

Beswick Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting, held on Wednesday 9th September 2015 at Kilnwick Village Hall

Present: Cllr. Ian Reid (Chair), Cllr. Mary Scaife, Cllr. June Feasby, Cllr. Jackie Plowman, Samantha Lowey (Clerk to the Council), Ward Cllr. Pollard and 5 Parishioners.

1. **Apologies for absence** None.
2. **Declaration of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests** None declared
3. **Minutes of the Meeting 8 July 2015** Agreed as correct
4. **Matters arising from minutes**

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4. 16.4 *Letter from Graham Stuart regarding the Installation of Defibrillators in the Area.* Since the installation: a Familiarisation Session took place on 11 August; The Driffield Times and Post carried an article and published a photo, which pleased some of the sponsors of the machine, The Smile Foundation and Yorkshire Ambulance Service. The location code of the machine is: NCPAD168. Thanks were passed to Cllr. Scaife and Cllr. Feasby for providing tea and scones for the familiarisation event.

16. *Bus Shelter (southbound) at Kilnwick Lodges.* This has now been installed and has been well received by parishioners. The possibility of an official 'opening' has been suggested – councillors to email their thoughts to the Chair.

Minutes of 13 May 2015

8.iii *To Receive Nominations and Appoint an Internal Auditor for 2015-16.* Kate Johnson has agreed to audit the accounts for the present financial year.
5. **Parish Finances** A copy of the accounts had been circulated to Councillors and a question was raised about the increase in cost between the estimate and the actual price for the Kilnwick Lodges bus shelter; the Clerk explained that this was due to VAT not being included in the quotation price.
6. **Policing Matters** The Clerk will investigate if the monthly bulletin is currently still being published.
7. **Planning Applications.**

15/01334/PLF | *Erection of a stables for private use | 30 Main Street Beswick East Riding Of Yorkshire YO25 9AS.* This application has been approved.

15/01516/PLF / *Alterations and Extensions to existing brick outbuilding for use as a dwelling with garage, following demolition of existing concrete shed and concrete extension. / Kilnwick Gardens Plant Nursery, Church Lane, Kilnwick.* This application is still pending consideration, Cllr. Pollard will investigate whether the application has been included in the Planning Committee agenda.
8. **Dept. for Communities & Local Government: Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities.** The Parish Council debated the options of using either ERYC's website or run its own website to satisfy its legal obligation to publish its finances, minutes, agendas and councillor details. It was

decided that it would use the ERYC site to start with and Cllr. Reid will contact Stevan Sajkovic (ERYC IT) to find out more about this option.

9. Bus Shelter (northbound) Beswick North. The Council has decided to approach Gary Spence's insurance company to enquire if it would be prepared to pay for a new shelter, due to the fact no payment has been made for the vandalised shelter erected to replace the original wood shelter wrecked by a collision. Cllr. Reid will contact Debbie McGurn (ERYC) to ask if it would be possible to relocate the shelter to a position nearer the road.

10. Street Lighting in Kilnwick. Two parishioners have raised concerns about street lights being switched off during the early hours of the morning, stating that it is a nuisance for people who are out during those hours and also that it could lead to an increase in crime. Cllr. Scaife had spoken with the Police and a number of burglar alarm companies and had been told that switching off has no impact on crime levels and that people with torches would be more obvious than people moving under street lighting. It also does not affect home insurance premiums. Cllr. Reid had also found a research study which has shown no evidence that switch-off or light dimming affect crime levels or road casualty numbers; in fact, both have been found to have no negative effects. The study also shows there to be no health implications if lights are switched off. The issue of convenience was discussed; some questionnaire respondents in a different study had suggested that they would feel safer if lights were left on. Financially, the Parish had saved £633.90 in electricity this last year; the cost of installing the timers, borne by the Parish, had been around £1800 and the cost of removing them could potentially be similar. A proposal to ballot villagers on whether to switch off or not was not seconded and was withdrawn. It was agreed that the phasing of the lights will stay as they are.

11. Correspondence Received The Parish News was circulated and copies of 'Safe and Sound Grants' were available for anyone who wanted them.

12. Any Other Business - 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.

The current Clerk has tendered her resignation with effect from 30 September. The Chair thanked her warmly for her work over the last three years and expressed Council's appreciation of all she had accomplished for the Council.

The Chair announced the appointment of the Council's new Clerk. Mr David Allan was welcomed. He will be take up the post on 1 October.

Cllr. Scaife and Cllr. Quinn took part in the Village walkabout with Street Scene and are pleased to report that Kilnwick is getting a new surface water drain along Main Street, west of Westfield. Water will be piped down the 'green lane' to Kilnwick Beck, thus alleviating any future flash flooding. The work will start as soon as ERYC has finished the flood relief channel in Leconfield.

13. Date of next meeting: This will be Wednesday 11th November 2015 at Kilnwick Village Hall