

Minutes of the Meeting of the Beeston with Bittering Parish Council held on **Monday 27th February 2023** at Beeston Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

Present

Councillor T Townshend (Chair)
Councillor R Scott
Councillor J Pitt
Councillor M Greene
Councillor A Mullenger

12 members of the public along with County/District Councillor M Kiddle Morris were present. The clerk was in attendance.

Public Speaking Time

Cllr Scott read out a letter that he had been asked to read out by a resident and Cllr Townshend replied to the matters raised in the letter

Min 020/23 **Apologies for Absence.** Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Wiseman (lack of baby sitter).

Min 021/23 **Declarations of Interest.** There were no declarations of interest on any items on the agenda

Min 023/23 **Minutes of the Meeting Held on 23 January 2023.** After the correction of a spelling mistake at min 004/23, the minutes were taken as read and it was **AGREED that the minutes were a correct record of the meeting.** The minutes were signed by the chairman

Min 024/23 **County/District Councillor Reports.** Cllr Kiddle Morris had submitted a written district council report which had been distributed to members. He confirmed that Breckland Council Tax had been increased by £4.95 on a band D property. Photo ID will be required at the May elections and details will be included on the poll cards. Breckland Foodstore is back up and running and has some spare slots if a need is identified. Cllr Kiddle Morris noted the proposed redevelopment of the Bungalow, Herne Lane was smaller than the previously withdrawn application. He will request that it be taken to committee
NCC Council Tax increases confirmed as 2.99% on the general rate and 2% on the Adult Social Care rate. Recent accidents on the bend out of Beeston towards the A47, have necessitated requests for new chevrons and signage to be installed.

Min 025/23 **Speeding Traffic on Dereham Rd.** A request for the repainting of yellow zig zag markings outside the school had been made and was **NOTED.** Contact with Litcham Parish Council re borrowing the SAM2 device had been made and it was confirmed that the request would be considered by Litcham PC when it next met on March 6. Details of establishing a Community Speedwatch scheme had been received from Norfolk Police and these would be passed to the school. A discussion took place about a footpath along Dereham Rd from the Millenium Lakes towards the school and Cllr Kiddle Morris agreed to take this up with NCC Highways.

Min 026/23 **Hedge Planting at Playing Field.** It was **NOTED that the planting had been completed on 12 February.** Cllr Kiddle Morris advised that there would be a further tree planting campaign in 2023/24 which he would be able to support.

Min 027/23 **King's Coronation Celebration.** It was **NOTED that the public meeting had been arranged for 13 March.** The clerk advised that a general application for funding towards the event had been made to Breckland Council, supported by Cllr Kiddle Morris, and an outcome was expected shortly.

Min 028/23 **Planning Applications.** The following responses were **AGREED**
3PL/2023/0052/VAR Shalee, Drury Square to make no comments
3PL/2023/0085/HOU The Cottage, Mill Drift to make no comments
3PL/2023/0128/F The Bungalow, Herne Lane to support the application contingent on the issues raised on the previously withdrawn application being addressed
3PL/2023/0119/F New Farm, Fransham Rd to comment that the council is not fundamentally opposed to this type of biodiversity enhancement provided it is not

being undertaken for commercial gain. To also enquire about the disposal of the spoil from the development.

Min 029/23 **Planning Decisions.** The following decisions were **NOTED**

3PL/2022/1392/F New Farm, Fransham Rd - approved

3PN/2022/0051/UC Woodfield House, Herne Lane- refused

Min 030/23 **Highways Reports.** The clerk reported that he had spoken to NCC Highways about the drainage works outside the Anglian Water station on Dereham Rd and it had been confirmed that the works were programmed with funding from the 2022/23 budget. A road closure will be required and it was **NOTED that a date for the works is outstanding**

Min 031/23 **New Reports.** Cllr Pitt had undertaken a pothole survey in the parish and all repairs had been reported to NCC. A further pothole on Reed Lane was identified and this would be reported.

Min 032/23 **A County Deal for Norfolk.** It was **AGREED that no response to the proposals should be made at this time.**

Min 033/23 **Balances and Cheques for Authorisation.** The financial statement at the end of January and budget summary were reviewed. Cheques for payment were **AUTHORISED by Cllrs Townshend and Pitt**

Balances :-

Bank of Ireland Treasurers' Account

Balance at 31 12 22	12933.21
Income	<u>NIL</u>
	12933.21
Less Cheques authorised	<u>878.87</u>
Balance at 31 01 23	12054.34
Outstanding Cheques 23 01 23	<u>1004.00</u>
Cash Book Balance at 31 01 23	11050.34

Cheques for authorisation: Total value = £ 301.48

Amount available for Section 137 : 481 x £8.82 = £ 4242.42

Spend to Date = £ 50.00

701	Information Commissioner	Annual Registration Fee 2023/4	40.00
702	T Townshend	New lights for village green	19.98
703	C Brindley	Clerk's salary 02/23	195.50
700	HMRC	Income Tax 02/23	46.00

Min 034/23 **Breckland Environmental Initiative.** The council **AGREED to make an application to the fund for £1000 towards the cost of planned dredging works to the Millenium Lakes**

Min 035/23 **Norfolk Age UK.** It was **AGREED not to make a donation**

Min 036/23 **Matters for the Next Meeting.** Internal Auditor Appointment

Min 037/23 **Date of the Next Meeting.** It was agreed as Monday 27 March 2023 at Beeston Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm.

