

Beswick Parish Council

Meeting of the Council held at 7 pm on Wednesday, 8 May 2024

MINUTES including Annual Meeting

1 Election of Chair for 2024-25:

The Clerk accepted the nomination of Cllr Beachell for the role of Chair from Cllr Duncan, seconded by Cllr Corscadden; Cllr Beachell was duly elected as Chair.

2 Election of Vice-Chair for 2024-25:

The Chair accepted the nomination of Cllr Duncan to the role of Vice-Chair from Cllr Corscadden which was seconded by Cllr Beachell, Cllr Duncan was duly elected.

3 Apologies for Absence:

Cllrs Jeffrey and Hill.

Present:

Cllrs Sarah Beachell (Chair), Tony Corscadden, Sarah Duncan (Vice Chair), ERYC Ward Councillor Jeremy Wilcock and Julia Bugg (Clerk).

4 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests:

None.

5 Annual Report 2023-24:

The meeting considered and approved the Newsletter 2023-24 (already distributed widely and incorporated in the Council's Website) as the Annual Report of Council activity. It was noted that not all parishioners had yet received their newsletters. Cllr Corscadden volunteered to assist Cllr Jeffrey in completing this. Clerk to contact Cllr Jeffrey on his return. Cllr Corscadden reported that residents in Aike were interested in the newsletter report from Ian Reid regarding flooding in the area. The Clerk noted that the newsletter is available on the website and that anyone outside the parish may access it there.

6 Annual Return 2023-24:

The Clerk presented the Annual Return for the following points to be undertaken, which were completed and approved by the meeting:

- (a) To consider and note the Internal Auditor's report
- (b) To consider and note the Certificate of Exemption
- (c) To consider, approve and sign the Governance Statement
- (d) To consider, approve and sign the Accounting Statement.

7 Annual Accounts 2023-24:

The meeting received and noted the Council's accounts for 2023-24 as presented by the Clerk. The accounts were approved.

8 Public Rights of Inspection:

The Clerk confirmed that the period for public inspection of the accounts and related records shall be from 5 June to 14 July 2024 inclusive; the meeting agreed that public notice be given to that effect.

9 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2024 were approved as an accurate record.

10 Matters Arising from the Minutes:

10.1 Speed Monitoring:

The Clerk reported that the results of the speed monitoring had been undertaken twice as it was carried out at the wrong place in the first instance. An average speed of 34 mph was recorded, which meant that no further action would be taken as it was seen as unnecessary. As Cllr Jeffrey was not present, further discussion was agreed to be taken to the July meeting.

10.2 Replacement Street Light:

The Clerk reported that a replacement vintage street light has been identified by ERYC and would be installed at the earliest opportunity at no cost to BPC as the insurance company of the responsible motorist would be meeting the cost.

10.3 Litter:

In Cllr Jeffrey's absence, it was agreed that this item be taken to the next meeting. Post meeting note: Cllr Jeffrey noted that no further action was required but that a Kilnwick litter picking event may be arranged.

10.4 Village Taskforce Walkabout:

The Clerk reported that she had contacted the Village Taskforce and confirmed that the only section of the Parish requiring their attention at this time was the western footpath of the A164 travelling south from the corner of the C59 to Beswick & Watton Primary School, which despite ERYC's agreement that they were responsible for the upkeep of the footpath and the hedging, verge and grass cutting, no actions had been undertaken since the September grass cutting. After some discussion ERYC has now determined that it is not responsible for the maintenance of the hedging and has contacted the owner to arrange for the works to be undertaken. It was agreed that the condition of the footpath was not acceptable and is their responsibility so they would correct this as soon as was possible. The Clerk noted that no works had been started at this time.

10.5 Bus Shelter Cleaning:

The Clerk reported that she had asked a number of organisations to quote for the cleaning of the two Beswick bus shelters and that the only company willing to do the was is Henry Halliday & Son at a cost of £240 for full steam cleaning or £150 for just window cleaning. If the PC were to agree to the cleaning of the shelters six-monthly, then the cost of the full steam clean would be £150 for subsequent cleans. Following discussion, it was agreed that this was beyond the budget of the PC and so full steam clean be requested by the Clerk. Cllr Beachell reminded the meeting that the wooden shelter positioned north of the C59/A164 may need some attention too and agreed to have a look at it and report back to the next meeting.

10.6 Any other matters arising:

There were no other matters arising.

11 Planning Applications:

11.1 Planning Consultation for 24/00271/OUT:

Land and Buildings South West of Soberhill Farm, Wilfholme Road, Beswick, East Riding of Yorkshire, YO25 9BQ – no notification received at the time of the meeting.

11.2 Planning Consultation for 24/00596/PLF:

Land and Buildings East of Lund Moor Farm, Bracken Lane, Kilnwick, East Riding of Yorkshire YO25 9TT – Permission given.

12 Finance:

12.1 Budget 2024-25:

The Clerk presented the budget, which was approved.

12.2 Payments:

Payment to WoldTech for printing of Newsletter – £126.75
ERNLLCA Membership 2024/25 - £322.66

13 Emergency Plan:

The Clerk presented the amended document distributed electronically, which was approved.

14 Asset Register 2024:

Clerk presented the updated 2024 document distributed electronically, which was approved.

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

No reports were received. The Kilnwick FPW informed the meeting that he was no longer able to continue with the role and was thanked by Cllr Beachell for his support of BPC for a number of years. It was unknown if the Beswick FPW is wishing to be nominated again for the role so it was agreed to complete this agenda item as the July meeting. Post meeting note: Cllr Jeffrey nominated Barbara Coomes, of Kilnwick, for the post of Kilnwick FPT, which was agreed. The Beswick FPW confirmed that she was unable to continue in the role.

16 Anti-Social Behaviour Reports - Beverley Rural

The Clerk reported that on the six-monthly update from ERYC there had been no recorded events of anti-social behaviour.

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 Water Leak:

Ward Cllr Wilcock noted that the water leak on Main Street, Kilnwick had been repaired.

17.2 Mud on Road:

Ward Cllr Wilcock noted that a call to ERYC by himself had resulted in the large amount of mud on the corner of Church Street and Main Street being swept away. The quagmire had been caused by the building work being undertaken on Church Street.

17.3 Wilfholme Road:

A closure of Wilfholme Road will be necessary to facilitate repairs; diversion will be available and sign posted by ERYC.

17.4 C59 at Tibby Lane:

Cllr Wilcock agreed to take the issue of the condition of the pavement and road at the junction to ERYC to see if a Ward Councillor's attention can invoke some action which has previously been denied due to the last cost in relation to number of residents using it.

17.5 Do it for Yorkshire:

Cllr Wilcock introduced the grant funding available to community groups through a bid process for clubs which reduce social isolation. The Clerk noted that BPC still has funds allocated to the Tuesday Club which was forced to stop meeting by Covid-19. Discussion took place with regard to the relaunch of the club and volunteers to run it; Ian Reid and Kenny Quinn no longer being available. It was agreed that the Clerk would email the small number of parishioners on the PC's email list to see if there is any interest.

Meeting closed at 8 pm.

Date of Next Meeting:

3 July 2024