

Minutes of the Meeting of the Beeston with Bittering Parish Council held on **Monday 3rd October 2022** at Beeston Village Hall at 7.40 pm.

**Present**

Councillor T Townshend (Chair)  
Councillor R Scott  
Councillor A Mullenger  
Councillor Jim Pitt  
Councillor Mark Greene

The clerk was in attendance. One member of the public was present.

Before the meeting started a period of silence was observed to respect the recent passing of HM Queen Elizabeth II

Public Speaking Time

A member of the public raised concerns about the legality of the entrance being used to access the new build dwelling adjacent to Chinook. He advised that he had documentation that demonstrated that the entrance was illegal and sought the help of the council to write to Breckland Council to have enforcement to act. The resident was advised that he should provide documentation copies to the council who would then write to Breckland after consideration of the information provided.

Min 116/22 **Apologies for Absence.** No apologies for absence had been received. 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 117/22 **Declarations of Interest.** There were no declarations of interest.

Min 118/22 **Minutes of the Meeting Held on 25 July and 15 August 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 119/22 **County/District Councillor Reports.** No reports had been provided

Min 120/22 **Millenium Lakes.** The clerk reported that the developer had topped up the gravel on the footpath and acknowledged that handrail provision on the footbridge was still outstanding, The picnic table was scheduled for delivery in late October/early November and the sides to the footpath had been strimmed. Cllr Scott had flailed some of the scrub bounding the lakes and further works would be arranged. Mr Hart had cut the meadow and Cllr Scott will put sheep on the meadow over winter. The clerk advised that he had been unable to find a contractor who would undertake the emptying of the bin and it was therefore **AGREED that the bin would be removed and a sign advising accordingly would be installed.** Cllr Scott agreed to remove the bin and the two old seats that are considered beyond repair. The above was **NOTED.**

Min 121/22 **Traffic Speed on Dereham Rd.** The clerk reported on the site meeting that he and Cllr Scott had attended with Cllr Kiddle Morris and the NCC Highways Engineer. It was suggested that the council should contact the police directly about the issue. This had been done and the police had suggested setting up a Community Speedwatch scheme. Members discussed this and **AGREED not to pursue the matter further at this time.**

Min 122/22 **Village Hall.** Cllrs Townshend and Mullenger reported on an inconclusive meeting that they had attended with the Playing Field Committee. The members discussed the issue and **AGREED to do nothing further unless the council is approached directly by the Playing Field Committee**

Min 123/22 **Remembrance Sunday.** The clerk advised that he had spoken to the PCC and arrangements would return to those used before Covid ie wreath laying at the memorial at the church, church service followed by wreath laying at the American War Memorial. It was **AGREED that Cllr Greene will lay the wreath at the church and Cllr Pitt will lay the wreath at the American War Memorial.**

- Arrangements for purchasing refreshments for the gathering in the village hall after the wreath laying were discussed and will be finalised at the next meeting.
- Min 124/22 **Christmas Lights.** It was **AGREED** that the lights would be switched on at 6pm on Friday 9 December. Cllr Scott agreed that if Cllr Shutler was unable to provide a generator, he would be able to. Further details would be arranged at a future meeting.
- Min 125/22 **Planning Notification.** The following was **NOTED**  
3AG/2022/0013/AG New farm, Fransham Rd - no comments
- Min 126/22 **Planning Application.** The following response was **AGREED**  
3PL/2022/1044/HOU Hardy Cottage, Dereham Rd - to object as the proposals are considered an overdevelopment of the site and concerns about impacts on onsite parking
- Min 127/22 **Planning Decisions.** The following decisions were **NOTED**  
3PL/2022/0110/F Shalee, Drury Square - approved  
3AG/2022/0013/AG New Farm, Fransham Rd - prior approval required  
The clerk advised that works had been started before the decision was issued and he had therefore notified Cllr Kiddle Morris, who informed planning enforcement who issued a work stop notice pending the submission of the required planning application.
- Min 128/22 **Silviculture Forestation Proposals.** The council considered the matter and **AGREED** to write to Silviculture to ask (i) whether the land would be publicly accessible during the growing period, (ii) whether an Environmental Impact Assessment would be prepared as the project, whilst still agricultural in nature, would mean a major change to the habitat of the land and (iii) what impacts the scheme might have on the surface water drainage from Beeston to the River Nar.
- Min 129/22 **Highways Reports.** The following had been actioned - pothole on Drury Square, gully at Herne Lane/Drury Square junction, reflectors on Herne Lane, Give Way sign at Herne Lane junction on Dairy Drift
- Min 130/22 **New Reports.** No new reports
- Min 131/22 **Balances and Cheques for Authorisation.** The financial statement at the end of August and budget summary were reviewed. Cheques for payment were **AUTHORISED** by Cllrs Townshend and Mullenger

#### **Balances :-**

##### **Bank of Ireland Treasurers' Account**

Balance at 29 06 22	13852.07
Income	<u>NIL</u>
	13852.07
Less Cheques authorised	<u>800.28</u>
Balance at 31 08 22	13051.79
Outstanding Cheques	<u>NIL</u>
Cash Book Balance at 31 08 22	13051.79

Cheques for authorisation: Total value = £ 1122.03

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

Spend to Date = £ 0.00

676	N Bielova	Grant from NCF Supporting Ukraine in Norflok	475.00
677	C Brindley	Clerks salary 08-09/22	363.80
678	HMRC	Income Tax 08-09/22	85.20
679	C Brindley	Clerks expenses 03-09/22	198.03

The clerk advised that there was a balance remaining on the grant for the Jubilee Event and it was **AGREED that it should be donated to the Playing Field committee for the use of the hall and tables and chairs and to the Ukelele players for the entertainment**

Min 132/22 **NCF Supporting Ukraine in Norfolk.** The council **NOTED that a successful grant application had been made to the fund on behalf of a Ukrainian family living in the village**

Min 133/22 **Woodland Trust.** The expected delivery date for the additional hedging was **NOTED**

Min 134/22 **HedgehogsRUs.** The council **NOTED the correspondence but would not be participating in the scheme**

Min 135/22 **Smaller Authorities Audit Advice.** It was **AGREED to remain in the scheme**

Min 136/22 **NALC Nomination of Representative.** It was **AGREED that the council's representative would be the chair of the council**

Min 137/22 **Matters for the Next Meeting.** Village Sign; List of sites submitted to Breckland in the Call for Sites; Defibrillator at Church

Min 138/22 **Date of the Next Meeting.** It was agreed as Monday 24 October 2022 at Beeston Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

Min 139/22 Move to exclude members of the public and press in accordance with Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1(2) to discuss a matter of confidentiality

Min 140/22 **Removal of Cherry Tree on Village Green.** The council **AGREED to award the contract for the removal to Ravencroft Tree Services**

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm.