

Minutes of the Meeting of the Beeston with Bittering Parish Council held on **Tuesday 29th September 2020** in Beeston Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Present

Councillor T Townshend (Chair)
Councillor M Greene
Councillor S Wiseman

The clerk was in attendance. 7 members of the public were present. County/District Cllr Kiddle Morris attended.

Public Speaking Time

In accordance with COVID 19 guidance, a record of attendees with contact details was taken for retention for a period of 21 days. No members of the public requested to speak at this time.

Min 057/20 **Apologies for Absence.** Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Palmer Wright (illness) and Cllr Mullenger (work commitment).

Min 058/20 **Declarations of Interest.** There were no declarations of interest

Min 059/20 **Minutes of Meeting Held on Tuesday 25 February.** Cllr Greene proposed and Cllr Townshend seconded that the minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting. It was unanimously **AGREED that the minutes of the meeting dated 25th February 2020 be duly signed as a true record of that meeting.** The minutes were signed.

Min 060/20 **Minutes of Meeting Held on Tuesday 21 July.** Cllr Greene 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 21st July 2020 be duly signed as a true record of that meeting.** The minutes were signed.

Min 061/20 **County/District Councillor Reports.** Copies of the written reports had been circulated previously to members. In addition, Cllr Kiddle Morris reported that the budget at district council was overspent by £127 K as a result of additional activities due to COVID. Reserves had been used to cover. Overspends at county level on children's and adult social care services leading to overspends and this would likely result in a precept increase in 2021/22 of 4%.

Min 062/20 **Cooption to the Parish Council.** 3 members of the public who had expressed an interest in joining the parish council were present. After presentations and questions to those present, the council discussed the situation and **AGREED to co-opt Michael Naughnane to the parish council to fill one of the vacancies.**

Min 063/20 **Village Green.** With the new dual use bin in place, the existing litter and dog waste bins had been removed pending approval for their relocation in the village. Bulbs and hydrangeas had been ordered and the bulbs had been received and were ready to be planted. It was **AGREED to replace the old bench with a second Glasdon Elwood seat at a cost of £640.47 the funds coming from the capital spending reserves.** The cherry trees will be trimmed in the autumn. Two strings of replacement lights would be required for the Christmas display and it was **AGREED to purchase these from the budgeted funds for the Xmas lights.**

Min 064/20 **Dog Waste Bins:** Information had been sent to Breckland with regards relocation to Drury Sq and the junction of Church Rd and Fransham Rd. Concerns were raised by Breckland about the safety of operators emptying the bins at these locations. Formal applications now need to be made. Comments received about provision of a dog waste bin on The Street were considered and it was **AGREED that this would not be appropriate in this residential area.** The verbal report was **NOTED**

- Min 065/20 **Broadband/Wifi at the Village Hall.** Arrangements had been put in place for the installation of the service in early September, but prior to the installation, communication was received that fibre cable to the village hall could be provided free of charge to the village hall as part of an upgrade of service to the school. Following a meeting with the provider and the village hall committee, it was agreed to accept this offer in principle. This will be progressed by the supplier. The verbal report was **NOTED**
- Min 066/20 **Bench on The Street.** A letter, signed by residents, calling for the reinstatement of the bench outside Pippins was read and much debate followed. It was clear that the owners of Pippins and the parish council had two opposed positions. It was concluded that, as land ownership lay with NCC and an enquiry remained outstanding with NCC as to whether the previous seat had been granted permission, the parish council would seek permission for a new bench and if granted, would install a bench on the site. This course of action was **AGREED unanimously.**
- Min 067/20 **Remembrance Sunday.** It was **AGREED** that Cllr Greene would lay the wreath at the church and Cllr Wiseman would lay the wreath at the American memorial.
- Min 068/20 **Planning Applications.** It was **AGREED** that the following comments should be made:
 3PL/2020/0939/VAR Chinnock, Dereham Rd - **no comment.**
 3PL/2020/1035 Lazy Acre, Dereham Rd - **no objection**
- Min 069/20 **Planning Decisions.** The following decisions were **NOTED:**
 3PL/2020/0539/VAR Land off Syers Lane **APPROVED**
 3PL/2020/0618/F Roehampton, Syers Lane **APPROVED**
 3PL/2020/0711/F Ben Burgess, Dereham Rd **APPROVED**
- Min 070/20 **Report on the Highways Problems from the Previous Months.** Nothing to report
- Min 071/20 **New problems.** Reports of a hedge growing in a ditch on Watery Lane were discussed. The contractor responsible for its maintenance was present and has provided his contact details to be passed to the complainant. The clerk would write to the owner of High House Farm about the ditch bounding Church Rd as this might be causing water to back up in the Herne Lane area
- Min 072/20 **NCC Parish Partnership Fund 2021/22.** No suggested bids were put forward
- Min 073/20 **Balances and Cheques for Authorisation.** The financial statement at the end of August and budget summary were reviewed.

Balances :-

Bank of Ireland Treasurers' Account

Balance at 29 06 20	13420.50
Income	<u>NIL</u>
	13420.50
Less Cheques authorised	<u>1070.02</u>
Balance at 30 06 20	12350.48
Outstanding Cheques 22 07 20	214.76
01 09 20	<u>297.76</u>
Cash Book Balance at 01 09 20	11837.96

Cheques for authorisation: Total value = £ 409.13

Amount available for Section 137 : 465 x £8.32 = £ 3868.80

Spend to Date = £ 0.00

The following cheques signed since the last meeting in July were **NOTED**

594	Beeston Cricket Club	Grant for new shirts	560.50
595	CGM Group	Grounds maintenance 07-08/20	83.00
596	C Brindley	Clerks salary 08/20	214.76
597	CGM Group	Grounds maintenance 09/20	41.50
598	C Brindley	Clerks salary 09/20	214.76
599	C Brindley	Clerks expenses 04-09/20	152.87
600	C Brindley	Bulbs/hydrangeas for village green	193.14

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

Min 074/20 **Matters for the Next Meeting.** No items were put forward

Min 075/20 **Date of the Next Meeting.** It was provisionally agreed as Tuesday 24 November 2020 at Beeston Village Hall starting at 7.30pm dependent on guidance at the time with regards COVID 19

The meeting closed at 9.31 p.m.