

Beswick Parish Council

Meeting of the Council held at 7 pm on Wednesday, 10 May 2017 at Kilnwick Village Hall

Minutes

In Cllr Reid's absence, Cllr Scaife directed the meeting, having sought the agreement of the PC.

1 Election of Chair for 2017-18:

It was proposed by Cllr Scaife, seconded by Cllr Quinn and agreed that Cllr Reid be elected Chair of the Council for 2017-18. It was confirmed that Cllr Reid was willing to accept the decision. Cllr Scaife continued to direct the meeting in Cllr Reid's absence. Members expressed their appreciation of Cllr Reid's ongoing work on behalf of the Council.

2 Election of Vice-Chair for 2017-18:

It was proposed by Cllr Quinn, seconded by Cllrs Feasby & Plowman and agreed that Cllr Scaife be elected Vice-Chair of the Council for 2017-18. Cllr Scaife confirmed her acceptance.

3 Apologies for Absence:

Cllr Reid.

Present:

Parish Councillors Scaife, Feasby, Plowman and Quinn, East Riding Councillor Pollard, Julia Bugg (Clerk) and one member of the parish.

4 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests:

None were declared.

5 Annual Report 2016-17:

It was agreed that the Council's recently distributed Newsletter be regarded as the Annual Report on Council activity for 2016-17. Cllr Scaife expressed her thanks to fellow Councillors, the Clerk and to ERYC Cllr Pollard for their inputs to Council business during the year as well as to Cllr Reid for the creation of the Newsletter and reported that the new format of the Parish Newsletter had been well received with positive feedback from parishioners.

6 Annual Return 2016-17:

The 2016-17 Internal Auditor's Report, Governance Statement and Accounting Statement were approved, in that order. The Governance and Accounting Statements were signed by the Chair. The full Annual Return, together with the required supporting documents, would be sent to the external auditor, and a copy would be posted on the Council's website. Thanks were expressed to Mrs Kate Johnson for kindly undertaking the duties of internal auditor.

7 Annual Accounts 2016-17:

The Clerk presented the Council's final accounts for 2016-17, which were noted and approved.

8 Public Rights of Inspection:

It was agreed that the period for public inspection of the 2016-17 accounts and related records would be from 5 June 2017 to 14 July 2017 inclusive and that public notice be given to that effect in accordance with the requirements of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015.

9 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 29 March 2017 were agreed to be a true and accurate record.

10 Matters Arising from the Minutes:

9 March 2017:

4.5 Proposed Storage Development at LKAB Minerals.

At the suggestion of the Secretary to Paul Boustead (Operations Director, LKAB), Cllr Reid wrote to LKAB on 27 March with a request that LKAB consider providing funding that would allow purchase of a defibrillator for the village of Beswick. Mr Boustead has agreed to provide a defibrillator and cabinet and a presentation will take place at LKAB on 26 May to which all Cllrs are invited. The Parish Council now needs to finalise acquisition of the BT telephone box; Cllr Scaife requested that the Clerk take over this discussion with BT. It was agreed to discuss refurbishment further once the Clerk had spoken to Lockington's Clerk who has experience of this. Clerk to establish whether the costs of essential, if diminutive, electrical power consumption are covered by BT or whether a budget item needs to be set.

4.13 Request from Beswick & Watton CE (VC) School.

The Clerk reported that seeking of permission from ERYC to use the verges in Beswick as a pollination corridor is on-going and that Mrs Cathy Oliver is planning to undertake the work in the autumn.

4.14 The Clerk and Cllr Quinn reported that a letter addressed to the Holderness Hunt about its presence in the Parish, particularly the villages and damage to public rights of way had resulted in no action; Clerk to contact the Hunt for a response. Cllr Quinn reported that whilst the footpaths have dried out, they are still inaccessible to those on foot.

29 March 2017:

4. Planning Application: Re: Planning Consultation for 17/00271/CM Minelco Specialities Limited Superfine Carbonate Works, Middleton Rd, Kilnwick. Cllr Reid produced a detailed summary of points raised by Councillors and parishioners and agreed by the Council. This was submitted by The Clerk through the ERYC Planning Portal.

11 Planning Applications:

Notification of Decision of App Ref 17/00498/PLF

The above planning application has been approved.

12 Proposed Changes to Public Rights of Way Network in the Parish of Beswick:

Parish Council has been consulted on a proposal from the landowner for extinguishment of Beswick Footpath No. 13 and Beswick Bridleway No. 6 and a change in status for Beswick Footpath No. 15 to that of Bridleway. Following consultation of Councillors and those parishioners known or likely to ride horses out of and towards Kilnwick, the Parish Council has submitted its strongly-held views that (i) an alternative off-road route for Bridleway No 6 be provided that skirts the eastern and southern edges of the field in question but has the same end points; (ii) that a change in status of Footpath No. 15 is unacceptable (and unnecessary in the context of the alternative suggested for Bridleway No. 6); and (iii) that the present usage of Footpath No 13 is minimal to non-existent - so, extinguishment would likely be feasible, though there seems no reason to take such action. Mark Drydale (Assistant Engineer, ERYC) has thanked the Council for its "comprehensive response" and following further consideration of the matter in consultation with the landowner and colleagues an alternative proposal was tabled, which was acceptable to all present and Cllr Reid.

13 Finance

13.1 Budget 2017/18:

Approved the updated budget subject to amendment.

Monitoring Report – 30 April 2017 approved subject to amendment.

Tuesday Club to be shown as a separate budget and report. Cllr Scaife to assist Clerk in opening of new bank account for this and the Street Lighting Fund.

13.2 Payments:

Reimbursed Clerk for cost of Newsletter printing - £62.00

Payment to Beverley Community Lift for Tuesday Club transport to Lincoln.

- 14 Notification of temporary up-coming road closure to Kilnwick Level Crossing for works to the level crossing:**
Saturday 3 June 2017 23.00 hrs – Sunday 4 June 2017 08.55 hrs; diversion via Station Road, Aike.

- 15 Parish Transport Champion – Nomination:**
Following discussion, it was agreed that a nomination was not required.

16 AOB:

16.1 Burglary and Thefts in Kilnwick

Cllr Quinn reported that a local resident had had items stolen from locked outbuildings overnight on 7/8 May and that other residents reported criminal activity to property and an incidence of items being stolen from an unsecured vehicle. Police have been informed and are investigating.

- 16.2** The parishioner present requested that the Clerk identify of meeting agenda where items were to be provided for Cllrs only. Agreed that this was acceptable to all present.

Meeting closed at 8.11 pm.

Date of Next Meeting:

12 July 2017