

Minutes of the Meeting of the Beeston with Bittering Parish Council held on **Monday 4th April 2022** at Beeston Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

Present

Councillor R.Scott
Councillor T Townshend (chairman)
Councillor J Pitt
Councillor A Mullenger
Councillor M Greene
Councillor D Shutler

County/District Cllr Kiddle Morris and the clerk were in attendance. One member of the public was present

Public Speaking Time

A member of the public advised the council of a scheme that is being promoted in Fransham and Beeston to provide fibre to property broadband and he encouraged members to promote the scheme, details of which had appeared in the April issue of the Church and Village magazine, and register an interest in the scheme

Min 037/22 **Apologies for Absence.** Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Wiseman (transport issue) .

Min 038/22 **Declarations of Interest.** Cllr Shutler declared a personal interest in planning application no 3PL/2022/0205/HOU as he was a neighbour to the application site.

Min 039/22 **Minutes of the Meeting Held on 21 February 2022.** The minutes were taken as read and it was **AGREED, proposed by Cllr Pitt and seconded by Cllr Scott, that the minutes were a correct record of the meeting.** The minutes were signed by the chairman.

Min 040/22 **County/District Councillor Report.** Cllr Kiddle Morris confirmed that he had nothing to report from NCC.
With regards Breckland Council, a written report had been submitted and distributed to members which outlined additional requirements being placed on planning applications nationally which will result in delays in determination of the majority of planning applications until new submission requirements have been developed and put in place.

Min 041/22 **Millenium Lakes.** The clerk advised of an email that he had received from the developer acknowledging that the council's previous correspondence about the footpath had been received and offering a site meeting to discuss. The clerk **AGREED to chase up this meeting with the developer.**
With regards the existing seats and waste bin, it was **AGREED to seek quotations for refurbishment of the seats, regular emptying of the litter bin and grass cutting adjacent to the new footpath.**

Min 042/22 **Cherry Trees on Village Green.** Correspondence re removal of two cherry trees was **NOTED.** In the light of this, it was **AGREED to seek quotations for the removal of the two cherry trees on the village green.** The works will be undertaken later in the year and in the meantime, notification will be placed in the C and V to advise residents.

Cllr Greene **agreed to talk to the school about two fruit trees that were held back from the recent planting for the school, and to which no response to an earlier email had been received.**

Min 043/22 **Wig Wag Signs for Dereham Rd.** The council **NOTED its successful grant application for the signs to the NCC Parish Partnership Fund and thanked Cllr Kiddle Morris for his financial contribution of £750 towards the scheme.** The clerk advised that he had been in contact with the highways engineer who had requested that the council supply proposed locations for the signs prior to a site meeting to confirm locations. The council **AGREED to contact the school to confirm that this was something that the school wished to be installed before making a final decision at the next meeting.**

- Min 044/22 **Highways Flooding on Dereham Rd.** The clerk reported that he had spoken to the highways engineer on two occasions and that NCC had agreed to extend the existing surface water drain on the highway to outside the Anglian Water pumping station. Cllr Scott will review the drainage from the field behind the pumping station which he farms to minimise run off from the field onto the highway which likely contributes to the problem. The verbal reports were **NOTED**.
- Min 045/22 **Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.** Cllr Greene and the clerk reported on the public meeting held on 7th March and the activities of the working group, established at that meeting, who are working to arrange a street party to be held on The Street on the afternoon of Sunday 5th June. The verbal reports were **NOTED**. It was **AGREED to delegate expenditure of up to £1000 to be allocated to the arrangements for the event, funds to come from earmarked reserves for community activities.** Cllr Kiddle Morris agreed to provide an update on any funding that might be available towards Jubilee events from Breckland Council.
- Min 046/22 **Planning Application.** The following responses were **AGREED**
 3PL/2022/0205/HOU Bradmoor House, Mill Drift - to make no comments
 3PL/2022/0228/F New Farm - to make a detailed objection on the application's failure to comply with policy no HOU13
 3PL/2022/0279/VAR Payne's Yard, Dereham Rd - to make no comments on the application but to request the use of down lighters and site lighting to not be left on all night
 3PL/2022/0287/HOU Home House, Bittering - to make no comments
- Min 047/22 **Planning Decisions.** The following decisions were **NOTED**.
 FUL/2021/0051 Bittering Quarry - permitted
 FUL/2021/0052 Bittering Quarry - permitted
 3PL/2021/16661/HOU Secret Garden, Drury Sq - permitted
- Min 048/22 **Appeal Decisions.** The following decisions were **NOTED**.
 APP/F2605/W/20/3263062 Land at Syers Lane - dismissed
 APP/F2605/W/21/3276116 Woodfield House, Herne Lane - dismissed
- Min 049/22 **Breckland Council Local Plan Update.** The call for sites consultation was **NOTED**. Cllr Kiddle Morris advised that any previously considered sites in the current local plan process would have to be resubmitted.
- Min 050/22 **Highways.** The clerk confirmed that potholes on Syers Lane and at the junction of Back Lane and Mileham Rd had been attended to.
- Min 051/22 **New Highways Reports.** The damaged Give Way sign at the Dairy Drift/Herne Lane junction had been reported. Signs along Herne Lane warning of the roadside ditch would be requested to be cleaned and infilling to be undertaken where signs had been knocked into the ditch.
- Min 052/22 **Meeting Dates for 2022/23.** It was **AGREED that meetings would take place on the following Monday evenings at 7.30pm in the Village Hall - 16th May, 27th June, 25th July, 26th September, 24th October, 28th November, 23rd January 2023, 27th February 2023, 27th March 2023, 24th April 2023, 15th May 2023.** The Annual Parish Meeting will precede the May 2022 and April 2023 meetings

Min 053/22 **Balances and Cheques for Authorisation.** The financial statement at the end of February and budget summary were reviewed. Cheques for payment were **AUTHORISED by Cllrs Townshend and Greene**

Balances :-

Bank of Ireland Treasurers' Account

Balance at 31 01 22	12118.54
Income	<u>NIL</u>
	12118.54
Less Cheques authorised	<u>750.13</u>
Balance at 28 02 22	11368.41
Outstanding Cheques 18.01.22	650.00
21.02.22	<u>531.94</u>
Cash Book Balance at 28 02 22	10186.47

Cheques for authorisation: Total value = £ 484.93

Amount available for Section 137 : 485 x £8.41 = £ 4078.85
Spend to Date = £ 590.00

658	CGM Group	Grounds maintenance 03/22	42.74
659	Beeston Village Hall Committee	Room Hire 01-02/22	24.00
660	C Brindley	Clerk's salary 03/22 plus backpay from 04/21	213.45
661	HMRC	Income Tax 03/22	53.40
662	C Brindley	Clerk's Expenses 09/21-03/22	151.34

Min 054/22 **Appointment of Internal Auditor for 2021/22 Accounts.** The council considered the clerk's report and **AGREED to appoint Mr Andrew Stewart as its internal auditor for the 2021/22 period**

Min 055/22 **Matters for the Next Meeting.** Annual Meeting Items, Accounts 2021/22, Annual Governance Report, Decision on Wig Wag signs

Min 056/22 **Date of the Next Meeting.** It was agreed as Monday 16th May 2022 at Beeston Village Hall starting at 7.30pm. This will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting starting at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 9.53 pm.