

**Minutes of the Meeting of Beeston With Bittering Parish Council held at Beeston Village Hall
on Monday 23rd October 2023 at 7:00pm.**

Present: Mark Greene, Chairman
Robert Scott
Suzie Tucker
Mandy Hall
Peter Cook
Natalie Gould, Clerk

Also present: One member of the public.

1 Public Forum

There were no requests to speak.

It was noted that correspondence had been received the day before from a member of the public with concerns about the tree removal behind the old shop and it's relation to the sale of the aforementioned property.

Although the Parish Council tried to get the old shop added to the register of assets of community value, unfortunately Breckland Council stated that the shop didn't meet the requirements for this.

ACTION: The correspondence in relation to this will be shared by Cllr Greene.

2 Apologies for absence

Cllr Pitt and Cllr Arnold sent their apologies.

3 Declarations of interest for items and applications for dispensations

Cllr Scott declared an interest in any local plan items being discussed.

4 Approve minutes of meeting 25th September 2023

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. This was proposed by Cllr Hall and seconded by Cllr Cook. All were in favour.

5 Norfolk District/County Report

There were no district or county reports to be discussed, due to the councillor being unwell. Cllr Greene proposed that a get well soon card be sent to Cllr Kiddle-Morris and Cllr Hall seconded.

ACTION: Send a get well soon card.

6 Planning

a) Applications received

None received.

b) Applications received since the publication of the agenda

None received.

c) Planning decisions

The following planning decisions were noted.

3PL/2023/0828/EU Woodfield House, Herne Lane
Certificate of Lawfulness for Existing use - Storage of agricultural machinery
REFUSED.

It was noted that the official decision states that this has been refused on grounds of a lack of evidence.

d) Planning decisions received since publication of the agenda

No further planning decisions were issued.

e) Enforcement updates

No further updates have been provided on the one outstanding enforcement submission.

7 Correspondence

The correspondence list was reviewed and noted, including several responses to the local plan submission sites on display.

The Remembrance Sunday plan was confirmed. The wreaths have been ordered, the village hall is booked, representatives have been organised for attendance at each part and Cllr Scott is organising the food. **ACTION:** Check with Cllr Pitt to locate the table cloths used last year. It was also stated that the Parish Council may also have some items stored in the roof of the village hall. **ACTION:** check if this is the case and arrange a review of such items if so.

The s-bends nature area has been mowed now that it's at the end of the season.

8 Finance

a) To note Bank Reconciliations

The bank reconciliation was noted

b) To note Accounts

The banking payments were noted.

ACTION: Check with both churches about the usual donation for grass cutting.

c) To approve items for payment:

N. Gould	Salary	£160
HMRC	Income tax	£40
Beeston Playing Field	Village Hall Hire	£64.00

Cllr Cook proposed that the payments were agreed and Cllr Hall seconded. All were in favour.

d) To approve payment of invoices received since the publication of the agenda

There were no additional invoices.

9 Action Log

The action log was reviewed and the following updates were noted.

The only remaining action was for Cllr Pitt who was not in attendance this time.

10 Devolution Deal Thoughts

The council decided that they were not well informed enough to make a decision for or against.

11 SAM2/Speed Watch

The speed signs have been up and doing the rounds in 3 locations within the parish and will be coming down tomorrow. The data from this will be brought to the next meeting.

Cllr Greene proposed that a thank you card and biscuits were given to Litcham Parish Council for the use of their SAM2 sign – Cllr Cook seconded this.

12 Update on Oak Tree Planting for the Coronation Commemoration

ACTION: Cllr Scott is to speak to Rory Hart to discuss this further and come back with an update. If this goes ahead, perhaps something can be arranged with the school, or a time capsule etc.

13 Future Action Plans

The following items were noted as possible things to budget for next year:

- A beacon
 - Millenium Lakes clean out – although drainage is working well on the bends, they still need to be cleaned out.
- Timing wise it needs to take place in June. Planning for this needs to start next year.

ACTION: Cllr Scott will call for a rough price from digger hire companies.

14 Village Survey

The digital survey is now ready to go. The cost for this is £99.00. Cllr Cook proposed that the funds be approved to pay for the survey, Cllr Hall seconded and all were in favour. The survey will go live on Wednesday and the link and information will be sent out and posted in lots of places, including the website, social media, noticeboards and the pub. The survey will close on the 17th November.

15 Potholes

Cllr Cook wanted to know if the residents could be better informed about how to report such things as potholes.

ACTION: Put some detailed links on the website for reporting such things.

16 Agenda items for meeting in November 2023

- Christmas lights – To discuss the Christmas light switch on and plans.

Meeting closed at 8.01pm.

Date of next Parish Council meeting: 20th November 2023 at 7:00pm