

Minutes of the Meeting of the Beeston with Bittering Parish Council held on **Tuesday 31st October 2017** in Beeston Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

- Min 168/17 **Elect a Chairman for the Meeting.** As Cllr Townshend had given apologies for absence, it was **AGREED unanimously that Cllr Greene would chair the meeting**
- Min 169/17 **Apologies for Absence.** Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Townshend (holidays) and Cllr List (LGA1972 s85 dispensation).
- Min 170/17 **Declarations of Interest.** There were no declarations of interest
- Min 171/17 **Minutes of the Meeting dated 26th September 2017.** Cllr Farrall proposed and Cllr Mullenger seconded that the minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting. It was unanimously **AGREED that the minutes of the meeting dated 26th September 2017 be duly signed as a true record of that meeting.** The minutes were signed
- Min 172/17 **Right to Bid for the Ploughshare Public House.** Mr Dennett reported that not a lot had change since his last report to council. The most recent planning application had been refused and the owner had indicated that he would be appealing against this decision. He is holding his position with regards to valuation of the property. The shareholders AGM will be held on 2nd November. The group has taken legal advice that indicates that any appeal would be refused. The group also believes that the Asset of Community Value listing would be renewed when the current listing expires in 2020. The council **NOTED the verbal report and Mr Dennett was thanked.**
- Min 173/17 **County and District Councillor Reports.** Cllr Kiddle-Morris advised that the budget round continued with a need to balance £100M savings over the next 4 years. Imaginative schemes were being progressed that included co-location of services to release assets. Farm estates were being rationalised. Likely that a precept increase of 4.9%, being a general increase of 1.9% plus a 3% increase specifically for adult social care, would be levied in 2018/19 with a further increase of 1.9% likely in 2019/20 to balance that budget.
- Min 174/17 **Village Green.** Cllr Greene reported that he had been researching how other parishes had approached this type of project. He observed that the village green hasn't actually been registered as a village green and this is something that the council might wish to follow up. He suggested that a more general survey of villagers could include specific ideas for the village green and it was **AGREED to discuss this further at the next meeting.**
- Min 175/17 **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 he would visit to discuss further.

- Min 176/17 **Planning Applications.** The following had been considered and it was **AGREED to comment as follows:**  
3PL/2017/1283 Ye Cottage, Herne Lane - to raise no objection
- Min 177/17 **Decisions.** The council **NOTED the following decision:**  
C/3/2017/3008 Units 1a and 1b Paynes Business Park - approved with conditions.
- Min 178/17 **Herne Lane Site for 11 Dwellings.** The clerk advised that it had been established that the affordable housing element could not be used as self build plots and as planning permission had already been granted for the site, no specific conditions could be added to the permission. Any demand for self build plots should now be established by the village/self builders themselves with the developer. Questions were still outstanding with Breckland re the register of parties interested in self build plots and how clearance of conditions might work. A piece had been put in the magazine and an expression of interest had already been received from a Great Fransham resident. The report was **NOTED.**
- Min 179/17 **Possible Listing of Wartime Buildings.** A general discussion was held on the subject. The council was cautioned that any general proposals could have impacts on many villagers who had remains on their properties and that attempts to list specific items on a property could lead to the whole property being listed. It was acknowledged that there were probably specific structures that did need further consideration, notably the officers' mess building. It was **AGREED to consider further at the next meeting**
- Min 180/17 **Report on the Highways Problems from the Previous Month.** The pothole at the junction of Back Lane and Mileham Rd had been repaired.
- Min 181/17 **New problems.** The street nameplate at the junction of Watery Lane and Dereham Rd, Litcham had been demolished. Speeding remained an issue in the village and it should next be located on Dereham Rd near to the Millennium Lakes. The clerk would establish when the sign would next be available.
- Min 182/17 **Possible PPF Bid for Footpath on Dereham Rd.** The response from NCC was considered. It was **AGREED to establish if NCC had any drawings for the proposals and the highways land ownership along Dereham Rd.** Cllr Farrall and Greene **AGREED to work up a plan of what might be done for further discussion.** Cllr Kiddle- Morris advised that the deadline for bids for the 2018/19 fund was in December.
- Min 183/17 **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 31 8 17		12292.90
Income - Interest - Sept	0.97	
BDC - precept/LCTS grant	3779.00	
		<u>3779.97</u>
		16072.87
Less Cheques authorised		<u>563.45</u>
Balance at 29 9 17		15509.42
Outstanding cheques dated 26 9 17		<u>140.60</u>
Cash Book Balance at 29 9 17		15368.82

Cheques for authorisation: Total value = £1110.63

Amount available for Section 137 : 463 x £7.57 = £3504.91

Spend to Date = £0.00

455	Beeston PFC	Grant towards upkeep of village hall - 1st half 2017/18	750.00
456	Beeston PFC	Room Hire 07-09/17	32.00
457	CGM Group (East Anglia) Ltd	Grounds maintenance 08-10/17	124.50
458	C Brindley	Clerks salary Oct 17	163.33
459	HM Revenue and Customs	Income Tax Oct 17	40.80

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

Min 184/17 **Vattenfall**. The correspondence was **NOTED**

Min 185/17 **CPRE Norfolk Campaign Alliance**. It was **AGREED** that anyone who was interested in attending the meeting would notify the organisers themselves

Min 186/17 **Unison**. It was **AGREED** to make no comments

Min 187/17 **Matters for the Next Meeting**. Meeting Dates 2018, Review of Remembrance Day event, Possible Footpath on Dereham Rd, Village Survey

Min 188/17 **Date of the Next Meeting**. This was agreed as Tuesday 21 November 2017 at Beeston Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm