

# Beswick Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> March 2016

**Present:** Councillor Ian Reid (Chair), Councillor June Feasby, Councillor Jackie Plowman, Councillor Kenny Quinn, Councillor Mary Scaife, ERYC Ward Councillor Phyllis Pollard (for part of the meeting), David Allan (Clerk to the Council) and one parishioner.

## 1 Declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests

No declarations were made

## 2 Minutes

The unconfirmed minutes of the meeting held on 13 January 2016 were approved.

## 3 Matters arising from the minutes

**Website.** The Clerk reported that the Council's new website at [www.beswickparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.beswickparishcouncil.org.uk) was now operational. Councillors Reid and Quinn had contributed extensively to the Parish Information pages. Further contributions had been invited from Kilnwick and Beswick churches, and it was intended to develop the Image Gallery, in particular by inviting parishioners to submit photographs.

**Bus Shelter (Northbound), Beswick North.** The replacement shelter had been installed on the 1 March. It remained only for ERYC to remove the previous base and make good the ground. Councillor Quinn suggested it would be beneficial if arrangements could be made for periodic cleaning of the five shelters in the Parish, and agreed to make enquiries.

**Beswick Footpath 18, Wilfholme Bridge/Three Jolly Tars.** No further information had been received from the Joint Local Access Forum or the ERYC Countryside Access Officer, to whom it stands referred. Councillor Reid circulated a photo showing the current blockage of the path.

**Computer and scanner.** The Clerk reported that the Council's application for a £450 grant had been successful, and circulated a note (copy attached to the official copy of these minutes) suggesting criteria for the choice of equipment, together with specific recommendations at an estimated total cost of £466.58. The recommendations were approved.

## 4 Planning application: tree felling, Beswick Hall Farm

An application (ERYC ref. 16/00598/TCA) to fell five sycamore trees at Beswick Hall Farm was considered. The roots were causing damage to the traditional brick wall within the curtilage of a listed building. The Council resolved to raise no objection but to request that the applicant be asked to plant replacement trees in the same vicinity, but where they will not cause damage.

## 5 Income and expenditure

The Clerk submitted a written report (copy attached to the official copy of these minutes) showing the latest forecast of income and expenditure in 2015-16, together with the already approved budget for 2016-17. The report was noted.

## 6 Data projector

Councillor Reid proposed that the Council purchase a data projector for use at meetings where matters of interest such as planning applications, financial budgets, etc., would be best displayed on a screen for the

benefit of full understanding and discussion by councillors and for informing parishioners who are present. The projector would be used in conjunction with the new computer (min. 3 above). The cost would c.£330 plus VAT. Councillor Reid's proposal was seconded by Councillor Quinn and agreed.

## **7 Authorisation of payments**

It was agreed that the following payments be formally authorised :

Replacement bus shelter, Beswick North £1846 + VAT  
Purchase of computer and scanner, £466.58 + VAT  
Purchase of a projector, c.£330 + VAT  
Clerk's salary, Oct 2015 – March 2016 £450

## **8 Tour de Yorkshire**

Consideration was given to emails from ERYC concerning the Tour de Yorkshire, which would be passing through East Yorkshire on 29 April 2016. As the race would not pass through the Beswick Parish Council area it was agreed to take no action.

## **9 Newsletter**

It was agreed that Councillor Reid would prepare a draft of the Council's 2015-16 newsletter and circulate it to fellow councillors for comment. The Clerk would make arrangements for prompt printing of the newsletter, which Councillors would distribute.

## **10 Photography Competition**

It was agreed that the newsletter would include the announcement of a photography competition, suggested by Councillor Quinn, for which an anonymous donor had kindly offered junior and adult cash prizes of £20 each. It was agreed that the competition would run until 31 August, entries to be sent to the Clerk and displayed on the Council's website, and that the winners would be decided by the Council at its meeting on 14 September.

## **11 Emergency Plan**

The Clerk referred to the need to review and update Beswick's Community Emergency Plan, and Councillors made a number of initial observations. It was agreed that Councillor Reid and the Clerk prepare an updated draft of the plan, for consideration and approval at the Council's next meeting.

## **12 Fracking**

The Clerk reported the receipt of an email from the campaign group Frack Free East Yorkshire asking that any meetings between gas companies and parish councils be held in public. To date, Beswick PC had received no such requests for meetings. The group's email was noted.

## **13 Liaison with ERYC**

Councillor Quinn drew attention to the recent departure from ERYC of Brad Webster, Community Partnership Co-ordinator and Acting Renaissance Coordinator (Beverley), whose services Beswick PC had found helpful on various occasions. The Clerk was requested to ask ERYC how Mr Webster's former functions were to be provided in future.

## **14 Street lighting**

It was noted that Beswick was not among ERYC's announced plan for replacement of street lights. The Clerk was asked to enquire as to the thinking behind the preparation of the current and any future plans.

**15 Damage to verge, Kilnwick**

A parishioner had drawn attention to damage caused to the grass verge in Main Street, Kilnwick by Acklam's school bus while passing the parked Library Bus, and had provided photos of the incident and resultant damage. After extensive discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk write to the Highways and Libraries departments of ERYC and to Acklam's requesting repair of the recent damage and the agreement of some arrangement whereby a repetition can be avoided.

**16 Humberside Police, Community Partnership Meetings**

Councillors Reid and Plowman reported on a meeting they had attended, convened by Inspector Mark Coulthard of Humberside Police. Matters discussed included possible 'Road Watch' initiatives aimed at combating traffic speeding problems, such as occur on the C59 at Kilnwick. Agreed that the Clerk invite Inspector Coulthard to attend either the July or September meeting of the Council to discuss such matters further, and in the meantime that the Clerk enquire as to other parishes' experience, if any, of Road Watch schemes.

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The Council's next meeting (the Annual Meeting) will be held at 7 pm on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at Kilnwick Village Hall.