

Beswick Parish Council

Meeting of the Council to be held at 7 pm on Wednesday, 8 March 2017 at Kilnwick Village Hall

AGENDA

1 Apologies for Absence:

2 Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests:

3 Minutes:

To approve as an accurate record the minutes of the meeting held on 11 January 2017 (attached).

4 Matters Arising from the Minutes:

4 Tuesday Club/Club for Retirees.

Cllr Reid to report on the 31 January and 28 February meetings and plans for future meetings/events.

4 Damage to Bench in Beswick.

Cllr Scaife to report on progress.

5 Proposed Storage Development at LKAB Minerals.

Cllr Reid to report on correspondence with LKAB on possible contributions by LKAB to the Council for community projects.

9 Appointment of Internal Auditor.

Cllr Quinn to report on developments.

10.1 Copy for Newsletter.

Cllr Reid to remind the Meeting that copy is required by 28 February.

10.2 ERNLLCA Grant.

The Clerk to report on developments.

5 Planning Applications:

5.1 Retrospective Planning Application Watton

Stoneylands, 3 Vicarage Close, Watton, East Riding of Yorkshire, YO25 9BW Ref. No: 16/03091/PLF

The following was submitted on behalf of the Council:

Following its meeting on Wednesday 11 January 2017, Beswick Parish Council would like to register its **OBJECTION** to the above planning application.

The consensus of the Parish Council is that, although the area of land in question is only a few square metres, its annexation sets a precedent that could be used to justify future cases of annexation and challenges the notion of right and wrong behaviour. It would appear that the applicant has encroached, damaged and carried out unauthorised development on an area of Council-owned, public-access, amenity land that has had a long association with the local community and is a prominent feature of a small village that has few amenities.

We understand that Mr Alan Menzies informed a public meeting called by Watton Parish Council late in 2016 that the intention of ERYC had been to sell the land to the applicant. We also understand that there had been no consultation with local residents regarding this

intention, both individually and through the Parish Council. Beswick Parish Council's opinion is that this calls into question whether appropriate procedures have been and are being followed. Additionally, it would appear that the process of advertising the current application has fallen short of expected practice.

The land affords the village of Watton an area of woodland rich in flora and fauna and, indeed, a significant area of natural beauty during Spring when snowdrops, celandines and daffodils abound. The woodland itself provides a natural barrier between the A164 and the houses in Watton, reducing the road noise and acting as a visual barrier. The area is to be used by Beswick & Watton CE (VC) School as part of its *Polli:Nation* project because it is so important an area for insects. This continues work undertaken over many years at the site by children of the villages of Kilnwick, Beswick and Watton whilst attending their local school. The removal of bulbs, plants and shrubs etc is highly detrimental to the area.

The description in the application of the land as "domestic curtilage" is inaccurate; the land is publicly owned, utility land which the applicant had no right to damage and develop. Beswick Parish Council is of the opinion that the oil tank, its concrete base and parking places should be removed and the area returned to its original condition. It may also be necessary to monitor the usage of the land and ensure that encroachment does not happen again.

Planning was **REJECTED** on 28/2/2017.

5.2 Planning Reference 17/00498/PLF

2 Little Beswick, Beswick Heads, Beswick, East Riding of Yorkshire, YO25 9AS

Erection of single storey extension to side and replacement of flat roof with pitched roof

6 Notice of Annual General Meeting:

To note that the Meeting scheduled for 10 May 2017 will incorporate the AGM. Nominations from amongst Councillors will be required for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair. A nomination for Footpath Warden will be required. The AGM will include a Report from the Footpath Warden.

7 Parish Council Meetings 2017-18:

The Council is asked to consider where it wishes to meet during 2017-18 and to instruct the Clerk to book a meeting room. The Council is asked to approve the following Meeting dates:

10 May 2017

12 July 2017

13 September 2017

8 November 2017

10 January 2018

8 March 2018

8 Internet Security:

The Clerk to report on breaches of Internet security during February 2017 and any steps taken to prevent future occurrences.

9 Finance Update:

Clerk to report.

10 Income and Expenditure:

To consider the attached 2017/2018 budget report.

11 Authorisation of Payments:

To authorise the making of payments in respect of the following and in respect of any other expenditure approved by the Council at this meeting:

External Audit 2015/6 Accounts, PKF - £ 120.00

Ian Reid Tuesday Club Expenses - £205.05

Clerks Salary August 2016-March 2017 - £ 733.00

12 Request for Grant – All Saints, Kilnwick

To consider request for grant towards grounds maintenance 2017/18.

13 Request from Beswick & Watton CE (VC) School

To consider request from Environmental Teaching Assistant, Mrs Oliver, to participate in Polli:Nation project.

14 Date of Next Meeting:

10 May 2017

Beswick Parish Council

Meeting of the Council held at 7 pm on Wednesday, 11 January 2017 at Kilnwick Village Hall

MINUTES

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, Cllr Reid informed those present of the death of former Chair, Cliff Wright. A moment was taken in memory of Cliff.

1 Apologies for Absence:

None.

Present:

Parish Councillors Reid (Chair), Scaife, Feasby, Quinn, Plowman, Julia Bugg (Clerk) and 2 members of the parish.

2 Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests:

None.

3 Minutes:

Minutes of the meeting held on 9 November 2016 were approved as an accurate record.

4 Matters Arising from the Minutes:

4 Club for Retirees

Cllr Reid reported that the applied for grant had been received and that the agreed flyers had been produced and were in the process of being distributed around the Parish. Additionally, he thanked Cllr Quinn for distributing the flyers at various events at the village hall. A schedule of Village Hall meetings was circulated and approved. It was noted that, to date, feedback about the venture was extremely positive. However, some parishioners had been less complimentary about the use of 'oldies' in the title.

Cllr Reid confirmed that the club would meet on the last Tuesday of each month from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm and asked that councillors inform him which meetings they would be unable to assist at. It was agreed that there would be 3 trips planned, which would be in addition to the village hall meeting dates; destinations would be within a 60 mile radius and make use of Beverley Community Lift's transport services. The Clerk confirmed that she had submitted the required registration form with BCL before Christmas. Destinations are yet to be decided but may include Lincoln Castle, Ferens Art Gallery in Hull and the RSPB Reserve at Bempton. Whilst transport will be provided free of charge any other costs incurred will be payable by the participants. Each BCL minibus is able to accommodate 15 passengers plus a wheelchair though it was noted that at least 1 Cllr must also be present. Four guest speakers are to be engaged; Cllrs were invited to pass details of anyone suitable to the Chair.

4 Damage to bench in Beswick

The Clerk reported that correspondence has been received from ERYC requiring that the bench be repaired or removed. Cllr Scaife reported that an individual had been retained to repair the bench and this would commence presently.

9 Defibrillator, School Lane, Kilnwick

The Clerk reported her findings regarding maintenance requirements, namely that the pads would need to be replaced every 2 years if they were unused, at a cost of £25 per pair (2 pairs needed) and that the battery must be replaced every 5 years at a cost of £155 plus VAT, though if it becomes faulty in 4 years or less, it will be repaired free of charge. Cllr Quinn agreed to check the dates on the pads and report on their expiration date. The unit is automatically serviced daily at 3.00 am; should it require additional attention we would be informed.

5 Planning Applications:

Planning Application 16/03210/PLF Change of use of land for the siting of 8 timber pods and construction of ancillary car parking. The Clerk reported that that planning permission had been approved subject to specific conditions being met: Planting and landscaping taking place prior to the end of the first planting season once the first pod has been brought onto the site and all planting materials being maintained for 5 years. Bats and birds must be safeguarded prior to the commencement of work. WEP must be submitted. Prior to installation of any external lighting, details shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Camping pods shall be occupied for holiday purposes only and may not be a person's sole or main residence. External appearance of pods must as per application and the site layout as agreed. The development must not be first occupied until the works for the disposal of foul and surface water has been provided as per the application. Cllr Reid noted that amendments to the planning application had incorporated suggestions made by both Watton and Beswick Parish Councils.

Planning Consultation for 16/03461/VAR Shane Homes Ltd, The Old Forge Beswick Heads Beswick East Riding of Yorkshire YO25 9AS. The Clerk reported that correspondence had been received which confirmed that the forge was to be retained and that planning permission had been approved.

Proposed Storage Development at LKAB Minerals. Cllr Reid reported that he had met with John Wallace, Manager of the Mineral Works, on 14 December and had had outlined the proposals envisaged at this early stage in the planning process for a new storage facility. The new building would be 14 metres to the ridge and so be of similar height to the current buildings, and it would be to the south of the current buildings. Cllr Reid had suggested that any new structure must be suitably coloured to assist in camouflaging and be screened by planting. John Wallace anticipated that the development could provide up to 4 new posts, would not increase traffic through Kilnwick as all lorries would continue to approach from and leave towards the west (B2148) and there would be no need to increase production facilities.

Discussion then took place regarding the fact that Beswick PC does not benefit financially from having LKAB within its boundaries in that it does not receive business rates. It was agreed that Cllr Reid should approach LKAB to ask for a contribution to community projects such as Kilnwick Park, the school, Parish facilities etc.

Additional Planning Item

Cllr Reid requested permission to introduce an additional planning item which had emerged only recently and could not wait until the next meeting; agreed.

Retrospective Planning Application Watton

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Cllr Reid detailed the planning application and requested comments. Following discussion, it was agreed that BPC would object to the planning application and that Cllr Reid and The Clerk would construct a response to be submitted as a matter of urgency, ensuring that it is clear that the comments are those of BPC and not the Clerk as she has also posted a comment on behalf of Beswick & Watton School.

6 ERYC Beswick Footpath 18.

Cllr Reid reported that a communication from Deborah Smedley (Asset Strategy, Planning & Economic Regeneration, ERYC) regarding access along this Public Right of Way had been received. This noted that the rerouting of Watton Bridleway No. 19, which joins Beswick Footpath No. 18 and which took place in the 1980s, had not been noted on The Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way. There is an implication that a similar problem affects Beswick Footpath No. 18. Attempts to find a solution with the owner of the land had not been fruitful and she is now in discussion with ERYC's Legal Department as to how to progress.

7 Precept 2017-18.

Extensive discussion took place regarding the financial demands of the PC including the need to create a fund to save for the replacement of the street lights in Beswick. It was noted that there had not been an increase in the precept over recent years and that a small increase would be of benefit. Having compared Beswick PC's precept with other parishes of similar sizes it was agreed that the precept be £4900 in 2017/18. The Clerk to return the Precept Demand Form to ERYC before 20 January 2017.

8 Finance Update:

The Clerk reported on the current financial situation. The Street Lighting Service Level Agreement is to be paid as well as the costs of repairing the bench in Beswick.

9 Appointment of Internal Auditor:

Chair asked for suggestions of individuals who should be approached and asked to volunteer to carry out the internal audit. Following discussion, it was agreed that Cllr Quinn will ask Kate Johnson in the first instance.

10 AOB:

10.1 Copy for Newsletter

Cllr Reid requested that all copy for this year's newsletter be submitted to him by 28 February.

10.2 ERNLLCA Grant

Government funding of up to £500 is available to help meet transparency requirements. Agreed that the Clerk should investigate this. The availability of the grant is time-limited, so, an application should be submitted as soon as possible.

10.3 Chairman's Awards

Currently seeking nominees. Agreed not to proceed.

10.4 Clinical Commissioning Group – Public Consultation

The closing date for comments in relation to the closure of Driffield MIU is 17 January 2017. Anyone who is planning to make comments must now do so as a matter of urgency. The Clerk has details of how to comment.

11 Date of Next Meeting:

8 March 2017

Meeting closed at 8.45 pm.