

Beswick Parish Council

Rescheduled Meeting of the Council held at 7 pm on Monday, 18 September 2023 at Kilnwick Village Hall

AGENDA

1 Apologies for Absence:

Parish Cllr Corscaddon and Ward Cllr Jeremy Wilcock.

Present:

Parish Cllrs Beachell (Chair), Jeffrey, Duncan, Julia Bugg (Clerk) and two parishioners.

2 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests:

None.

3 Minutes:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 12 July 2023 were agreed to be an accurate record.

12 Overgrown Hedgerows:

It was agreed to take this Agenda item out of order in order to allow the parishioners present to participate without sitting through the rest of the meeting.

The parishioners present had raised the issue of ERYC's ownership of the land between Wilfholme Road and Beswick & Watton CE VC Primary School and their failure to carry out the necessary trimming of the hedge and verge directly adjacent to the footpath, rendering it impassable and thus preventing pedestrians including school children from using it to walk to school or further into Beswick itself. Documentary evidence was provided to prove that when the A164 was widened the land was compulsorily purchased by ERYC and was therefore not the responsibility of the adjacent land owner to undertake the task. The Clerk noted that she had reported the issue to ERYC after receiving the request to add the item to the agenda, in the hope of receiving a response prior to the meeting but that this had not occurred. Cllrs present discussed the issue and agreed that the Clerk would pursue the enquiry already made. The parishioners were thanked for their input and then left the meeting.

It was noted that other hedges were awaiting cutting and that complaints had been received from parishioners in relation to a hedge on Main Street, Beswick too. The homeowner had agreed that the pathway would be cleared following the cutting of the hedge before the end of September. Cllrs agreed that this was not ideal but acceptable. It was reiterated that hedges should be cut, using due diligence in relation to nesting birds, during the months of April to August. From 1 September onwards, hedges should be trimmed to ensure that footpaths are accessible to pedestrians including those with mobility issues and those pushing prams etc.

4 Matters Arising from the Minutes:

4.1 Beswick Footpath 20 and Wilfholme Road:

The Clerk reported that BFP 20 had had the grass cut shortly after the July meeting but that accessibility was still restricted due to the failure to cut back hedging and nettles etc on the adjacent land.

The grass was cut on the footpath between Tibby Lane and the A164 again, shortly after the last meeting of BPC but once again hedges and nettles adjacent to the footpath were not cut. The poor state of repair of the footpath was reported to ERYC, who responded to the Clerk that the budget was not in place to undertake extensive repairs but that a job number had been created to look at the area east of Tibby Lane, which is severely affected by vehicles using it as a road way when the carriageway is too narrow to facilitate the passing of two vehicles.

4.2 Bus Shelter Cleaning:

The Clerk reported that Ward Cllr Smith had informed her that all of the bus shelters were actually the responsibility of BPC.

Beswick A164 2200991 – Parish

Beswick A164 22001660 - Parish

Beswick A164 22000990 - Parish

Beswick A164 2202116 - Bus Stop paired with 22000990, Bus Stop ERYC

Beswick A164 22000504 - Parish

Kilnwick Crossroads 22011713 - Bus Stop, ERYC

Following discussion, it was agreed unanimously that the 2024-2025 budget should include an amount for the cleaning of the bus shelters, as long as this can be undertaken at a cost affordable to the PC.

5 Resignation of Parish Councillor:

The Clerk notified Cllrs that Cllr Staples has tendered his resignation. Cllrs requested that the Clerk notify ERYC Electoral Services of the need to advertise the post.

6 ERYC – Community Governance Review:

The Clerk reported on the changes being proposed to the number of councillor positions required for BPC and the reasons why a recommendation of seven councillors may not be appropriate for BPC, as well as noting that to have five would ensure the effective governance and administration of the parish. Also, to note that if no responses are received, then it is highly probable that the draft recommendation will go forward as the final recommendation for approval and implementation. Following discussion, the meeting unanimously approved that the Clerk would respond to ERYC stating that BPC would only accept the increase in Parish Councillors to seven if the number for a meeting to be quorate remain at three. If this was not acceptable, then the number of Parish Councillors should remain as five. BPC struggles to maintain five Cllrs and has only managed to do so for three months following the May elections. Of the five in post, it is also difficult to have sufficient Cllrs present at each meeting to have a quorum.

7 Planning Applications:

7.1 Notification of Decision for 23/01755/PLF:

30 Main Street, Kilnwick, East Riding of Yorkshire, YO25 9JD - Permission Granted.

7.2 Notification of Decision for 23/01454/PLF:

45 Main Street, Beswick, East Riding of Yorkshire, YO25 9AU - Permission Granted.

7.3 No other applications received.

8 Street Lighting SLA:

SLA not received at this time – forward to next meeting.

9 Communities and Environment Town and Parish Council Events in 2023/24:

These are a set of informal events to facilitate meeting the ERYC officers responsible for delivering a wide range of the services provided as well as raise local issues. These events are a perfect time to ask questions and discuss how we can continue to collaborate in the future. All commence at 7.00pm at the venue indicated:

ER Leisure: Haltemprice - 24th October 2023

ER Leisure: Bridlington - 23rd November 2023

Burnby Hall, Pocklington - 24th January 2024

Virtual Event, 22nd February 2024

10 East Riding of Yorkshire Enhanced Bus Partnership:

The Clerk confirmed receipt of ERYC's invitation to this year's Forum Event on 13 October 2023 at Bishop Burton College from 9.30 am to 1.30 pm. Places must be booked. Ward Councillor Smith is keen that a representative should attend. Following discussion it was noted that no Parish Cllrs were available to attend but that parishioners June Feasby and Mary Scaife be invited by the Clerk to represent the parish.

11 Finance:

11.1 Payments:

Payment to Julia Bugg to reimburse the cost of website domain (3 year) - £22.50

Payment to All Saint's Church, Kilnwick - £300

Payment to St Margaret's Church, Beswick - £300

11.2 Finance Report:

The Clerk presented the monthly Monitoring Report previously circulated.

- 13 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.*

13.1 Bins in Kilnwick – including dog waste:

Cllr Jeffrey reported that a parishioner had informed him that the bin on Wilfholme Road opposite Kilnwick Road was falling apart and needed replacing/maintaining. It was agreed to seek assistance from parishioners in the first instance to 'patch-up' the bin but that another option would be to see if any businesses in the parish were able to sponsor the purchase of new bins. The Clerk was asked to present costs at the next meeting. Cllr Jeffrey to pursue potential sponsorship. Additionally, it was noted that the bin on Main Street, opposite School Lane, is not close enough to BFP 9, which may be leading to the failure of dog owners to pick up after their dogs. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk contact ERYC and see if it is possible to have an additional dog waste bin located on the footpath close the Main Street/Church Lane corner.

Date of Next Meeting:

8 November 2023