

Minutes of the Meeting of the Beeston with Bittering Parish Council held on **Tuesday 8th December 2020** in Beeston Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Present Councillor T Townshend (Chair)
Councillor M Greene
Councillor S Wiseman

The clerk was in attendance. 2 members of the public were present.

Public Speaking Time

In accordance with COVID 19 guidance, a record of attendees with contact details was taken for retention for a period of 21 days. No members of the public requested to speak at this time.

Min 077/20 **Apologies for Absence.** Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs Mullenger and Naughnane (work commitments).

Min 078/20 **Declarations of Interest.** There were no declarations of interest

Min 079/20 **Minutes of Meeting Held on Tuesday 29 September** Cllr Greene proposed and Cllr Wiseman seconded that the minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting. It was unanimously **AGREED that the minutes of the meeting dated 29th September 2020 be duly signed as a true record of that meeting.** The minutes were signed.

Min 080/20 **County/District Councillor Reports.** Copies of the written reports had been circulated previously to members. These were noted by the council.

Min 081/20 **Village Green.** It was **NOTED** that the cherry trees had been pruned, hydrangeas and crocuses had been planted and the existing bench had been replaced with a new bench. The Xmas lights had been installed. It was **AGREED that the bench that had been removed from the green and was now in storage could be refurbished and used on The Street if permission for an installation in that location was granted by NCC.**

Min 082/20 **Dog Waste Bins:** The formal applications for installation of the dog bins on Drury Sq and at the junction of Church Rd and Fransham Rd had been made. A response had been received that the bin on Drury Sq had been refused by Breckland as a suitable place for the vehicle to stop without obstructing the highway was not available. Breckland confirmed that the other location was acceptable and this application would be forwarded to Serco for their consideration. Breckland have also advised that across the district, new locations for litter and dog waste bins will only be considered in future where an existing bin is being relocated. The verbal report was **NOTED**

Min 083/20 **Bench on The Street.** The clerk reported that an initial application had been made to NCC for the installation of a replacement bench and this had been refused by NCC. Following the intervention of County Cllr Kiddle Morris, further more detailed information on the proposed location has been sent and this is currently with NCC for consideration. The verbal report was **NOTED**

Min 084/20 **Planning Applications.** It was **AGREED that the following comments should made:**

3PL/2020/1148/HOU Holmedene Farm, Syers Lane - **no comment.**

3PL/2020/1184/F 5 Burrells Meadow - **objection to style and height of boundary fencing proposed and seek a more appropriate boundary treatment**

3PL/2020/1187/F School Farm, Mileham Rd - **support as considered a good plan which has merit, supporting a growing local business and enable a young family to return to the village which would not otherwise be possible**

3PL/2020/1255/HOU Rose Acre, Water End Lane - **no comment**

3PL/2020/0058/UC Herne Lane Farm, Herne Lane - **support as improves a previously dilapidated barn**

- Min 085/20 **Planning Decisions.** The following decisions were **NOTED:**
 3PL/2020/0805/VAR Building land at Dereham Rd **APPROVED**
 3PL/2020/0939/VAR Chinook, Dereham Rd **APPROVED**
 3PL/2020/1035/HOU Lazy Acre, Dereham Rd **APPROVED**
 3PL/2020/1191/VAR Primrose Farm, Water End Lane **APPROVED**
 3PL/2020/0711/F Ben Burgess Agricultural Engineers, Dereham Rd **APPROVED**
- Min 086/20 **Appeal.** The following appeal was **NOTED.**
 APP/F2605/W/20/3259733 Land off The Street and Herne Lane - non determination within 8 weeks of submission
- Min 087/20 **Report on the Highways Problems from the Previous Months.** The hedge growing in the ditch on Watery Lane has been dealt with. The ditch bounding Church Rd has been cleared by the owner
- Min 088/20 **New problems.** Pothole on Watery Lane and grit causing water to back flow onto the highway in Watery Lane to be reported. Foul smells on Fransham Rd were reported. The clerk advised that the householder had not experienced any specific problem and stated that water from septic tanks drained to the west rather than the last and would not therefore be the cause.
- Min 089/20 **Budget/Precept 2021/22.** The clerk summarised the papers that he had presented. It was **AGREED unanimously to set the budget for 2021/22 as presented by the clerk.**
 It was **AGREED to set the precept for 2021/22 at £7250, this being the seventh successive year that the precept had been retained at this level**
- Min 090/20 **Balances and Cheques for Authorisation.** The financial statement at the end of October and budget summary were reviewed.

Balances :-

Bank of Ireland Treasurers' Account

Balance at 28 08 20	12350.48
Income - 2nd Part Precept 2020/21	<u>3625.00</u>
	15975.48
Less Cheques authorised	<u>554.02</u>
Balance at 30 10 20	15421.46
Outstanding Cheques 29 09 20	560.77
28 10 20	<u>1400.28</u>
Cash Book Balance at 30 10 20	13460.41

Cheques for authorisation: Total value = £ 2127.69

Amount available for Section 137 : 465 x £8.32 = £ 3868.80
 Spend to Date = £ 0.00

The following cheques signed since the last meeting in September were **NOTED**

602	CGM Group	Grounds maintenance 10/20	41.50
603	Peter Cross	Installation of seat/litter bin on village green	500.00
604	T Townshend	Extra lights/batteries for village green	102.79

605	Beeston PFC	Grant towards maintenance of playing field	204.79
606	C Brindley	Clerks salary 10/20 and backpay 04-09/20	214.76
607	HMRC	Income tax 10/20	51.20
608	CGM Group	Grounds maintenance 11/20	41.50
609	Glasdon UK	Replacement bench for village green	768.56
610	T Townshend	Extra lights/planting for village green	75.98
611	Beeston PCC	Grant towards maintenance of churchyard	700.00
612	C Brindley	Clerk's salary 11/20	176.45
613	HMRC	Income tax 11/20	44.20
614	DJ Taylor	Tree maintenance at village green	321.00

It was **AGREED** that the balances be noted and it was confirmed that Cllrs Townshend and Greene be authorised to sign the cheques for November 2020.

Min 091/20 **Norfolk ALC.** It was **AGREED** that the council representative to the reconstituted organisation should be the vice chairman of the council.

Min 092/20 **Matters for the Next Meeting.** Bench on The Street. Young People should Cllr Naughnane wish.

Min 076/20 **Date of the Next Meeting.** It was provisionally agreed as Tuesday 26 January 2021 at Beeston Village Hall starting at 7.30pm dependent on guidance at the time with regards COVID 19

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.