

## Beswick Parish Council

### Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 13 July 2016 at Kilnwick Village Hall

Present: Parish Councillors Reid (Chair), Feasby, Plowman, Quinn and Scaife, ERYC Ward Councillor Pollard, David Allan (Clerk), Julia Bugg (Clerk designate), 12 parishioners and Mr Philip Parker.

- 1** **Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests.** Cllr Plowman declared an interest in agenda item 7(b), a planning application concerning 1 Little Beswick, Beswick Heads.
- 2** **Minutes.** The draft minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 11 May 2016 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.
- 3** **Planning Application : 15 Main Street, Beswick.** Application ref. 16/01312/PLF. It was noted that ERYC had approved the application.
- 4** **Planning Application : 1 Little Beswick, Beswick Heads.** Application ref. 16/01252/PLF. It was noted that ERYC had approved the application.
- 5** **Planning Application : Land East and South of Kilnwick Beck House, Kilnwick.** Application ref. 16/01707/STPLF. The Chair reminded the meeting that the Parish Council, at its May meeting, had expressed general support for the proposal but identified some concerns about its potential consequences. The task now was for Councillors to decide exactly what comments the Parish Council should make to ERYC. Before they did so, the Chair invited any parishioners who wished to speak on the matter to address the meeting.

Mr Philip Parker, a Town Planning Consultant, spoke on behalf of three residents whose properties are close to the site. In his view the scheme at present lacked some key information, including definitive governance proposals. He had therefore asked ERYC to hold the application in abeyance pending clarification of various matters by the applicants, whereupon others, including the Parish Council, should have further opportunity to comment before ERYC made a decision. Individual parishioners added their own comments. Mr Lee Beddows, for the applicants, stated that a revised 'planning statement' was to be submitted to ERYC, addressing various concerns that had been expressed and in some cases modifying earlier proposals. Councillors asked Mr Beddows about aspects of the proposals, and expressed in particular their desire to see the draft Constitution document for the proposed charity, clarifying its proposed powers and governance arrangements.

The Chair thanked all who had spoken, and Councillors then considered Cllr Reid's paper (circulated earlier with the agenda) suggesting comments to be made to ERYC. After lengthy discussion it was agreed that Beswick Parish Council should submit the following comments to ERYC, with a request that the application be considered by ERYC's Planning Committee (not determined by officers alone):

- 1. The Parish Council is concerned to safeguard the integrity and condition of the public right of way that leads to and across the land (Beswick 8).*
- 2. The Parish Council is concerned about road safety at the access point to the land from the C59 Middleton Road, especially in the context that the speed limit on the C59 at this point is 60 mph and the junction of the site access and the C59 is just east of a bend in the C59 which restricts the sight-lines of approaching traffic. Additionally, although the C59 has a weight restriction, it is common for articulated and non-articulated heavy goods vehicles to use the road as a route between the A614 and the A164; these HGV take up more than half of the road width. Although the planning application gives assurance that this access point will be used only for maintenance vehicles (such as grass mowers) in addition to agricultural vehicles (as at present), it is inevitable, in the fullness of time if not immediately, that provision of football and cricket pitches and community activities such as*

*barn dances and fetes, will lead to an increase in vehicular traffic entering and leaving the site from the C59. Indeed, without any plan to provide paved parking, it is likely that, in future, vehicles will be parked on the C59 when ground conditions make vehicular traffic on the site difficult (e.g. in winter). The Parish Council considers, therefore, that the 30 mph speed restriction zone and verge maintenance (grass cutting) should be moved westwards to accommodate the need to warn eastward-moving traffic of danger and reduce its speed from 60 mph.*

*3. The 18th Century, dry-brick ha-ha that lines the ditch to east and west of the access point off the C59 is listed. Its integrity must be maintained.*

*4. The integrity of the culvert carrying water under the site access from the C59 must be maintained, especially having regard for any increase in vehicular traffic entering and leaving the site.*

*5. The Parish Council has concerns about any increase in parking on Church Lane and Main Street, Kilnwick, should users of the Park decide to access the site using the public right of way from the village (Beswick 8). The take-off of the public right of way is on a blind, narrow, right-angle bend that already experiences parking problems when church services are being held.*

*6. The inclusion of a "dirt track/grass mounds area" was not raised when the applicants attended the May 2016 Meeting of the Parish Council. There is inevitably concern about noise pollution from motorised recreational vehicles (e.g. quadbikes, dirt bikes), especially for adjacent properties. Although the proposal indicates that such motorised vehicles will be prohibited, the Parish Council wishes to avoid future concerns and conflicts and requires that a prohibition on the use of off-road vehicles (excepting those used for maintenance) be written into the planning consent.*

*7. The application suggests that community events such as barn dances will be held with a frequency of up to four or five per year. Again, there needs to be concern for noise pollution, especially in the context of neighbouring properties. The Parish Council wishes to avoid future conflicts and requests that Planning Consent includes a total prohibition on any such noisy activities on the land.*

*8. The Parish Council is concerned about the question of governance of 'The Park' from various points of view, including long-term ground and play equipment maintenance, user safety, provision of adequate public liability insurance, and the winding-up of the facility in the event that 'The Park' were no longer to be a community recreational facility because any of the several landowners, both present and future, were to refuse to allow public access. The Parish Council requires that Planning Consent includes a requirement that a registered charitable trust be established to administer the facility, with trustees to include community representatives other than the landowners.*

- 6 Emergency Plan.** The Clerk reported that the Community Emergency Plan had been updated in accordance with decisions at the Council's meeting in May. Copies of the plan had been sent to the Humberside Emergency Planning Service and added to the Council's website. The website included invitations to parishioners to request inclusion in the lists of 'vulnerable people' or 'people with special skill', but to date no such requests had been received.
- 7 Humberside Police.** Cllr Quinn presented a report on the Humberside Police Community Partnership meeting that he had attended on 10 June. The report was noted. Cllr Quinn would represent the Council at future such meetings, when he would raise the matter of traffic speeding on the C59.
- 8 Possible provision of a defibrillator in Beswick.** Cllrs Plowman and Scaife reported that no further information had come to hand, and it was agreed to defer the matter until the next meeting. In the meantime Cllr Plowman would enquire as to potential sources of funding, and in that context would consult the Clerk of Lockington Parish Council.
- 9 Club for retirees.** Cllr Reid introduced his paper outlining a possible scheme for a weekday, daytime activities 'club' aimed at retirees of the Parish. The club might use as its primary base the Village Hall in

School Lane, Kilnwick, but might also organize occasional outings that would take participants as a group by minibus or coach to places of interest, such as National Trust properties, seaside towns, etc. In the long term the scheme would need to be financially self-supporting, but initial funding (for equipment, room hire, speakers' fees, transport, etc.) could be sought from the ERYC 'Connecting Communities' grant fund. It was agreed that Cllr Reid would draft an application to that fund and circulate the draft to fellow Councillors for comment.

- 10 Clerk to the Council.** Cllrs Reid and Scaife reported that, under powers delegated to them at the Council's meeting in May, they had appointed Mrs Julia Bugg of Leconfield as Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to the Council with effect from 1 August 2016. Councillors welcomed Mrs Bugg, and thanked the outgoing Clerk, David Allan, for his service to the Council.
- 11 Street Lighting Renewal Fund.** Cllr Reid introduced his paper concerning the possible establishment of a Street Lighting Renewal Fund. Current forecasts indicated that some £8,000 might be needed in or around 2026-27 to replace all the Beswick lights. Accumulation of such a sum would require annual contributions of £800 per annum over the next ten years. The Kilnwick lights were expected to last longer. The Clerk advised on the corresponding precept and Council Tax implications. It was agreed:
- (a) that a Street Lighting Renewal Fund be established with effect from 1 April 2017
  - (b) that, subject to review within the Council's annual budget deliberations, the contribution to the Fund be £800 per annum
  - (c) that the Fund be held in a separate interest-bearing account (to be determined)
  - (d) that the plan be explained to parishioners in the Council's next newsletter.
- 12 Flood Liaison Group.** Cllr Reid reported on a meeting of the Group held on Friday 10 June 2016. Amongst many works throughout the County (which is coordinating 6% of all such works in England), the surface-water sewer in Main Street, Kilnwick had been completed at a cost of £26,059. In addition, a sum of between £500 and £1000 had been spent improving the capacity of the ditch along Tibby Lane.
- 13 Insurance.** The Clerk introduced a report concerning updating of the Council's asset register, consequent increases in the cost of the Council's insurance cover, and whether or not it was appropriate to insure street lights against damage. It was agreed that the report be noted, that 'all risks' cover for street lights be cancelled forthwith, and that payment of the required £30.41 additional premium for 2016 be approved.
- 14 Income and expenditure.** The Clerk submitted a report summarising the latest forecast of income and expenditure against the approved budget for 2016-17. The report was noted.
- 15 Supported Bus Services.** The Council discussed ERYC's review of supported bus services, which was currently the subject of public consultation. Links to the proposed changes had been placed on the Parish Council's website. Three local routes used by parishioners are affected. It was agreed that proposals affecting routes 142 and 46 had little consequence. However, those affecting route 121 on Mondays through Friday and Saturday are of concern. Specifically, any action leading to withdrawal of the southbound 121 service scheduled to pass Hutton Cranswick at 06:44 and Kilnwick/Beswick a few minutes later would mean residents would be unable to get to work in either Hull centre or Kingswood for an 08:00 start, so limiting employment opportunities or forcing workers to use private means of transport. The Clerk was instructed to convey the Council's concerns by responding to the on-line consultation.
- 16 Beswick PC email list.** The Clerk reported that the list of parishioners receiving occasional Beswick PC news and information emails contained only 26 addresses, and suggested that others be encouraged to subscribe too. It was agreed that the Clerk would prepare and print brief notices, to be hand-delivered by Councillors to all addresses in the Parish. The slip would also encourage entries for the Council's current prize photographic competition.

- 17**    **Damage to bench at Beswick.**    Cllr Scaife reported that a bench at Beswick had been damaged, possibly as a result of grass cutting operations.    The Clerk was asked to take up the matter with ERYC.
- 18**    **Damage to verge at Main Street, Kilnwick.**    Cllr Quinn reported that repairs to the damaged verge in Main Street had still not been made by ERYC.    The Clerk was asked to take up the matter again with ERYC.

The Council will next meet at 7 pm on Wednesday, 14 September 2016 at Kilnwick Village Hall.