

Beswick Parish Council

Meeting of the Council held at 7 pm on Wednesday, 12 July 2017 at Kilnwick Village Hall

MINUTES

1 Apologies for Absence:

Cllr Plowman

Present:

Cllrs Reid (Chair), Scaife, Quinn and Feasby, ERYC Cllr Pollard, Julia Bugg (Clerk) and 3 parishioners.

2 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests:

Cllr Quinn declared Non-pecuniary interest in The Park, Kilnwick.

3 Minutes:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 10 May 2017 were approved as an accurate record.

4 Matters Arising from the Minutes:

10. 4.5. Proposed Storage Development at LKAB Minerals:

Cllr Reid reported that the defibrillator had been presented to four Cllrs and ERYC Councillor Pollard who had been in attendance at the presentation held at LKAB. This and the tour of the site had been enjoyed by all present and was very informative.

Clerk reported that the confirmation had been received regarding the defibrillator meeting BT's requirements and that the contracts for the adoption of both the Beswick and Kilnwick boxes were now ready to be signed and sent off. IR signed. It was agreed that the refurbishment of the boxes would now be pursued.

10. 4.13. Request from Beswick & Watton CE (VC) School:

As reported at the last meeting, Mrs Oliver will look to sowing seed in October and is currently pursuing approval from ERYC.

10. 4.14. Holderness Hunt and Damage to Footpaths:

The Clerk reported that despite a second copy of the Council's letter being sent to the Hunt, no response had been received. Following discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should ask the parishioner who was one of the complainants to write to them and see if he gets a response. Clerk to action.

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

Clerk provided copies of the proposed changes to the meeting. Cllr Reid gave details of communication regarding the outcome proposed and asked the meeting to accept. The meeting agreed. Consultation document was signed. Action: Clerk to return to Mark Drydale.

5 Public Rights of Way:

Watton Footpath 11, Watton Bridleway 19, Beswick Footpath 18:

Cllr Reid reported on correspondence from Deborah Smedley (ERYC) in order to update Cllrs on the progress being made regarding the footpaths and bridleway.

6 Planning Applications:

None.

7 Presentation by a Trustee of The Park, Kilnwick:

Tim Bristow was welcomed prior to giving a summary of the work to date before going on to detail the work being undertaken to provide a playground facility, celebrations planned for the official opening weekend to be held 2/3 September 2017, grant funding received following hard work from the Trustees, further planting etc as well as The Park's website and Facebook presence. TB reiterated that The Park is owned by a charity, that the Trustees would be rotated (three per year) to bring onboard needed skills. Volunteers have worked on a number of projects and the project has been fundamental in bringing the villagers together in the pursuit of a community facility. Invitations were issued to all Cllrs to attend the opening. IR thanked TB for his presentation and expressed his happiness at the news that the project was 'bringing people together'. Clerk to inform Estuary TV that the event is taking place and to let them know that TB is the contact.

8 Emergency Plan:

The current Emergency Plan was considered and required amendments agreed. Clerk action: 1. Incorporate amendments; 2. Ask Cllr Plowman if Beswick Neighbourhood Watch would wish to be incorporated and, if so, where and what.

9 BT Telephone Box, Main Street, Kilnwick:

It was noted that Cllr Quinn proposed and Cllr Reid seconded a motion that the box be purchased from BT for a nominal sum of £1. Because of urgency, the business was conducted by email exchange and agreed *nem con*. Cllr Reid asked that Council considers the following: (a) recognition of the PC's public liability for accidents involving the box and the requirement to include this in the PC's insurance; (b) the specification of a plan for both: (i) day-to-day maintenance that ensures the box and its vicinity are kept tidy; (ii) long-term renovation and maintenance, including repairs and painting; (c) a discussion of the best usage of the box and, contingent on this, what costs might be incurred in preparing the box for such usage. In the longer-term, there needs to be acknowledgement that usage might change and an affirmation that the PC will provide sufficient funds to facilitate the change. The PC needs to bear in mind also that if, at some future date, there is a need to remove the box, this will require a funding commitment; and (d) once known about what status the box will be left in by BT as far as electricity supply is concerned, that the PC accepts there might be a requirement to provide for payments of a recurring electricity bill at some future date.

Clerk to inform insurers that the boxes must now be included in the insurance cover.

Cllr Quinn reported that he has a firm offer of a team of villagers willing to renovate the Kilnwick box to standards applied by the former GPO. It was noted that care must be taken during renovations as the boxes were painted using lead paint. PC is anxious to receive ideas for uses for the box; a book exchange is the current suggestion. Ideas to be requested from both the parishioners and the school; Clerk to action.

10 Street Scene:

IR reported that the walkabout has been rescheduled for Thursday 3 August. Cllr Scaife has volunteered to accompany the ERYC representative. If other councillors are available, they are welcome to join her.

11 Finance:

11.1 Finance Update:

Clerk reported. Discussion took place regarding the new bank accounts being opened for the Tuesday Club and the Street Lighting Fund. Clerk and Chair to action.

11.2 Payments:

Reimburse Clerk for cost of guest speaker - Tuesday Club
Cllr Reid - Tuesday Club expenses relating to outings

12 AOB:

A parishioner attending the meeting suggested that the PC is acting illegally by using AOB within the agenda. Following discussion, it was agreed to continue to use AOB as it is familiar and understandable label but to add the caveat: *Items arising under AOB cannot be resolved if they involve expenditure or commit the Council to a course of action, but will appear on the next Agenda.*

12.1 Adoption of Beswick Phone box:

Discussed earlier in meeting.

12.2 Footpaths Brickyard Farm:

Chris Lowey reported that action has been taken to address the issues reported with the above footpaths.

Meeting Closed 8.30 pm.

Date of Next Meeting:

13 September 2017