

Minutes of the Meeting of the Beeston with Bittering Parish Council held on **Tuesday 24th September 2019** in Beeston Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Present

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

The clerk was in attendance.
County/District Cllr Kiddle Morris and 4 members of the public were present

Public Speaking Time

A member of the public asked about the Minerals and Waste Local Plan. The clerk explained that the current consultation ran until the end of October, and therefore, as the council had a full agenda this evening and the response was likely to reaffirm its opposition to the proposal for site MIN23, it had been agreed that this item would be considered at the next meeting

Min 140/19 **Apologies for Absence.** There were no apologies for absence.

Min 141/19 **Declarations of Interest.** Cllr Townshend declared a prejudicial interest in planning application no 3PL/2019/1105. When this was considered, she would hand the chair to the vice chair and leave the room

Min 142/19 **Minutes of Meeting Dated 30 July 2019.** Cllr Palmer Wright proposed and Cllr Wiseman seconded that the minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting. It was unanimously **AGREED that the minutes of the meeting dated 30th July 2019 be duly signed as a true record of that meeting.** The minutes were signed.

Min 143/19 **County/District Councillor Reports.** Cllr Kiddle Morris advised that the recent government spending review had pledged an additional £1 billion for adult and children's social care but the share of this funding to NCC has not been detailed at this time. A consultation will be undertaken about a 2% rise in the adult social care precept which will enable councils to raise a further £0.5 billion. There is a government grant scheme available for broadband customers who receive speeds of less than 30mbps to upgrade to Fibre to the Premises. Details are available on the government's Gigabit website. The leader of NCC has issued a review of activities during 2018/19 and is available on NCC's website. It details the major work carries out by NCC and funding commitments for the future. The MWLP is currently being consulted on. MIN23 is not recommended for inclusion in the plan.

With regards to his district council responsibilities, Cllr Kiddle Morris reported that the local plan had been further delayed as was likely to be considered for adoption by the end of the year. There is a view that the five year housing land supply methodology used might be open to challenge.

Min 144/19 **Meeting Dates 2019/20.** It was **AGREED that the next meetings of the council would be held on 29th October, 26th November, 28th January 2020 and 25th February 2020.**

Min 145/19 **Village Green.** The village sign had been refurbished and was now back in place. A member of the public agreed to undertake minor brickwork repairs and repainting of the metal sleeve on the plinth. The pond has been cleared and the chair agreed that she would visit the blacksmith in Fransham to confirm that the seat wasn't required. The report was **NOTED**

Min 146/19 **Village Survey.** Members agreed that they would meet informally ahead of the next council meeting to discuss the analysis of the results of the survey. The report was **NOTED**

Min 147/19 **Co-Option of Members.** A member of the public had expressed interest in the vacancies and this would be followed up before the next meeting. The report was **NOTED**

Min 148/19 **Remembrance Sunday.** The clerk confirmed that the wreathes had been ordered. Cllr Townsend will organise the refreshments for the event in the village hall. The clerk will lay the wreathes on behalf of the council and Cllr Mullenger will be available if needed.

Min 149/19 **Planning Applications.** The following responses were **AGREED**

3PL/2019/0280 New Farm, Fransham Rd - no comment

3PL/2019/0930 Land at Syers Lane - no comment

3PL/2019/0809 Land at Chapel Lane - amended plans were considered, and with 2 votes for, one against and one abstention, it was agreed to support the amended plans

3PL/2019/0805 Holmedene Farm, Syers Lane - no comment

FUL/2019/0029 Bittering Quarry - no comment

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3PL/2019/1144 Rose Cottage, Syers Lane - no comment

At this point, Cllr Townshend retired from the meeting and Cllr Mullenger took the chair

3PL/2019/1105 Land at Syers Lane - the application was discussed and outlined by the agent and with 3 votes for and 1 against, it was agreed to support the application

Cllr Townshend returned to the meeting and retook the chair

Min 150/19 **Planning Decisions.** The following decisions were **NOTED:**

3PL/2019/0372 Land at the junction of Herne Lane and The Street. **REFUSED**

3PL/2019/0424 Land at Syers Lane. **APPROVED**

Min 151/19 **Appeal Ref APP/F2605/W/3233946** The council **AGREED to make no further comments as its original objection would be passed to the planning inspector**

Min 152/19 **Report on the Highways Problems from the Previous Months.** The clerk confirmed that the carriageway break up on Dereham Rd had been reported and NCC had it under investigation

Min 153/19 **New problems.** Cllr Greene raised the issue of dogs on the highway in Watery Lane and it was confirmed by Cllr Kiddle Morris that he would raise the matter again with the police and dog warden.

Min 154/19 **Balances and Cheques for Authorisation.** The financial statement at the end of August and budget summary were reviewed. Cheques were presented for signature.

Balances :-

Bank of Ireland Treasurers' Account

Balance at 28 06 19	15275.88
Income -	<u>NIL</u>
	15549.00
Less Cheques authorised	<u>2771.52</u>
Balance at 30 08 19	12504.36
Outstanding Cheques	<u>50.00</u>
Cash Book Balance at 30 08 19	12454.36

Cheques for authorisation: Total value = £ 1038.95

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

Spend to Date = £ 77.96

551	CGM Group	Grounds maintenance 07-08/19	83.00
552	B Huggins	Sign writing services to village sign	300.00
553	Beetley Parish Council	Repairs to SAM2 sign	13.06
554	C Brindley	Clerks salary 08-09/19	429.52
555	C Brindley	Clerks expenses 04-09/19	213.37
556	DJ Taylor	Pond clearance on village green	180.00

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

Min 155/19 **SERC**. The correspondence was **NOTED**.

Min 156/19 **Pensions Regulator**. The correspondence was **NOTED**.

Min 157/19 **Norfolk ALC**. Members confirmed their interests and these will be passed on to NALC

Min 158/19 **Clerks and Councils Direct - September 2019**. Receipt of the magazine was **NOTED**.

Min 159/19 **Matters for the Next Meeting**. Xmas Lights and Millennium Lakes

Min 139/19 **Date of the Next Meeting**. This was agreed as Tuesday 29 October 2019 at Beeston Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.