

Minutes of the Meeting of the Beeston with Bittering Parish Council held on **Monday 27th June 2022** at Beeston Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

Present Councillor T Townshend (Chair)
Councillor J Pitt
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 077/22 **Apologies for Absence.** Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Scott (on holiday) and Cllr Shutler (work commitment).

Min 078/22 **Declarations of Interest.** There were no declarations of interest.

Min 079/22 **Minutes of the Meeting Held on 30 May 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 080/22 **County/District Councillor Reports.** Cllr Kiddle Morris reported that the expected cost of the Western Link road would increase by £50M due to price increases and additional mitigation measures. With regards the local plan, he confirmed that the housing land supply would be an issue for a few months as Breckland would not meet the 5 year target. However, government changes to the NNPF at the end of the year will mean that the target will do away with the target. This council's response to an earlier consultation on the SCI was noted and confirmation is made that paper copies of applications can be requested when required.

Min 081/22 **Millenium Lakes.** The clerk provided details of options for seating. The council concluded that it would provide picnic tables that were either octagonal, square or round in shape. The clerk will provide quotations of options for the next meeting.

Min 082/22 **Traffic Speed on Dereham Rd.** The clerk had written to the highways engineer asking for a meeting to discuss options to address speeding issues into the village on Dereham Rd. He had suggested that data cables might be laid to assess the extent of the problem. No response had been received to the correspondence to date. Cllr Kiddle Morris, who was copied on the correspondence, agreed to speak the highways engineer.

Min 083/22 **Land adjacent to Chinook, Dereham Rd.** The situation was discussed at length. Issues with regards fencing and the rear boundary still remain and as they are a civil matter, it is not something that Breckland can be involved with. However, the safety of the building was questioned and Cllr Kiddle Morris agreed to request an inspection by Breckland building control to review for any issues.

Min 084/22 **Woodland Trust Hedging.** It was **AGREED to apply for a hedging pack to complete the gaping works to the hedge at the playing field bounding Back Lane**

Min 085/22 **Planning Application.** The following response was **AGREED**
3PL/2022/0596/VAR The Old Quarry, Mileham Rd - to make no comments

Min 086/22 **Planning Decisions.** The following decision was **NOTED.**
3PL/2022/0279/VAR Paynes Yard, Dereham Rd - approved

Min 087/22 **NCC Local List Consultation.** It was **AGREED to make no response to the consultation**

Min 088/22 **Highways Reports.** The clerk reported that the highways rangers had been in contact prior to their visit to the parish and he had sent the up to date list of all outstanding reports at that time. This included new reports of blocked gullies on Dereham Rd near Ben Burgess ad at the junction of Dairy Drift and Herne Lane.

Min 089/22 **New Reports.** The finger post at the start of FP1 at the Watery Lane end is snapped and has now been reported.

Min 090/22 **Balances and Cheques for Authorisation.** The financial statement at the end of May and budget summary were reviewed. Cheques for payment were **AUTHORISED by Cllrs Townshend and Mullenger**

Balances :-

Bank of Ireland Treasurers' Account

Balance at 29 04 22		14275.67
Income Breckland Council Jubilee Grant	400.00	
HMRC Vat Refund 2021/22	165.97	
		<u>565.97</u>
		14841.64
Less Cheques authorised		<u>24.00</u>
Balance at 31 05 22		14817.64
Outstanding Cheques 30.05.22		<u>1111.89</u>
Cash Book Balance at 31 05 22		13705.75

Cheques for authorisation: Total value = £ 429.46

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

Spend to Date = £ 0.00

669	Beeston Playing Field Comm	Room hire 04-05/22	40.00
670	Sue Wheeler	Megaphone/ table cloths for Jubilee street party	38.37
671	Sarah James	Prizes for competitions at Jubilee street party	126.59
672	C Brindley	Clerk's salary 06/22	181.90
673	HMRC	Income Tax 06/22	42.60

Min 091/22 **Maintenance of Bittering Churchyard.** The council considered correspondence for the vicar asking for an increase in the council's annual grant to cover the grass cutting of the churchyard. The council **AGREED to increase the grant to Bittering Church from £150 to £250 to cover the increased costs that are now incurred**

Min 092/22 **Matters for the Next Meeting.** Cherry trees on village green; village hall

Min 093/22 **Date of the Next Meeting.** It was agreed as Monday 25 July 2022 at Beeston Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.38 pm.

