

Minutes of the Meeting of the Beeston with Bittering Parish Council held on **Tuesday 25th February 2020** in Beeston Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Present Councillor T Townshend (Chair)
Councillor H Palmer-Wright
Councillor M Greene

The clerk was in attendance. County/District Cllr Kiddle Morris was present.

Public Speaking Time

No members of the public were present

Min 023/20 **Apologies for Absence.** Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Mullenger (work commitment) and Cllr Wiseman (another meeting).

Min 024/20 **Declarations of Interest.** There were no declarations of interest

Min 025/20 **Minutes of Meeting Dated 4 February 2020.** Cllr Palmer Wright proposed and Cllr Greene seconded that the minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting. It was unanimously **AGREED that the minutes of the meeting dated 4th February 2020 be duly signed as a true record of that meeting.** The minutes were signed.

Min 026/20 **County/District Councillor Reports.** Cllr Kiddle Morris reported that county council had set its budget at a meeting on 17th February and council tax would be increased by 2% on the adult social care precept and 1.99% on the general council tax. The responses to the recent consultation on preferred options for the MWLP can now be viewed online. A consultation on the preferred options for upgrades to the A47 including its dialling from North Tuddenham to Easton is being run by Highways England from 27th February for 6 weeks. A series of public displays will be held and a display can be viewed in Dereham Library during the consultation period
Breckland Council will set its precept on 27 February and it is proposed to increase a band D property by £4.95 for the year. Fly tipping is a focus at present and any concerns should be reported to Breckland and will be collected within 24 hrs for waste on public land. The sports facility in Swaffham has been refurbished and will reopen at the beginning of April.

Min 027/20 **Cooption to the Parish Council.** No progress to be reported.

Min 028/20 **Bench for the Village Green.** The clerk reported that he had been in contact with Peter Cross and had been provided price guidance with regards the installation of a bench and a litter bin. He provided options for benches and litter bins and it was **AGREED to purchase an Elwood Seat and Sherwood Litter Bin from Glasdon at a total cost of £972.53 + VAT and to arrange for the items to be delivered directly to Mr Cross for installation.** The clerk was also asked to write to the residents of Pippins to see if there was any progress with the refurbishment of the bench on The Street. Cllr Greene offered to undertake works on the bench if there was no progress

Min 029/20 **Broadband/Wifi at the Village Hall etc.** The clerk confirmed that he had written to the playing field committee with feedback from the previous meeting. The chair reported that she was waiting to hear from the committee chairman; she would go ahead and speak to Wispire about the broadband connection.

Min 030/20 **Millenium Lakes.** The clerk reported that he had contacted the Norfolk Wildlife Trust about preparation of an interpretation board and had been advised that this was something that they could not help with directly but provided contacts of individuals who might be able to help. In the meantime, he had contacted Paul Marchant who would be willing to help and the council **AGREED that this would be the route to follow.** The clerk was asked to contact Rory Hart to obtain details for inclusion on the board and to liaise with Mr Marchant. Additionally, the clerk will obtain a quotation for the lectern

- Min 031/20 **Village Survey.** The chairman summarised the responses and advised that there were no specific common issues. Tidiness of the verges in the parish had been raised and a litter pick was being arranged during March. The clerk advised that he had been in contact with Breckland and arranged for equipment to be available and it was confirmed that the litter pick would take place on Saturday 14th March at 10.30am meeting at the Ploughshare car park. The council **AGREED to fund upto £100 for light refreshments at the Ploughshare after the litter pick.**
- Min 032/20 **Planning Applications.** It was **AGREED** that the following comments should be made:
3PL/2020/0135 Development site at Roehampton, Syers Lane - **no comment**
- Min 033/20 **Planning Decisions.** The following decisions were **NOTED**:
3PL/2019/1568 Land off Syers Lane **APPROVED**
3PL/2020/0011 New Farm, Fransham Rd. **APPROVED**
- Min 034/20 **Report on the Highways Problems from the Previous Months.** The clerk reported that potholes on Gressenhall Rd had been filled. Cllr Kiddle Morris reported that a 'No Through Road' sign could not be placed on the entrance to the private road off Herne Lane but he had asked whether a dotted line could be installed to remark the bend. He was also enquiring about signage to the industrial area at the Herne Lane junction could be installed.
- Min 035/20 **New problems.** Pothole on Herne Lane
- Min 036/20 **Balances and Cheques for Authorisation.** The financial statement at the end of January and budget summary were reviewed. Cheques were presented for signature.

Balances :-

Bank of Ireland Treasurers' Account

Balance at 30 12 19	13013.06
Income	<u>NIL</u>
	13013.06
Less Cheques authorised	<u>NIL</u>
Balance at 31 01 20	13013.06
Outstanding Cheques 26 11 19	40.00
04 02 20	<u>629.60</u>
Cash Book Balance at 04 02 20	12343.46

Cheques for authorisation: Total value = £ 296.26

Amount available for Section 137 : 465 x £8.12 = £ 3775.80
Spend to Date = £ 117.96

572	CGM Group	Grounds maintenance 01/20	41.50
573	C Brindley	Clerks salary 02/20	214.76
574	Information Commissioner	Annual Registration Fee 2020	40.00

It was **AGREED** that the balances be noted and it was confirmed that Cllrs Townshend and Palmer Wright be authorised to sign the cheques.

- Min 037/20 **Beeston PCC.** The correspondence was **NOTED**
- Min 038/20 **Priscilla Bacon Hospice.** It was **AGREED** to make no donation
- Min 039/20 **Matters for the Next Meeting.** No items were requested
- Min 040/20 **Date of the Next Meeting.** This was agreed as Tuesday 31 March 2020 at Beeston Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.37 p.m.