

# Beswick Parish Council

Meeting of the Council to held Virtually at 7 pm on Wednesday, 5 May 2021

## Minutes

### 1 Election of Chair for 2021-22:

The Clerk opened the meeting and sought nominations for the post of Chair. Cllr Quinn nominated Cllr Reid; Cllr Beddows seconded the nomination and it was agreed by all. Cllr Reid accepted the nomination before stating that he intended that 2021-22 would be his last year in post.

### 2 Election of Vice-Chair for 2021-22:

The Chair took over the meeting and sought nominations for Vice Chair. Cllr Beddows nominated Cllr Quinn; Cllr Reid seconded this nomination which was agreed by all. Cllr Quinn accepted the nomination.

### 3 Apologies for Absence:

Ward Cllr Greenwood - no Internet access in Cherry Burton.

#### Present:

Cllrs Reid (Chair), Quinn, Beddows, Corscadden, Beachell, Ward Cllrs Beaumont and Gateshill, Julia Bugg (Clerk) and four parishioners.

### 4 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests:

Non-Pecuniary - Cllrs Beddows and Quinn - Planning Application 11.3.

### 5 Annual Report 2020-21:

The 2021-21 Newsletter was considered and approved (already distributed widely and incorporated in the Council's Website) as the Annual Report on Council activity.

### 6 Annual Return 2020-21:

The Clerk reported that the documentation was ready to be considered and added that ERNLLCA had suggested that BPC arrange a separate single item meeting to be held physically to do this. Following discussion and advice from the Local Authority and Ward Cllr Gateshill, it was agreed that this be done at this meeting with the Clerk driving to the Chair immediately after the meeting to have the paperwork signed.

(a) To consider and note the Internal Auditor's report - approved

(b) To consider, approve and sign the Certificate of Exemption - approved and signed

(c) To consider, approve and sign the Governance Statement - approved and signed

(d) To consider, approve and sign the Accounting Statement - approved and signed.

### 7 Annual Accounts 2020-21:

The Clerk presented the Council's accounts for 2020-21 which were considered and approved.

### 8 Public Rights of Inspection:

The meeting confirmed that the period for public inspection of the accounts and related records shall be from 17 June to 26 July inclusive, and agreed that public notice be given to that effect.

### 9 Minutes:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2021 were approved as an accurate record of the minutes of the meeting.

### 10 Matters Arising from the Minutes:

#### 13.2 Neighbourhood Watch Signs:

Installed by Cllr Corscadden with thanks to Jackie Plowman and Cllr Corscadden.

#### 8 Defibrillator - Wilfholme:

Cllr Reid reported that he has yet to receive a response from the Environment Agency.

**10 Parish Council Meetings 2021-22:**

The Clerk confirmed Kilnwick Village Hall has been booked for the July meeting onwards. Cllr Reid proposed that a contingency plan be put in place to allow business to continue should the meeting be inquorate that there should be a Delegation of Authority to the Chair and the Clerk. Cllr Beddows seconded this proposal and following the Clerk and Chair's acceptance it was agreed unanimously.

**11 BPC's TSB Bank Account:**

Cllrs Quinn and Beddows reported their findings that there had been a short-list of four accounts created; three of which are free and one paid. The accounts at Lloyds and NatWest were eliminated following bad feedback from other parishes already using them. Barclays does offer free banking for PCs and has good feedback but currently has a waiting list for applications. Basically, this leaves BPC with the option of staying with TSB and making payment as and when necessary or moving to an account which offers 'pay for banking'. Barclays does offer branches in both Driffield and Beverley currently and would be the preference should an application be accepted. Cllr Quinn proposed that further research be undertaken with a decision being made in July. Cllr Reid added that BPC should also be added to Barclay's waiting list. This was agreed by all and thanks were extended to Cllrs Quinn and Beddows for their work to date.

**11 Planning Applications:**

**11.1 Application Ref: Planning Consultation for 21/00902/PLF 14 School Lane, Kilnwick, East Riding of Yorkshire, YO25 9JE**

The above planning application has been received - comments by 5 May 2021. Cllr Quinn noted that a strenuous objection has been submitted by a neighbour. Cllr Reid stated that he has no objections to the application and does not feel that there are any grounds for objections - the architecture is in fact quite agreeable. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk submit the PC's response that it has no negative comments to the application.

**11.2 Application Ref: Planning Consultation for 21/00847/CM Minelco Specialities Limited, Superfine Carbonate Works, Middleton Road, Kilnwick, East Riding of Yorkshire, YO25 9TS**

The above planning application has been received - comments by 7 May 2021. Agreed unanimously that the application was innocuous and therefore no objections to be raised.

**11.3 Application Ref: Planning Consultation for 21/01140/PLF 31 Main Street, Kilnwick, East Riding of Yorkshire YO25 9JD**

The above planning application has been received - comments by 13 May 2021. Cllrs Beddows and Quinn declared non-pecuniary interest. Cllrs Reid, Corscadden and Beachell agreed that they had no objections. Clerk to report that BPC is in favour of the application.

**11.4 Any other applications received following the publication of this document:**

None received.

**11.5 Construction of a barn at Lund Moor Farm and Public Right of Way Beswick Footpath No. 14:**

This has been erected as permitted development. This massive barn is being constructed by Wayne Smith; Cllr Reid raised a number of issues, including the prospect of proposing a realignment of Beswick FP No. 14 under the Environmental Land Management Scheme (ELMS) of the Agriculture Act 2020. He also noted that the barn is just 10cm from impinging on Footpath 14 and so is not breaching any regulations. Cllr Beddows questioned how close to the footpath the barn can be? Cllr Reid responded that there was no recent declaration as to how wide this can be.

**12 Finance:**

**12.1 Local Government Act 1894, Section 8, and Financial Support for All Saints' and St Margaret's Churches:**

To assess under what conditions, if any, funds can be allocated as a prelude to agreeing a Budget for 2021-22. Following recommendations from ERNLLCA that the Local Government Act 1894 is still in place, it was discussed if a grant could be made to the churches in the parish. It was agreed unanimously that after so many years of making the grant it would be inappropriate to stop now but that the Clerk must make it clear to the recipients that the monies must be used for mowing. Proposed by Cllr Reid and seconded by Cllr Quinn; agreed unanimously. £250.00 each church.

## 12.2 Budget 2021-22:

The Clerk presented the budget. Cllr Corscadden proposed that it be agreed and Cllr Beddows seconded his proposal. Unanimously agreed.

<b>BESWICK PARISH COUNCIL</b>			
<b>Budget 2021-22</b>			
	2020-2021	2020-2021	2021-2022
	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Proposed</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Street Lighting</b>	<b>1610.00</b>	<b>1673.33</b>	<b>1700.00</b>
<b>Salix Loan Repayment</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>500.00</b>
<b>Management of Assets</b>			
Defibrillators	250.00	100.80	250.00
Telephone Box Renovation – Beswick	20.00	0.00	30.00
Telephone Box Renovation – Kilnwick	50.00	0.00	30.00
Refurbishment of Notice Boards	0.00	31.44	0.00
	<b>320.00</b>	<b>132.24</b>	<b>310.00</b>
<b>Tuesday Club</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Grants</b>			
Beswick Church	250.00	250.00	250.00
Kilnwick Church	250.00	250.00	250.00
	<b>500.00</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>500.00</b>
<b>Administrative Expenses</b>			
Insurance	350.00	337.87	350.00
Clerk's Salary	1250.00	1250.00	1300.00
Stationery and other expenses	75.00	12.66	75.00
Parish Newsletter	130.00	0.00	150.00
IT Maintenance	60.00	0.00	60.00
External Audit Commission - PKF	200.00	0.00	200.00
Website Domain Registration (3 Years)	0.00	0.00	36.00
Transparency Code Grant – Clerk Website Maint & Training	200.00	0.00	200.00
ERNLLCA Membership	300.00	286.38	320.00
	<b>2565.00</b>	<b>1886.91</b>	<b>2691.00</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>5495.00</b>	<b>4692.48</b>	<b>5701.00</b>
<b>INCOME</b>			
Reserve Brought Forward	4356.15	4356.15	5402.80
VAT Reclaimed	300.00	327.13	300.00
Precept	5412.00	5412.00	5450.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>10068.15</b>	<b>10095.28</b>	<b>11152.80</b>
<b>YEAR END RESERVE</b>	<b>4573.15</b>	<b>5402.80</b>	<b>5451.80</b>

## 12.3 Payments:

The following payments were **Agreed**:

Reimburse Clerk for cost of Newsletter printing - £130.00

Reimburse Chair for cost of posting newsletters - £15.33

ERNLLCA Membership 2021/22 - £315.33

St Margaret's, Beswick - £250.00

All Saints, Kilnwick - £250.00

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

Victoria Wood's report, which was distributed with the Agenda, was accepted and discussed prior to Cllr Reid requesting that The Clerk thank Victoria for her work as well as her report. Despite attempts to contact Gerard Hodgson, no report has been received. The Clerk reported that she has walked as many of the footpaths as possible in the west of the parish and that the only one she encountered problems with was the footpath from Beswick & Watton School to Beswick Heads (Footpath 16) where the footpath is so narrow in places that it is impossible to walk on it and that this is exacerbated by the fact that the ploughing is much deeper than the level of the path that it is in fact a hazard. Cllr Beddows researched the required footpath width immediately and it was noted that 1.5 m is the required width. The Clerk was asked to walk the footpath again and take pictures so that the issue could be addressed if it is necessary. The Clerk agreed.

Cllr Reid nominated the following Footpath Wardens for the coming year: for Beswick - Victoria Wood and Kilnwick - Gerard Hodgson. The Clerk will seek acceptance of these nominations.

**14 Government Questionnaire Survey on Virtual Meetings:**

The meeting reviewed the content of the questionnaire survey (previously distributed), determining that it is in fact pathetic, not very coherent and not relevant for very small PCs. It was noted that both Scotland and Northern Ireland have extended the period for virtual meetings but that in England this has not been done as there is no time to address the issue in the Westminster Parliament. It was felt that freedom should be given to PCs to hold physical or virtual meetings as determined individually. Reid requested that the meeting delegate the responsibility of responding to him; this was agreed unanimously.

**15 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.*

None.

**Date of Next Meeting:**

**14 July 2021**