

Beswick Parish Council

Meeting of the Council held at 7 pm on Wednesday, 11 May 2022

MINUTES including Annual Meeting

1 Election of Chair for 2022-23:

The Clerk opened the meeting and noted that as Cllr Reid had previously indicated that he would not be standing for re-election, nominations were now required for the post of Chair of Beswick Parish Council. Following a short discussion, it was confirmed that there were no nominations for the post and so volunteers were sought. None of the Cllrs volunteered for the Chair. The Clerk reported that she had sought advice from ERYC Democratic Services as to a way forward should there be no one willing to take on the position, who had confirmed that a different Cllr may chair each meeting in order that the work of the parish may be concluded. Cllr Beachell nominated Cllr Beddows to Chair for the current meeting, seconded by Cllr Jeffrey. Cllr Beddows agreed to Chair the current meeting but noted that it was his intention to resign from the PC shortly, so would not be available to extend this period. Thanks were given to Cllr Reid for his hard work and excellent representation of the PC over many years and for the support he has given to Cllrs and Clerks alike.

2 Election of Vice-Chair for 2022-23:

The Clerk sought nominations for the position of Vice-Chair and received none. Cllr Beachell suggested that she take the position on the same basis as the Chair had been elected. This was seconded by Cllr Jeffrey and agreed unanimously.

3 Apologies for Absence:

None.

Present:

Cllrs Beddows (Chair), Beachell (Vice-Chair), Corscadden, Jeffrey and Reid, Ward Cllr Beaumont, Julia Bugg (Clerk) and 2 parishioners.

4 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests:

None.

5 Annual Report 2021-22:

The meeting considered and approved the Newsletter 2021-22 (already distributed widely and incorporated in the Council's Website) as the Annual Report of Council activity; proposed Cllr Reid, seconded Cllr Beachell. Cllr Corscadden noted that an alteration to the date of the Beswick village Jubilee celebration had been made but was not reflected in the newsletter as it had occurred after the document had been sent to the printers.

6 Annual Return 2021-22:

The Clerk presented the Annual Return and requested that Cllrs:

(a) Consider and note the Internal Auditor's report:

The IA's report was considered and noted.

(b) Consider and note the Certificate of Exemption:

The Certificate of Exemption was considered and noted.

(c) Consider, approve and sign the Governance Statement:

The Governance Statement was considered, approved and signed by the Chair and Clerk.

(d) Consider, approve and sign the Accounting Statement:

The Accounting Statement was considered, approved and signed by the Chair and Clerk.

7 Annual Accounts 2021-22:

The Clerk presented the Council's accounts for 2021-22. Cllrs received the accounts and agreed unanimously to accept them.

8 Public Rights of Inspection:

The Clerk confirmed that the period for public inspection of the accounts and related records shall be from 20 June to 29 July 2022 inclusive. Cllrs agreed that public notice be given to that effect through these Minutes and via notification on BPC's website.

9 Minutes:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 9 March 2022 were agreed to be a true and accurate record.

10 Matters Arising from the Minutes:

12.2 Queen's Platinum Jubilee:

Cllr Beddows reported that meetings had taken place on 28 March and 11 April and would be held on 17 May 2022 to organise the event being held in Kilnwick which was intended for all residents of the Parish and noted that a choir had been created for the event who were practicing hard. The organisation is going well with food, equipment and decorations in hand.

Cllr Corscadden noted that the date had been changed for the garden party at Beswick, now 3 June at 2 pm. Music, stalls, refreshments etc have all been arranged with any monies received to be split between a number of charities yet to be confirmed but to include the church and Yorkshire Air Ambulance amongst others. Cllr Corscadden asked that residents dress houses if possible and noted that a further meeting was being held on 17 May 2022 to finalise these arrangements, adding that if the weather on the day was inclement, the event would be moved to John Duggleby's barn

It was noted that no monies have yet been received from ERYC following the successful grant application by Cllr Beddows; Clerk to find out when the payment will be made.

9 Internet:

Cllr Beddows reported that the Village Hall Committee had agreed to share the cost of the Internet and that following discussion at the last meeting he had investigated the possibility of a simpler web casting option, akin to those used in churches. Discussion took place and it was agreed that this was indeed the better option which would be much less expensive than the Zoom system. Cllr Jeffrey proposed that the purchase of the camera be put on hold until the PC has more money and knows how the current increase in the cost of utilities is to affect the budget. He proposed that the camera be put on hold but that the Internet connection for the Village Hall be progressed. Cllr Reid seconded this and it was agreed unanimously. Cllr Jeffrey and Cllr Beddows to action. Cllr Reid thanked Cllr Beddows for the excellent work he has done on this.

6.4 Planning Application Re: 22/00587/OUT | OUTLINE Erection of a detached dwelling and garage (all matters reserved) | Land East of Soberhill Farm, Wilfolme Carrs, Aike, East Riding of Yorkshire YO25 9BQ:

It was noted that, following consultation, BPC requested that this application be 'called in' for assessment by the Eastern Area Planning Sub Committee and that the applicant be allowed to make representations. Cllr Bernard Gateshill has also 'called in' the application. Cllr Beaumont noted that he was not aware of any movement on this application despite Cllr Reid submitting the PC's views and the applicant making representation with officers. Cllr Reid noted that the proposed site lies outside of the development line, with Rose Cottage being 80 m away but that ERYC should take notice of 'real' data when they are provided with it.

11 Planning Applications:

None.

12 Finance:

12.1 Budget 2022-23:

The Clerk presented the budget, which was amended to include the grants agreed for jubilee celebrations and agreed. Cllr Reid noted that the charge to individual properties as a result of the increase in the precept actually reduced. This was queried with ERYC who confirmed that this was correct; Cllr Reid and The Clerk agreed that they did not understand why this was the case but accepted ERYC's declaration that this was correct.

BESWICK PARISH COUNCIL			
Budget 2022-2023			
	2021-2022	2021-2022	2022-2023
	Proposed	Actual	Proposed
	£	£	£
Street Lighting	1700.00	1673.33	3300.00
Salix Loan Repayment	500.00	500.00	500.00
Management of Assets			
Defibrillators	250.00	63.00	250.00
Telephone Box Renovation – Beswick	30.00	0.00	30.00
Telephone Box Renovation – Kilnwick	30.00	0.00	30.00
	310.00	63.00	310.00
Tuesday Club	0.00	0.00	0.00
Donations			
Beswick Church	250.00	250.00	300.00
Kilnwick Church	250.00	250.00	300.00
Jubilee Celebrations - Kilnwick			100.00
Jubilee Celebrations - Beswick			75.00
	500.00	500.00	775.00
Administrative Expenses			
Insurance	350.00	341.29	360.00
Clerk's Salary	1300.00	1300.00	1350.00
Stationery and other expenses	75.00	15.33	75.00
Parish Newsletter	150.00	130.00	195.00
IT Maintenance/Update	60.00	0.00	300.00
External Audit Commission - PKF	200.00	0.00	200.00
Internet Access setup and Maintenance			250.00
Website Domain Registration (3 Years)	36.00	0.00	36.00
ERNLLCA Membership	320.00	315.33	307.32
Grant Platinum Jubilee to Village Hall Committee			500.00
	2491.00	2101.95	3573.32
Total Expenditure	5501.00	4838.28	8458.32
INCOME			
Reserve Brought Forward	5402.80	5402.80	6303.91
VAT Reclaimed	300.00	289.39	300.00
Precept	5450.00	5450.00	5600.00
Platinum Jubilee Grant ERYC			500.00
Total Income	11152.80	11142.19	12703.91
YEAR END RESERVE	5651.80	6303.91	4245.59

12.2 Payments:

Payments made as noted to:

Payment to WoldTech for printing of Newsletter - £195.00

Reimburse Chair for cost of posting newsletters - £15.45

ERNLLCA Membership 2022/23 - £307.32

Cllr Reid proposed that grants not be made to the churches in the Parish but donations towards grounds maintenance be recorded instead. Cllr Beachell seconded this and the proposal was agreed unanimously.

The Clerk requested that all Cllrs be signatories on BPC's bank account as currently Cllrs Beddows and Reid only able to do so. It was agreed that this was a necessary and that Cllrs Beachell, Coruscadden and Jeffrey complete the necessary paperwork.

13 Footpath Reports and Nominations for Footpath Wardens - Beswick and Kilnwick:

Thanks were expressed to Victoria Fletcher and Gerard Hodgson for their work. Victoria Fletcher noted that all was fine on the footpaths in the east of the Parish. The Clerk noted that she has walked many of the footpaths in the west of the Parish and all was well. Cllr Beachell sought confirmation as to who was responsible for footpaths which crossed farmland; Cllr Reid confirmed it was the farmer and that guidelines were in place as to how and when work should be undertaken. Cllr Beachell confirmed that the footpath across land towards Fountain Farm has now been sprayed and so would be clear for walkers shortly.

Accept nominations for Beswick - Victoria Fletcher and Kilnwick - Gerard Hodgson. Agreed.

14 ERYC Village Taskforce Walkabout:

It was noted that ERYC contacted BPC shortly after its last meeting to notify them that the date for the walkabout is Thursday 26 May 2022 at 9.45 am to commence outside All Saints Church, Kilnwick. Following email discussion with Cllrs it was agreed that this was acceptable and that Cllr Reid would be present as a minimum. Other Cllrs are invited to attend. The Clerk noted that **ERYC** also requires a list of issues to be discussed prior to the walkabout; Cllr Reid agreed to undertake a pre-walkabout walk to note any issues and notify the Clerk. The verge destruction in Kilnwick and on the corner of Tibby Lane/C59 be added to the list.

15 Hedgerow at the front of 30 Main Street, Beswick:

Cllr Coruscadden reported that the Hotham Estate has not replaced the hedgerow it grubbed out at the front of 30 Main Street in Beswick during the winter of 2020. Clerk to contact the Agent and request that this work be undertaken.

16 Sector Finance Survey 2022 - NALC:

Discussion took place regarding the request to participate in this NALC survey; it was agreed unanimously that we would not.

17 AOB: *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.*

17.1 Thanks for service:

Parishioner and former Cllr Mary Scaife thanked Cllr Reid on behalf of the parishioners for his service as Chair.

Date of Next Meeting:

13 July 2022