

Minutes of the Meeting of the Beeston with Bittering Parish Council held on **Tuesday 29th October 2019** in Beeston Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Present

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

The clerk was in attendance.
County/District Cllr Kiddle Morris and 1 member of the public were present

Public Speaking Time

Nothing was raised in the public speaking session

Min 161/19 **Apologies for Absence.** Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Greene (work committment) and Cllr Wiseman (work committment).

Min 162/19 **Declarations of Interest.** There were no declarations of interest

Min 163/19 **Minutes of Meeting Dated 24 September 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 24th September 2019 be duly signed as a true record of that meeting.** The minutes were signed.

Min 164/19 **County/District Councillor Reports.** Cllr Kiddle Morris advised that a budget consultation was underway at NCC, closing on 10th December. It contained a proposal for council tax to be raised by 3.99%. The budget would be set a a special meeting in mid February. A consultation on Fire Risk Management for the period 2020-23 was also underway. Amongst proposals contained, the replacement of several appliances with 4 x 4 vehicles to make remote access easier was included. The Boundary Commission review of ward boundaries had established that NCC will be retained at 84 members; now the commission has to establish the even distribution of these members across the county. With regards to his district council responsibilities, Cllr Kiddle Morris reported that the local plan inspectors final report had been received earlier in the week and would be adopted in the coming weeks. The plan is based on the 2012 version of the NPPF which has now been superseded by the 2019 version and there is concern that this could lead to legal challenges from developers. Breckland is consulting on a new method for recalculating council tax contributions for those receiving universal credit and having salary changes. Electric charge points have been provided in two car parks in the district

Min 165/19 **Cooption to the Parish Council.** There were no candidates present.

Min 166/19 **Millenium Lakes.** The council received a verbal report from a member of the public that identified a stable mix of flora with increase in volume. It was reported that the site was an ecological haven and the resident would be happy to continue the maintenance works that he has undertaken in recent years. This was **AGREED by the council.** Its use will be promoted as a community space and the council will consider the installation of an information board highlighting the ecology on site.

A request from the Herne Lane developer to construct the approved footpath across the land was considered. It was **AGREED unanimously that permission should be granted but care should be taken to ensure minimal disturbance to the surrounds of the route of the footpath.**

Min 167/19 **Village Green.** The missing half bricks on the plinth of the village sign had been replaced by a resident for which the council is grateful. Details of the switch-on event were discussed with the date to be finalised once the singers had confirmed their availability. The reports were **NOTED.**

- Min 168/19 **Village Survey.** Members had met informally to discuss the survey returns and it had been agreed that Cllr Wiseman would produce a report that would be published in the Church and Village magazine. This was confirmed by those present.
- Min 169/19 **Broadband/Wifi at the Village Hall.** Members considered a proposal from the Playing Field Committee for its provision. The chairman had done some further research and the matter will be considered again at the next meeting.
- Min 170/19 **Planning Applications.** The following response was **AGREED**
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 171/19 **Planning Decisions.** The following decisions were **NOTED:**
3PL/2019/0930 Land at Syers Lane. **APPROVED**
3PL/2019/0805 Holmedene Farm, Syers Lane. **APPROVED**
3PL/2019/1144 Rose Cottage, Syers Lane. **APPROVED**
3PL/2018/1157 Land adjacent Chinook, Dereham Rd. **REFUSED.** The clerk advised that a member of the public had queried the removal of fencing at the site and whether this was permissible at a building site. The district councillor will query with building control.
- Min 172/19 **Norfolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan Consultation.** The clerk advised that the latest plan proposed the removal of site MIN23 off Back Lane and as this was in agreement with the parish council's previous objection, the council should support the proposal for its removal as made by NCC. It was unanimously **AGREED to support the removal of site MIN23 from the proposed plan**
- Min 173/19 **Report on the Highways Problems from the Previous Months.** The clerk confirmed that 30mph sign on the Dereham Rd entrance to the village had been replaced as requested and work had been undertaken on the carriageway break up on Dereham Rd
- Min 174/19 **New problems.** The give way sign at the Watery Lane/Church Rd junction had been reported. A member of the public had reported that the dog waste bin on Syers Lane was broken - this will be investigated. The give way sign at the Mileham Rd/Litcham Rd junction was obscured
- Min 175/19 **Balances and Cheques for Authorisation.** The financial statement at the end of September and budget summary were reviewed. Cheques were presented for signature.

Balances :-

Bank of Ireland Treasurers' Account

Balance at 28 08 19	12504.36
Income - Precept payment 2nd part 2019/20	<u>3600.00</u>
	16104.36
Less Cheques authorised	<u>642.89</u>
Balance at 30 08 19	15461.47
Outstanding Cheques 17 07 19	50.00
24 09 19	<u>576.06</u>
Cash Book Balance at 30 09 19	14885.41

Cheques for authorisation: Total value = £ 944.88

Amount available for Section 137 : 465 x £8.12 = £ 3775.80

Spend to Date = £ 77.96

557	CGM Group	Grounds maintenance 09/19	41.50
558	Beeston Playing Field Committee	Donation towards playing field maintenance 2019	500.00
559	Beeston Playing Field Committee	Room Hire 07-09/19	32.00
560	T Townshend	Refreshments for remembrance event	156.62
561	C Brindley	Clerks salary 10/19	214.76

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

Min 176/19 **Norfolk Citizens Advice.** The correspondence was considered and it was **AGREED not to make a donation.**

Min 177/19 **Local Government Boundary Commission Consultation.** The correspondence was considered and it was **AGREED to make no response.**

Min 178/19 **Norfolk ALC AGM.** It was **AGREED that this would not be attended**

Min 179/19 **Matters for the Next Meeting.** Broadband/Wifi at the Village Hall

Min 180/19 **Date of the Next Meeting.** This was agreed as Tuesday 26 November 2019 at Beeston Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.