

**Minutes of the Meeting of Beeston With Bittering Parish Council held at Beeston Village Hall
on Monday 20th November 2023 at 7:00pm.**

Present: Jim Pitt, Chairman
Mark Greene
Robert Scott
Suzie Tucker
Mandy Hall
Peter Cook

Also present: There were no members of the public present.

1 Public Forum

There were no requests to speak.

2 Apologies for absence

Cllr Arnold and Natalie Gould, Clerk 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 23rd October 2023

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

5 Norfolk District/County Report

The District and County reports from the councillor had been seen and reviewed but there was nothing to note.

6 Planning

a) Applications received

None received.

b) Applications received since the publication of the agenda

None received.

c) Planning decisions

None received.

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

A letter has been received from a resident, asking if the old phone box could potentially be used as a local library. Although this is a great idea, the phone box itself and the land it is on is actually owned by the owners of the old shop, as they purchased it in 2009.

It was noted that there is a small lending library in the pub already. More awareness for this existing resource needs to happen.

ACTION: Information about it will be included on social media and the website. A letter is to be returned to the enquirer.

8 Finance

a) To note Bank Reconciliations

The bank reconciliation was noted

b) To note Accounts

The banking payments were noted.

c) To approve items for payment:

N. Gould	Salary	£312.00
HMRC	Income tax	£78.00
Breckland Council	Election Costs	£75.00
Peter Cook	Survey Monkey Costs	£99.00
Jim Pitt	Remembrance Sunday - Wine	£80.00
Jim Pitt	Amazon Voucher – Prize for Survey	£50.00
Robert Scott	Remembrance Sunday - Food	£186.00

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

Cllr Scott had forgotten his receipts, but all counsellors agreed that they will be paid as soon as he passes them to the clerk.

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 councillors discussed the past application for the community asset register for the old shop following the circulation of the correspondence regarding this. As lots of people in the survey were requesting a shop, is this enough evidence to pass on to Breckland as a case for need?

ACTION: Cllr Greene will put this information forward to Breckland Council for review and see what they say.

It was confirmed that Rory Hart has a wild service tree that could be used for our coronation tree planting and it is available whenever needed. **ACTION:** Cllr Hall will contact the school head to discuss putting in a time capsule when it is planted.

It was suggested that the reporting service link is to be shared on the facebook page as well as the website.

11 SAM2/Speed Watch

The speed watch team are still waiting for their training to take place and this is being chased with Norfolk Police.

12 Christmas Light Switch on Event

The Christmas lights will go up on Saturday 2nd in the afternoon and be switched on when it gets dark, ready for the craft afternoon at the school on Tuesday 5th, where the children will make some decorations for the trees.

13 Beeston Curry Club

A curry club evening has been suggested to run as an event early next year, on a night when the pub is not serving food, in order to help raise some funds for a Parish Beacon.

14 Millennium Bridge

There is a bridge that joins Payne's pallets to the Millenium Lakes area. It has been noted recently that the bridge has been very slippery in the wet weather.

It was noted that in a previous S106 agreement when houses were built at the Hamptons, a hand rail was agreed to be installed. This has not yet happened and will be chased up. **ACTION:** Follow this up.

Cllr Cook and Cllr Pitt will go to the bridge tomorrow to install some chicken wire to increase the grip.

15 Budget Setting

This item was not covered in the meeting and will be brought forward to the next meeting.

16 Agenda items for meeting in January 2024

- SAM2 data review (Cllr Arnold to be asked to review the data for January's meeting)
- Questionnaire data review

The prize draw from the survey entries took place. Cllr Greene drew number 13, which was Deborah Pert. Congratulations to her.

Meeting closed at 7.51pm.

Date of next Parish Council meeting: 22nd January 2024 at 7:00pm