

Minutes of the Beeford Parish Council Meeting

On Monday 12th April 2021 at 7.30 pm

At Beeford Community Centre

Present: Chairman Keith McCloud, Councillors Clark Robson, Ian Sawyer, Brian Jackson, Hazel Adamson. Clerk to Parish Council Anne McCloud. 2 Members of the Public attended.

The Clerk carried out a risk assessment before the meeting and all reasonable measures were taken in relation to attendance numbers and social distancing requirements for the Parish Council to hold a face-to-face meeting.

1. Apologies for Absence:

Vice Chair Alan Turner, Councillors Rosalind Turner, Barbara Smithson, John Sowersby, Colin Wilburn

2. Declaration of Interest - No declarations of interest were made.

3. To accept minutes of the meeting held on 15th December 2020.

Proposed: Cllr Jackson

Seconded: Cllr Adamson

All agreed

4. Matters arising.

a. The Chairman updated the Councillors in relation to the current Covid regulations at the time of the meeting and highlighted the need for a face-to-face meeting and that Parish Council meetings will hopefully be back to normal very soon.

b. Timetable for local elections in England has been issued and elections will take place on 6th May 2021. The Chairman confirmed that the next Parish Council meeting will be the AGM dated 10th May 2021 where Councillors will be given the opportunity to elect a Chair and Vice Chair and sub-committees will be appointed/confirmed for the next year.

c. The Chairman confirmed there is still a vacancy for a Parish Councillor and read out an email from a resident that lives in the village who is interested in joining the Beeford Parish Council. The Clerk has duly replied and has invited the applicant to attend the next meeting which will also be the AGM. It is anticipated all Councillors will attend the AGM.

d. There will be a Beeford Walkabout this year which is scheduled for Thursday 20th May 2021 at 9.30. One person from the Parish Council has been invited to attend with the ERYC team and the Clerk has confirmed attendance, in the event the Clerk is not available Cllr Robson will attend on the walkabout.

e. The phone box in Beeford has been adopted by the Parish Council and is in need of refurbishment. The Clerk has made enquiries and invited tenders from trades people but has had little response. Until this work is done future plans for the box cannot go ahead.

5. Correspondence

a. Letter received from ERYC confirming they will be commencing the annual surface dressing programme for this year. This work will include Main Street (part) in Beeford. Commencement date for the whole programme in the East Riding is 6th April and completion by September 2021.

b. Devolution updates have been received. The government has given approval for ERYC & Hull to start negotiations after the May elections. The proposal is that local consultation on a Mayoral Combined Authority would commence by the end of this year and based on the outcome Mayoral elections could take place in May 2023.

c. Planning obligations, also known as Section 106 Agreements, are private agreements made between local authorities (in our case ERYC) and local developers/builders and are attached to a planning permission given for the development to go ahead. These will include provisions for affordable/low-cost housing and financial contributions being made back to the community. There has been concerns raised in relations to these agreements being met by developers in Beeford. Ward Councillor Paul Liseter has been making enquiries on behalf of the Parish Council and has been liaising with both the Chairman & Clerk in relation to the obligations of the developers in relation to the S106 agreements, this matter is ongoing at the present time.

6. Finance

- a. Preparations of Year End Accounts are now taking place. For all Parish Councils with a spending of less than £25,000 per annum a Certificate of Exemption issued by external Auditors PKF Littlejohn requires to be signed off and witnessed at the Parish Council meeting. This was duly confirmed and signed by the Chairman and a copy will be sent to PKF External Auditors.
- b. Invoice received from ERNLLCA /NALC for annual Membership subscription. This was agreed to continue, and payment will be raised by the Clerk.

Proposed Cllr Robson

Seconded Cllr Sawyer

All Agreed

7. Planning -

- a. All planning applications as per the Agenda with the late addition of Land South East of Bridge Farm – New dwelling 21/00875/PLF were reviewed and discussed, and comments for public view placed on the East Riding Planning Portal.

8. Children's Play Area

- a. Annual Inspection has been completed. The poor condition of the fencing was pointed out, but otherwise the report in relation to the play area was good.
- b. Grass cutting is being done by ERYC in the play area, there may be a need to appoint a handy man for any routine maintenance jobs as and when required.
- c. It was agreed by the Parish Council to supply 4 solar powered vandal proof LED bollards within the play area boundary to light up the ground area on a dark night, especially in the winter. These will be ordered by the Clerk.

Proposed: Cllr McCloud

Seconded: Cllr Jackson

All Agreed

9. Lissett Wind Farm

- a. Application has been made by the Clerk for a Community Grant for the funding of a new fencing and gates to the Play Area.
- b. The annual grant of £1500 has again been awarded for Beeford and anyone planning any events within the community are invited to apply.

10. Crime

- a. The Chairman gave an update as to local crime figures which have been relatively low in Beeford.

11. Councillors updates

- a. Points to raise on the next village walkabout in relation to overgrowth on footpaths, overhanging hedges and trees and general car parking in Beeford.
- b. Cllr Adamson highlighted the need for some new planting in and around Beeford and the planting of bulbs. This will be discussed as a project later in the year in advance of new growth next Spring. Any ideas would be welcome.
- c. Cllr Sawyer to replant the flower beds at the junctions of Beeford for which the Parish Council are grateful for the work that is continually being done by Cllr Sawyer.

Thank you to the Parish Councillors and members of the public who attended the meeting and complied with all the social distancing requirements to help this meeting go ahead.

Date and time of next meeting is to be arranged in line with Government Guidelines Councillors will be duly informed.

There being no further discussion the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00 pm.