

Minutes of the Meeting of the Beeston with Bittering Parish Council held on **Monday 17th May 2021** at Beeston Village Hall at 7.33 pm.

Present Councillor T Townshend (Chair)
Councillor M Greene
Councillor R. Scott

The clerk was in attendance. 10 members of the public were present

Public Speaking Time

A member of the public questioned recent co-options to the parish council. The clerk explained that these were to fill vacancies that arose at the May 2019 elections as advised by Breckland Council and confirmed that any future vacancies that may arise would be posted with the opportunity for residents to request an election.

A resident raised the Millennium Lakes and paddock and confirmed that it was an unusual habitat that should be retained. Rare species were present. He confirmed that he would be willing to cut the paddock and surrounds again this year. Cllr Scott agreed to put sheep on the land for a short period when the cutting had taken place.

The condition of the noticeboard on the village green was raised and the council agreed to discuss at its next meeting.

Min 021/21 **Election of A Chairman for 2021/22.** There were no valid nominations for the post so this will be an item for the next meeting. To facilitate the meeting, it was **AGREED that Cllr Townshend would chair the meeting.**

Min 022/21 **Election of A Vice Chairman for 2021/22.** Cllr Mullenger was nominated by Cllr Greene and seconded by Cllr Scott and, there being no other nominations, it was **AGREED that Cllr Mullenger would be the vice chairman for the year 2021/22.**

Min 023/21 **Apologies for Absence.** Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs Wiseman (unwell) and Mullenger (work commitments). County/District Cllr Kiddle Morris also sent his apologies.

Min 024/21 **Declarations of Interest.** Cllr Scott declared a personal interest as the applicant for application no 3PL/2021/0630/F was a work colleague.

As the meeting was only quorate for a short period, the chairman moved to take agenda item 10 next.

Min 025/21 **Planning Application No 3PL/2021/0645/HOU Meadow View, Chapel Lane.** It was **AGREED to make no comments on the application.**

The chairman moved to suspend standing orders to enable members of the public to comment on the next planning application. The following topics were raised; traffic and having to walk on the road, housing should be for villagers, Herne Lane site not a benchmark for this site, no community benefit, fear of expansion into the whole field, not in keeping with the immediate surrounds of the site, more suburban than rural, flooding, impact on adjacent dwellings, noise from adjacent industrial units, design and layout.

Following these contributions, the chairman initiated standing orders.

Min 026/21 **Planning Application No 3PL/2021/0630/F Land at Dereham Rd.** It was **AGREED to object to the application as:**

1) the density and size of the properties was inappropriate to the needs of the village and should be 2-3 bedroom properties as a maximum

2) further traffic issues would be created on Dereham Rd which were not addressed in the application.

3) flooding of the site is not addressed in the application.

It was also agreed to suggest that the applicant should come to talk to the council to understand the needs of the village that should be addressed with any application.

At this point, Cllr Greene left the meeting and the meeting was no longer quorate

Min 027/21 **Matters for the Next Meeting.** Replacement noticeboard for the village green.
All matters not considered in this meeting.

Min 028/21 **Date of the Next Meeting.** It was agreed as Tuesday 27 July 2021 at Beeston Village Hall starting at 7.30pm dependent on guidance at the time with regards COVID 19. As some items not covered from tonight's agenda have statutory deadlines before the next ordinary meeting date, a further meeting will be held on Thursday 10th June at Beeston Village Hall starting at 7.30pm to address them

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

