

Minutes of the Meeting of the Beeston with Bittering Parish Council held on **Tuesday 4th February 2020** in Beeston Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

**Present**

Councillor T Townshend (Chair)  
Councillor H Palmer-Wright  
Councillor A Mullenger  
Councillor M Greene  
Councillor S Wiseman

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

Public Speaking Time

No members of the public were present

Min 001/20 **Apologies for Absence.** There were no apologies for absence.

Min 002/20 **Declarations of Interest.** There were no declarations of interest

Min 003/20 **Minutes of Meeting Dated 26 November 2019.** Cllr Mullenger proposed and Cllr Palmer Wright seconded that the minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting. It was unanimously **AGREED that the minutes of the meeting dated 26th November 2019 be duly signed as a true record of that meeting.** The minutes were signed.

Min 004/20 **County/District Councillor Reports.** Cllr Kiddle Morris reported that the district would be raising the district precept by £4.95 per annum for a band D property. A new waste contract is being negotiated with two other district councils. The next town and parish council forum will be held in Dereham on 12th February and a new support programme to bring empty homes back into the private rented sector has been introduced.

The Boundary Commission review of county ward boundaries has been further delayed due to an objection by a district council to the methodology used. This will necessitate the reworking of the proposal from the county. NCC are planning 4 new special schools in Norfolk. One of these will be in Fakenham and this is being done to reduce travelling times for users. Council Tax will be set on 17th February and is anticipated to result in an increase of 2% on the Adult Social Care precept and 1.99% on the general rate. This will be set before the government confirms the central funding that the authority will receive. A consultation is running to the end of February on a new Local Transport Plan and a consultation is also running to the end of February on requirements from the rail network.

Councillor Kiddle Morris also reported that the police had taken action with regards the dogs at Valley Farm and the public is encouraged to report any incidents of concern to the police.

Min 005/20 **Meeting Dates to May 2020.** It was **AGREED that future meetings would be held on 25th February, 31st March, 28th April and 19th May with the May date also including the Annual Parish Meeting and the Council's Annual Meeting**

Min 006/20 **Budget 2020/21.** The clerk presented the draft budget for the council's consideration. Following questions from members, it was **AGREED that the budget for 2020/21 should be set as presented in the draft.**

Min 007/20 **Precept 2020/21.** Following the setting of the budget above and in accordance with those proposals, it was **AGREED to set the precept at £7250 for the year 2020/21, keeping the precept at the same level for the 5th consecutive year.**

- Min 008/20 **Cooption to the Parish Council.** As no progress had been made, it was agreed that a piece would again be put in the Church and Village magazine.
- Min 009/20 **Bench for the Village Green.** Options for a replacement bench were considered and the clerk was asked to obtain quotations for the style of bench considered appropriate. The clerk will also seek quotations for the installation of a new bench.
- Min 010/20 **Broadband/Wifi at the Village Hall etc.** The chairman had met with the chair of the village hall committee who had advised that the committee wished to have broadband installed. The chairman will further investigate. The committee had expressed a view that partial boarding of the loft space in the village hall would be beneficial and the clerk was asked to invite the village hall to seek quotations for that work to be undertaken. A further request for signposting to the play area from the village green was considered and it was **AGREED that a map of the village would be put on the noticeboard to show locations.**
- Min 011/20 **Millenium Lakes.** It was **AGREED that local contacts as well as the Norfolk Wildlife Trust would be approached with regards the preparation of the artwork and technical content for an interpretation board on the site to outline flora and fauna that can be seen.**
- Min 012/20 **Planning Applications.** It was **AGREED that the following comments should made:**  
 3PL/2019/1568 Land off Syers Lane - **no comment**  
 3PL/2019/1559 Land to the north of Herne Lane - **no comment**  
 3PL/2020/0011 New Farm, Fransham Rd - **no comment**
- Min 013/20 **Planning Decisions.** The following decisions were **NOTED:**  
 3PL/2019/1281 Land adjacent to Shalee, Drury Square **REFUSED**  
 3OB/2019/0038 Herne Lane. **APPROVED**
- Min 014/20 **Breckland Local Lane 2011-2036.** The adoption of the local plan was **NOTED**
- Min 015/20 **Report on the Highways Problems from the Previous Months.** Cllr Palmer Wright advised that the dog waste bin post replacement on Syers Lane was in hand and would be undertaken shortly.
- Min 016/20 **New problems.** Potholes on the Street and Gressenhall Rd would be reported as would the 'No Through Road' sign at the entrance to the private road from Herne Lane. Cllr Kiddle Morris will investigate whether there should be a signpost to the Industrial Area at the Herne Lane junction off Dereham Rd.
- Min 017/20 **Balances and Cheques for Authorisation.** The financial statement at the end of December and budget summary were reviewed. Cheques were presented for signature.

#### **Balances :-**

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

Balance at 30 10 19	14678.79
Income	<u>NIL</u>
	14678.79
Less Cheques authorised	<u>1665.73</u>
Balance at 31 12 19	13013.06
Outstanding Cheques 26 11 19	<u>40.00</u>
Cash Book Balance at 31 10 19	12973.06

Cheques for authorisation: Total value = £ 629.60

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

567	CGM Group	Grounds maintenance 11-12/19	83.00
568	H Palmer Wright	Supplies for Remembrance Sunday	32.36
569	Beeston Playing Field Committee	Room hire 10-12/19	32.00
570	C Brindley	Clerks salary 12/19-01/20	429.52
571	T Townshend	Batteries etc for Xmas lights	52.72

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

Min 018/20 **Norfolk County Council**. The correspondence re rights of way at Kempstone Lodge was **NOTED**

Min 019/20 **Norfolk County Council Footpaths Seminar**. The correspondence was **NOTED**

Min 020/20 **Clerks and Councils Direct - January 2020**. Its receipt was **NOTED**

Min 021/20 **Matters for the Next Meeting**. No items were requested

Min 022/20 **Date of the Next Meeting**. This was agreed as Tuesday 25 February 2020 at Beeston Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.