

Minutes of the Meeting of the Beeston with Bittering Parish Council held on **Monday 25th July 2022** at Beeston Village Hall at 7.40 pm.

**Present** Councillor T Townshend (Chair)  
Councillor R Scott  
Councillor A Mullenger

The clerk was in attendance. Cllr Kiddle Morris was present.

#### Public Speaking Time

There were no members of the public present

Min 094/22 **Apologies for Absence.** Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Pitt (illness) and Cllr Greene (work commitment).

Min 095/22 **Declarations of Interest.** There were no declarations of interest.

Min 096/22 **Minutes of the Meeting Held on 27 June 2022.** 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 097/22 **County/District Councillor Reports.** Cllr Kiddle Morris reported a proposal was before the Governance and Audit committee later this week that would mean that third party responses to planning applications would no longer be visible on the planning website. This was discussed and it was considered to be a retrograde step. The clerk agreed to write to the committee chairman to make this point as the parish council uses this as a means to access the public's views on planning applications. He advised that general guidance had been received from government about nutrient neutrality. Full guidance had still to be developed but critically, the regulations were to be changed to allow sites in catchment areas that are deliverable in 5 year housing land supply calculations. Finally, Cllr Kiddle Morris confirmed that he had requested an inspection by building control of the part built dwelling on land adjacent to Chinook, Dereham Rd. At this time, he had not received any feedback.

Min 098/22 **Millenium Lakes.** Members considered options for picnic tables that were presented and **AGREED to purchase one bench from Earth Anchor at a cost of £540 plus fixings. Unit to be in brown**

Min 099/22 **Traffic Speed on Dereham Rd.** A site meeting was arranged for July 26th at 10am to discuss the speeding issue with NCC Highways. The county councillor would be in attendance and the meeting would also look at drainage issues near Paynes Yard

Min 100/22 **Woodland Trust Hedging.** It was **NOTED that the application for a hedging pack to complete the gaping works to the hedge at the playing field bounding Back Lane had been successful with delivery expected in November**

Min 101/22 **Cherry Trees on the Village Green.** The issue was revisited from earlier in the year and it was **AGREED to remove the northern most tree in early 2023.** The clerk was asked to seek quotations for its removal for consideration at a future meeting

Min 102/22 **Village Hall.** The clerk explained that the council holds funding in reserve for the village hall. Several potential uses were raised and it was **AGREED that two members would attend a future meeting of the Playing Field Committee to start discussions about its use**

Min 103/22 **Planning Application.** The following response was **AGREED** 3PL/2022/0758/F The Bungalow, 2 Herne Lane - to highlight potential contamination issues from previous use of the site as a breakers yard, the drainage issues caused in the vicinity of the site potentially by blocked land drains on the site and the ecology in general and bats in particular that inhabit the site. If these issues are addressed, the council supports what is a sympathetic redevelopment of the bungalow

- Min 104/22 **Highways Reports.** Cllr Pitt had surveyed roads in the parish and a comprehensive list had been submitted to NCC. Some of those reported had already been attended to. The dead tree on the corner of Herne Lane and Dairy Drift had had the limbs overhanging the highway removed
- Min 105/22 **New Reports.** Two potholes on Fransham Rd had been reported. Hedge at junction of Herne Lane and Dereham Rd needs cutting to improve visibility
- Min 106/22 **NCC Parish Partnership Fund 2023/24.** The availability of the fund was **NOTED**
- Min 107/22 **Balances and Cheques for Authorisation.** The financial statement at the end of June and budget summary were reviewed. Cheques for payment were **AUTHORISED by Cllrs Townshend and Mullenger**

**Balances :-**

**Bank of Ireland Treasurers' Account**

|                               |               |
|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Balance at 30 05 22           | 14817.64      |
| Income                        | <u>NIL</u>    |
|                               | 14817.64      |
| Less Cheques authorised       | <u>965.57</u> |
| Balance at 29 06 22           | 13852.07      |
| Outstanding Cheques 27.06.22  | <u>391.09</u> |
| Cash Book Balance at 29 06 22 | 13460.98      |

Cheques for authorisation: Total value = £ 224.50

Amount available for Section 137 : 481 x £8.82 = £ 4242.42  
Spend to Date = £ 0.00

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| 674 | C Brindley | Clerk's salary 07/22 | 181.90 |
| 675 | HMRC       | Income Tax 07/22     | 42.60  |

- Min 108/22 **Maintenance of Bittering Churchyard.** The council **NOTED a letter of thanks received for the decision to increase the grant made at the last meeting**
- Min 109/22 **Matters for the Next Meeting.** Remembrance Sunday; Christmas Lights
- Min 110/22 **Date of the Next Meeting.** It was agreed as Monday 19 September 2022 at Beeston Village Hall starting at 7.30pm. Please note that this is a change to the original date publicised

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

