

Beswick Parish Council

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

DRAFT MINUTES

1 Apologies for Absence:

Apologies received from Cllr Plowman.

Present:

Parish Councillors Reid (Chair), Scaife, Feasby, Quinn, 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 11 January 2017 were approved as an accurate record.

4 Matters Arising from the Minutes:

4 Tuesday Club/Club for Retirees.

Cllr Reid reported that attendance at the meetings on 31 January and 28 February were heartening (25 and 28 persons, respectively). At the next meeting (28 March), guest speakers Ron and Helen Chambers will be giving a presentation on Bees and Flowers. A trip to Lincoln Castle has been organised for 27 April.

4 Damage to Bench in Beswick.

Cllr Scaife reported that the bench has been repaired and is now back in place. An invoice has been submitted and payment requested. **Action:** Clerk to inform ERYC that the repair has been carried out. Additionally, the Beswick South bus shelter guttering has been repaired and a request made for payment.

5 Proposed Storage Development at LKAB Minerals.

Cllr Reid reported on correspondence with LKAB on possible contributions by LKAB to the Council for community projects. John Wallace has passed our request on to senior managers; awaiting decision.

9 Appointment of Internal Auditor.

Cllr Quinn reported that Kate Johnson has once again agreed to act as IA.

10.1 Copy for Newsletter.

Cllr Reid stated that, following the distribution of a draft version, the preparation was almost complete. It was agreed that minor adjustments would be made prior to the Clerk making presentation adjustments. It was also agreed to use the same printers as in 2015/16 once a final authorisation had been received. The meeting agreed to a distribution around the Parish no later than mid-April.

10.2 ERNLLCA Grant.

The Clerk reported that the application had been successful with £740 being received. Monies to be used for the training of the Clerk and for additional payment of the Clerk (current and previous) for the additional hours needed to set up and run the Parish Website. Agreed to distribute payment on a pro-rata basis by months worked. **Action:** Clerk to seek training provision available for website development tool.

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.

It was noted that the planning application had been **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

Following discussion, it was agreed that there were no objections to the development, indeed the development was welcomed as it balanced the pair of semi-detached houses. **Action:** Clerk to respond on behalf of the Parish Council.

6 Notice of Annual Meeting:

The Meeting scheduled for 10 May 2017 will incorporate the Annual Meeting. Nominations from amongst Councillors will be required for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair. A nomination for Footpath Warden will be required. The AM will include a Report from the Footpath Warden. Cllr Reid informed the meeting that he would not be able to be present; Cllr Scaife to act as Chair in his absence. **Action:** Clerk to contact Chris Lowey to determine if he is happy to continue in his role and to request a written report to be presented at the meeting.

7 Parish Council Meetings 2017-18:

The Council was asked to consider where it wished to meet during 2017-18. It was agreed to continue to meet in the Village Hall and so instructed the Clerk to book it. The Council approved the following Meeting dates:

10 May 2017
12 July 2017
13 September 2017
8 November 2017
10 January 2018
14 March 2018

8 Internet Security:

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

9 Finance Update:

Clerk reported on the current financial situation.

10 Income and Expenditure:

The 2017/2018 Draft Budget was discussed extensively with alterations proposed and agreed including £250 each for St Margaret's and All Saints proposed by IR and seconded by KQ. IR proposed £400 for Tuesday Club – KQ noted that grant funding should be available and agreed to investigate this but agreed to support if it could not be secured. **Action:** Clerk to produce an updated report for approval by Cllr Reid.

11 Authorisation of Payments:

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

External Audit 2015/16 Accounts, PKF - £ 120.00
Ian Reid Tuesday Club Expenses - £205.05
Clerks Salary August 2016-March 2017 - £ 733.00
Bench Repair, Howard Fetches - £120.00
Bus Shelter Repair, Howard Fetches - £45.00
ERNLLCA Grant Payments: D Allan - £180.00, J Bugg - £360.00, Training - £200.00 Total £740.00

12 Request for Grant – All Saints, Kilnwick

Request for grant towards grounds maintenance 2017/18 was considered and agreed as part of budget discussions, along with a request submitted at the meeting by St Margaret's, Beswick. Agreed to defer consideration of any additional payments until July meeting.

13 Request from Beswick & Watton CE (VC) School

Meeting considered the request from Environmental Teaching Assistant, Mrs Cathy Oliver, to participate in the Polli:Nation project. It was felt that the request to fund the purchase of wild flower seeds and/or bulbs could be entertained. However, the plan for sowing along the side of Beverley Road was considered not a good idea on grounds of safety; Council would support the use of the large triangular verges at either end of the village

subject to the right authorisations being sought from ERYC by Mrs Oliver. **Action:** Clerk to inform Mrs Oliver of the requirements of the PC. Defer decision until the May meeting in order to allow Mrs Oliver the time to seek authorisation.

14 AOB:

14.1 Letter from Resident – Issues related to Holderness Hunt

Jeremy Wilcock of Main Street, Kilnwick asked that the PC note the issues he raised following the Holderness Hunt's arrival in Kilnwick on 4 March 2017:

1. Large number of horses and riders arriving without notice in the village
2. Children unable to play outside and dogs not able to be exercised
3. Followers being a nuisance, obstructing and blocking the C59 and parking on verges

The Parish Council was asked to consider instructing the Hunt not to ride on Main Street and to notify the Parish when they would be in the area, for how long and at what time approximately.

Councillor Quinn reported extensive damage to footpaths close to the village of Kilnwick (i.e. Beswick 3, 10 and 11) being particularly affected.

Actions: Clerk to write to Holderness Hunt to convey the distress caused and to request that they let the Parish know when they are hunting within its boundaries. Simon Parker, Rights of Way Officer to be made aware of the damage to the footpaths and Trustees of The Park to be requested to write to Holderness Hunt asking them not to enter The Park.

14.2 Request from Secretary of The Park, Kilnwick

Secretary of The Park, Kilnwick requested the opportunity for Trustees to attend PC to give update.

Agreed that this could be facilitated in the July meeting. **Action:** KQ to inform Ellen Beddows that they are welcome to attend July meeting.

Date of Next Meeting:

10 May 2017