

Minutes of the Meeting of the Beeston with Bittering Parish Council held on **Tuesday 26th November 2019** in Beeston Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

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

The clerk was in attendance.

Public Speaking Time

No members of the public were present

Min 181/19 **Apologies for Absence.** Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Wiseman (work commitment). County/District Cllr M Kiddle Morris sent his apologies.

Min 182/19 **Declarations of Interest.** There were no declarations of interest

Min 183/19 **Minutes of Meeting Dated 29 October 2019.** Cllr Palmer Wright proposed and Cllr Mullenger 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 October 2019 be duly signed as a true record of that meeting.** The minutes were signed.

Min 184/19 **County/District Councillor Reports.** The clerk read written reports that had been submitted by Cllr Kiddle Morris. In the County Council report, the current budget consultation was advised with the timetable for setting the budget. Details of the Integrated Risk Management Consultation for the Fire Authority was confirmed and details of the ongoing Boundary Commission with its timetable for completion was advised. Finally, confirmation of the positive findings of an Ofsted inspection of the children's services department were shared. In the District Council report, details of the timetable for the adoption of the new Local Plan were advised. A consultation on a new method to calculate Council Tax payable by those on Universal Credit who have changes to earnings was advised. Details of grant funding schemes were provided and confirmation that electric charging points in car parks in Dereham and Swaffham was provided.

Min 185/19 **Cooption to the Parish Council.** There were no candidates present.

Min 186/19 **Village Green.** The chairman provided details for the Xmas lights switch-on which were discussed and actions agreed. The report was **NOTED**. Cllr Mullenger reported that the bench on the green was very slippery and needed attention. This will be considered at the next meeting.

Min 187/19 **Broadband/Wifi at the Village Hall.** Following the deferment of this item at the last meeting, members discussed this and other suggestions for the village hall. The chairman **AGREED that she would visit the chair of the Playing Field Committee to discuss the ideas.** Storage of council equipment in the village hall would also be discussed.

Min 188/19 **Planning Applications.** There were no applications for consideration. 3PL/2019/1281/F Land adjacent to Shalee, Drury Square - to submit the same comments that were made for the previous application on the site

Min 189/19 **Planning Decisions.** The following decisions were **NOTED**:
FUL/2019/0030 Bittering Quarry (Plant Site). **APPROVED**
3PL/2019/0280 New Farm, Fransham Rd. **APPROVED**

- Min 190/19 **Report on the Highways Problems from the Previous Months.** The clerk confirmed that he had reported the Give Way sign at the Mileham Rd/Litcham Rd junction was obscured. He also confirmed that it was the post that was broken on the dog waste bin on Syers Lane. Cllr Palmer Wright agreed to visit and to attend to the matter.
- Min 191/19 **New problems.** The bench on the Street still needs attention and Cllr Mullenger agreed to visit the householders outside whose property the bench is sited to ascertain progress and report back to the next meeting.
- Min 192/19 **Balances and Cheques for Authorisation.** The financial statement at the end of October and budget summary were reviewed. Cheques were presented for signature.

Balances :-

Bank of Ireland Treasurers' Account

Balance at 30 09 19	15461.47
Income	<u>NIL</u>
	15461.47
Less Cheques authorised	<u>782.68</u>
Balance at 30 10 19	14678.79
Outstanding Cheques 29 10 19	<u>788.26</u>
Cash Book Balance at 31 10 19	13890.53

Cheques for authorisation: Total value = £ 917.47

Amount available for Section 137 : 465 x £8.12 = £ 3775.80
Spend to Date = £ 76.71

562	CGM Group	Grounds maintenance 10/19	41.50
563	RBL Poppy Appeal	Donation for wreaths	40.00
564	Beeston PCC	Donation towards churchyard maintenance	300.00
565	C Brindley	Clerks salary 11/19	214.76
566	T Townshend	Replacement Xmas lights, batteries, glasses, refreshments	321.21

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

- Min 193/19 **Beeston PCC Request.** The council considered a request for consideration in its 2020/21 budget from the PCC for a donation towards the churchyard maintenance for the 2020 season. As the church is faced with raising a significant amount of money for repairs to the church tower, the council unanimously **AGREED that it would make a budget allocation of £700 in its 2020/21 budget to cover the cost of the grass cutting of the churchyard for the 2020 season**
- Min 194/19 **Norfolk County Council Integrated Risk Management Plan.** The correspondence was considered and it was **AGREED that no response needed to be made.**
- Min 195/19 **Clerks and Councils Direct - November 2019.** Its receipt was **NOTED.**
- Min 196/19 **Matters for the Next Meeting.** Village Hall suggestions, benches on the Village Green/The Street, Millennium Lakes
- Min 197/19 **Date of the Next Meeting.** This was agreed as Tuesday 28 January 2020 at Beeston Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.22 p.m.

