

Beswick Parish Council

Meeting of the Council held at 7 pm on Wednesday, 13 March 2024

Minutes

1 Apologies for Absence:

None.

Present:

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

2 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests:

None.

3 Minutes:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 10 January 2024 were approved as an accurate record.

4 Matters Arising from the Minutes:

4.1 Hunt Disruption:

The Clerk reported that Mr Richardson had responded by telephone denying that there had been any issues including leaving gates open, not following trails and thus causing disruption and unnecessary stress to parishioners when the hunt entered private land. He was unhappy that they were being called to order by the PC and whilst he apologised to Mrs Scaife for the stress, he felt all other points were inaccurate.

4.2 Speed monitoring C59:

Cllr Jeffrey and the Clerk reported that ERYC has undertaken speed monitoring on the C59 but that the results are not yet available. Following discussion, it was agreed that an extension of the 30 mph limit to the village boundaries may help the situation and that the Clerk would investigate the process required to achieve this. ERYC to be contacted to ascertain when the missing lamppost would be replaced following the most recent accidents.

4.3 Any other items arising:

The Clerk confirmed that all other actions on the Minutes had been addressed.

5 Review of The Clerk's Performance and Salary:

The Clerk confirmed that she did not wish a pay increase in the year 2024/5. The Cllrs thanked her for this and her work in the 2023/24 year.

6 Planning Applications:

To discuss all planning applications received by the BPC since the last meeting including any received following the issue of this Agenda.

6.1 Planning Consultation for 24/00271/OUT:

Land and Buildings South West of Soberhill Farm, Wilfholme Road, Beswick, East Riding of Yorkshire, YO25 9BQ
Discussion took place but it was agreed that the PC had no objection to the outline planning permission being sought.

6.2 Planning Consultation for 24/00310/STVARE:

Cross Country Cable Route from Drax Power Station to Fraisthorpe Coastline, Bridlington Road, Fraisthorpe, East Riding of Yorkshire
Discussion took place but it was agreed that the PC had no reason to object to the slight alteration to the original planning permission.

6.3 Any Other Applications Received:

None.

7 Budget 2024-25:

The Clerk presented the draft Budget for consideration to be agreed at the Annual Meeting on 8 May 2024. It was agreed that she would seek quotes for the cleaning of the bus shelters as it was hoped that the work could be undertaken for a lower cost than that budgeted. The remaining budget was agreed to be sensible and therefore confirmed.

8 Finance:

8.1 Finance Update:

The Clerk presented the current situation and confirmed that the current bank balance was in-line with the total presented.

8.2 Payments:

Confirmation and payments agreed:

Reimburse Clerk cost of Beswick Defibrillator battery and pads - **£314.26**

Clerk's Salary - **£1500** (HMRC - £300 & JB - £1200)

Village Hall Committee – Internet Provision - **£15.00**

Steve Lambert – Financial Services - **£50.00**

9 Parish Council Meetings 2024-25:

The Council was asked to consider where it wishes to meet during 2024-25 and to instruct the Clerk to book a meeting room. Following discussion, it was agreed that the following dates be approved, noting that the July date is the first Wednesday in the month in order to avoid clashing with events which the Chair is unable to miss:

8 May 2024

3 July 2024

11 September 2024

13 November 2024

8 January 2025

12 March 2025

10 Litter:

Cllr Jeffrey raised the issue of litter in and around the village, with an increase in items being dropped by some residents as well as being thrown from cars on the C59. It was agreed that he would contact the individual concerned and request that they used the bins provided. Thanks were passed to the residents who continue to litter pick for their hard work in keeping the lanes as litter free as possible.

11 Emergency Plan 2024:

The review of the document was carried out and changes agreed to the Emergency Plan. Clerk to present amended document at the May meeting.

12 Newsletter 2023-24:

The Clerk presented the draft copy to Cllrs who agreed to authorise The Clerk to arrange printing and that Councillors will distribute the printed version. It was noted that as most Cllrs are now based in Beswick, assistance would be given to Cllr Jeffrey in delivering to Kilnwick and the outer reaches of the western end of the parish. Clerk to deliver the printed newsletters at the home of Cllr Corscadden on receipt.

13 Village Taskforce Walkabout:

The Clerk reported on changes to this ERYC function and it was determined that no walkabout is required in 2024 but that the Clerk contact the Village Taskforce team and request that the hedge at the west side of the A164 between the C59 and Beswick and Watton Primary School

be cut at the higher level as this work was not carried out when ERYC addressed the lower level in 2023. Also, that the visibility when leaving Beswick at the southern end of the village is affected when grass is not cut. Discussion took place regarding the footpath on the C59 when it was confirmed that the LA would not spend the money to repair/replace it when it was used by such a small number of residents as well as that the Community Payback Group would not work on it as it was too close to the road and not safe.

14 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.*

14.1 Bus Shelter Lighting:

Cllr Hill raised the possibility of lighting the bus shelters. Following discussion, it was agreed that he would investigate further if this was permitted and if solar lighting was available which is affordable to the PC.

14.2 Village Hall Hire:

Cllr Hill enquired as to whether the Kilnwick Village Hall is available to all parishioners for hire. The Clerk confirmed that at £15 an hour it is available to all and bookable through Deb Sellars – details available of the Village Hall website. Cllr Jeffrey detailed events at the hall to which all parishioners are welcome.

14.3 Armistice:

Cllr Hill requested details of the PC's input into the Armistice commemoration in the Parish. It was confirmed that this was organised by the church in each village with services at both, or the churches within their area as arranged by the vicars.

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Date of Next Meeting: 8 May 2024