Norfolk Minerals and Waste Plan Review.** The council **NOTED the acknowledgement of receipt by NCC of the council's objection of site MIN23 being included in the proposals**

Min 206/18 **Report on the Highways Problems from the Previous Months.** The clerk had received confirmation from NCC that a letter had been sent to the property owner at the junction of Back Lane and Mileham Rd requesting that the hedge be cut back to improve visibility at the junction. The clerk confirmed that he had written to the owners of the Paddocks, Chapel Lane asking for the hedge overhanging the passageway onto the playing field be cut back. He had also written to the owners of Pippins, The Street asking for the seat to be reinstated. White lining had been completed to reinstate the SLOW sign outside the Ploughshare and the Give Way markings at the junction of Fransham Rd and Church Rd

Min 207/18 **New problems.** A report of a dog bite taking place on Watery Lane came from the member of the public and it was **AGREED to write to Norfolk Police expressing the council's concern at this and other reported incidents with the dogs.** The derestriction signs at the exit of the village southbound on Dereham Rd need cleaning.

Min 208/18 **Balances and Cheques for Authorisation.** The financial statement at the end of September and budget summary were reviewed. Cheques were presented for signature.

Balances :-

Bank of Ireland Treasurers' Account

Balance at 29 08 18		12421.18
Income - Interest - Sept	1.02	
WMT Grant	900.00	
Precept/LCTS Grant 2nd part	3702.00	4603.02
		17024.20
Less Cheques authorised		906.31
Balance at 28 09 18		16117.89
Outstanding Cheques		1853.65
Cash Book Balance at 28 09 18		14264.24

Cheques for authorisation: Total value = £ 281.71

Amount available for Section 137 : 477 x £7.86 = £ 3749.22
Spend to Date = £ 750.00

507	CGM Group	Grounds maintenance 09/18	41.50
508	Beeston Playing Field Comm	Room Hire 07 - 09/18	32.00
509	C Brindley	Clerks salary 10/18	166.61
510	HM Revenue and Customs	Income Tax 10/18	41.60

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

Min 209/18 **Royal Mail.** The correspondence was **NOTED**
Min 210/18 **Matters for the Next Meeting.** Defibrillator; Fuel Charity Meeting
Min 211/18 **Date of the Next Meeting.** This was agreed as Tuesday 27 November 2018 at Beeston Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.47pm