

**Minutes of the Meeting of Beeston and Bittering Parish Council held at Beeston Village Hall on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 7:30pm.**

**Present:** Toni Townshend, Chairman  
Jim Pitt  
Ashley Mullenger  
Sarah Wiseman  
Robert Scott  
Mark Greene  
Jimmy Miller, Clerk

**Also present:** Mark Kiddle Morris plus 11 members of the public.

**1 To receive and accept Apologies for Absence.**

Cllr Wiseman said she would be late (*joined meeting at 8:14 when the village sign was being discussed*).

**2 To receive Declarations of Interest on any items on the agenda below.**

None

**3 To authorise as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

Cllr Pitt proposed that the minutes be voted as correct; seconded by Cllr Mullenger. Unanimous decision in favour.

**4 To receive reports from the County/District Councillor**

None.

**5 Matters to Consider**

None.

**5.1 Traffic Issues – Dereham Rd**

**– to receive update on progress with SAM2 project to monitor speeds along Dereham Rd**

It was agreed to put this on next month's agenda.

**– to receive progress with establishment of Community Speedwatch scheme**

It was agreed to put this on next month's agenda.

**– to receive update from Cllr Kiddle Morris on potential for a footpath**

Mark Kiddle Morris said that there was not enough space for a footpath and that purchasing land for a footpath would cost in the region of £400k. Cllr Mullenger suggested that alternative routes should be looked at. Mark said that more evidence would need to be collected to establish the need for a path and that using a SAM2 sign would be useful in gaining evidence for such a need. He said that he would see if he could get use of a SAM2 sign from a neighbouring parish. It was agreed to leave this item on the agenda for future discussion.

**5.2 Village Sign**

**– to receive update from Cllr Pitt on updates to the village sign**

Cllr Pitt said that he'd managed to get the cost of the new village sign on the green down from £2,800 to £650 + VAT. He said that he would talk more to the supplier about what materials would be used and would bring details to the next meeting.

None.

## **6 Planning.**

### **6.1 Applications – to agree any responses**

#### **3PL/2023/0158/F – Joinery Workshop, Herne Lane**

Cllr Greene proposed that BBPC object to the application to demolish the WWAF accommodation block on the grounds that it is part of the heritage of the parish and should be preserved and that BBPC may be agreeable to another workshop being built on the site provided that it was sympathetic to the existence of the current WW2 heritage in the vicinity; seconded by Cllr Mullenger. Unanimous decision in favour of the motion.

#### **3PL/2023/0212/F – The Shrublands, Herne Lane**

Cllr Pitt proposed that BBPC make no comment on this application; seconded by Cllr Scott. Unanimous decision in favour of the motion.

#### **3PL/2023/0085/HOU – The Cottage, Mill Drift Amended Plans**

Cllr Greene proposed that BBPC make no comment on this application; seconded by Cllr Pitt. Unanimous decision in favour of the motion.

### **6.2 Decisions – to note the following decisions**

#### **3PL/2023/0052/VAR – Shalee, Drury Sq Approved**

This decision was noted by BBPC.

### **6.3 Breckland Local Plan Update Issues and Options Consultation – to agree any response to the consultation**

A response needs to be in by 19<sup>th</sup> May. It was agreed to put this on the agenda for next month's meeting as it was felt that BBPC should submit a response.

## **7 Highways.**

### **7.1 To receive a report from the previous comments**

Chevrons have been put up on the plum tree bend on Dereham Road.

### **7.2 To note any new problems within the Parish**

There are a number of potholes in the Parish. Mark Kiddle Morris said that he will report these to Highways. Cllr Townshend advised each parishioner to report potholes to Highways using the NCC website.

## **8 Finance.**

### **8.1 To consider the financial position at the end of February 2023**

This was not discussed.

### **8.2 To authorise payments to be made for March**

This was not discussed.

### **8.3 To appoint internal auditor for 2022/23**

It was agreed to appoint Andrew Stewart as internal auditor for this year's AGAR.

## **9 Matters for the next meeting (not for Discussion).**

- Coronation Committee report

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- 3PL/2022/0228/F planning appeal
- 3CM/2023/0006/CM
- The Clerk was asked to minute the receipt of a letter from Paul Burton and to put this on next month's agenda under Planning. The letter would be circulated to all councillors before the next meeting.

**10 To confirm the date of the next meeting of Beeston with Bittering Parish Council as Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 7.30pm**

Confirmed.

Meeting closed at 8:26pm.