

Minutes of the Meeting of the Beeston with Bittering Parish Council held on **Monday 24th October 2022** at Beeston Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

Present Councillor T Townshend (Chair)
Councillor R Scott
Councillor J Pitt
Councillor S Wiseman (from item 5)

The clerk was in attendance.

Public Speaking Time

There were no members of the public present

Min 141/22 **Apologies for Absence.** Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Mullenger (work commitments). County/District Councillor Kiddle Morris had advised that he would not be attending any parish council meetings in his wards until the New Year

Min 142/22 **Declarations of Interest.** There were no declarations of interest.

Min 143/22 **Minutes of the Meeting Held on 3 October 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 144/22 **County/District Councillor Reports.** A report from the district councillor had been circulated. There were no questions arising from its content.

Cllr Wiseman arrived

Min 145/22 **Millenium Lakes.** The clerk reported that the two seats had been removed from site by Cllr Scott, who had also put a flock of sheep on the paddock to graze it. The new picnic table has been received and this will be installed when the bankside scrub clearance work has been completed. The new footpath has been sprayed off for weeds and 3 cuts of the grass bordering the footpath have been undertaken this year. A sign will be installed when the litter bin is removed to advise accordingly. Members discussed concerns raised by members of the public that the section of footpath from the new development to the Millenium Lakes had been gated with a sign advising that it was private. The clerk was instructed to write to Breckland Council to ask why the footpath being designated as a public right of way was not included in the s106 agreement for the original outline consent for the development as this was one of the reasons why the parish council originally supported the application. The clerk was also asked to check the land ownership in the area of the development. The reports were **NOTED**

Min 146/22 **Remembrance Sunday.** Arrangements for the event in the village hall after the ceremonials were finalised. Details of the event will be posted on the noticeboards and the provision of a collection box at the hall for voluntary contributions to the RBL was considered.

Min 147/22 **Grit Bin for Chapel Lane/The Street junction.** The clerk reported that permission for the siting of a grit bin had finally been received from NCC Highways. The council **AGREED to the purchase of a bin which will be filled twice a year by NCC.** As the first fill of the winter is scheduled for the end of October, it was **AGREED to write to NCC to ask if they could provide additional grit at the village green site to be transported to Chapel lane when the new bin is in place**

Min 148/22 **Village Sign.** It was **AGREED that the picture needed redoing and Cllr Scott AGREED to find out who had undertaken the original painting**

Min 149/22 **Defibrillator at the Church.** The matter was discussed and it was **AGREED to contact Mrs Scott to see if there was any help that the parish council could give.**

- Min 150/22 **Planning Application.** The following responses were **AGREED**
 3PL/2022/1089/F Water Farm, Water End Lane - to comment that the proposed annex should be tied to the main property
 3PL/2022/1090/F Water Farm, Water End Lane - to object as the proposals would create unacceptable road access issues with the proposed additional public use
 3PL/2022/1114/HOU Rookery Barn, Herne Lane - no comments
 3PL/2022/1044/HOU Hardy Barn, Dereham Rd - to retain the same objection as to the original application
- Min 151/22 **Planning Decisions.** The following decision was **NOTED**
 3PL/2022/0389/F The Cottage, Drury Square - withdrawn
- Min 152/22 **Norfolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan.** As the proposals did not affect the parish, it was **AGREED that no comments were needed**
- Min 153/22 **Breckland Local Plan Review.** It was **AGREED that this item would not be discussed until the formal consultation on the Call for Sites was received**
- Min 154/22 **Breckland Local Plan Partial Review.** It was **AGREED that no comment was needed at this time**
- Min 155/22 **Highways Reports.** The following had been actioned - road marking on Litcham Rd and the gulley on Dereham Rd near Ben Burgess had been cleared. Works had been undertaken to assess the drainage system from Ben Burgess to the Dairy Drift junction. This included jetting and a camera inspection. It has been concluded that an additional surface gulley is needed outside the AW pumping station and this work will be done shortly. It may necessitate a road closure.
- Min 156/22 **New Reports.** Passing place on Mileham Rd needs attention. Cllr Scott will visit resident re issue reported on Syers Lane
- Min 157/22 **Balances and Cheques for Authorisation.** The financial statement at the end of September and budget summary were reviewed. Cheques for payment were **AUTHORISED by Cllrs Townshend and Pitt**

Balances :-

Bank of Ireland Treasurers' Account

Balance at 31 08 22	13051.79
Income NCF Grant Ukraine	475.00
Precept 2nd instalment 2022/23	3800.00
	<u>4275.00</u>
	17326.79
Less Cheques authorised	<u>NIL</u>
Balance at 30 09 22	17326.79
Outstanding Cheques 03 10 22	<u>1122.03</u>
Cash Book Balance at 03 10 22	16204.76

Cheques for authorisation: Total value = £ 1328.44

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

Spend to Date = £ 0.00

680	Earth Anchors Ltd	Picnic bench for Millenium Lakes	823.20
681	T Townshend	Refreshments for Remembrance Sunday/Lights Switch-On	144.00
682	C Brindley	Clerks salary 10/22	181.90
683	HMRC	Income Tax 10/22	42.60
684	C Brindley	Wreaths for Remembrance Sunday/Plaque for Millenium Lakes	63.44

685	Beeston PFC	Donation for use of hall and furniture for Jubilee event	36.65
686	Ms JM Bloomfield	Donation for music at Jubilee event	36.65

Min 158/22 **PKF Littlejohn.** Completion of the Annual Return process for 2021/22 was **NOTED**

Min 159/22 **East Anglian Children's Hospice.** It was **AGREED not to make a donation in this instance**

Min 160/22 **Matters for the Next Meeting.** Xmas lights; Budget inclusions; Silviculture Forestation Plans (a representative will be in attendance)

Min 138/22 **Date of the Next Meeting.** It was agreed as Monday 28 November 2022 at Beeston Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.