

# **BEEFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 7:00pm, 6 November 2023, Beeford Community Centre.**

Present: Councillors Sawyer (Chairman), Mrs Adamson (Vice-chair), Sowersby, Mrs Stilgrove and A Turner. Five members of the public and M Rose (Clerk).

Absent: Councillors Adams and Mrs R Turner.

**Public Participation:** The Parish Council was advised that the footpath at the Church in Nafferton has been renewed by East Riding of Yorkshire Council (ERYC), however the gravel used may not be suitable for wheelchairs and pushchairs.

## **1. Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs Adams and Mrs R Turner apologised for being unable to attend.

## **2. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the meetings on 2 October 2023 were approved.

## **3. Declaration of Interests**

No interests were declared.

## **4. Matters for Ward Councillors**

Ward Councillors will be asked for feedback regarding the provision of a direct bus service between Beverley and Beeford.

## **5. Matters Arising**

- a. **Items arising from Public Participation** - None
- b. **Trees** – Humber Forest advised that the proposed locations for tree planting on East Riding of Yorkshire Council (ERYC) verges are not suitable due to the many restrictions involved.
- c. **Beeford – Moving Forward** – This item was combined with item 9g (below).

## **6. Correspondence**

- a. **Rough Sleeper Survey** - Councillors will inform the Clerk of any rough sleepers seen on the evening of Thursday 9 November into the morning of Friday 10 November 2023.
- b. **Overview and Scrutiny Topics** – There were no topics to forward to the committee.
- c. **Main Street Litter Bin, Opposite Rectory Lane** – The request from the Primary School to replace the bin was approved. ERYC previously quoted £575.98 including installation. Funding will be provided from the Lissett Parish Grant.
- d. **Playground** - The offer from Komplan of a site visit and design plan in preparation of a future project will be accepted, the Chairman and Vice-Chair will attend.
- e. **Manor Drive Bench** – The resident wishing to provide a memorial bench on Manor Garth is happy to place a plaque on the existing bench and will provide the wording for approval.
- f. **Tree Donation** – The Parish Council was happy to accept the offer of a sapling grown from an acorn collected around the time of the passing of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the sapling will be used as a possible substitute for the memorial tree should it continue to fail.

## **7. Planning**

In order to adhere to deadlines comments were submitted against application number 23/02597/PLF 91 Main Street between meetings.

**Decision** – Permissions granted: 23/01712/PLF 2 High Garth. 23/02772/PLF Land north of Wast Farm, Foston Lane. 23/02133/PLF Manor Bungalow, 100a Main Street.

## **8. Reports and Updates**

- a. **Lissett Windfarm** – There was no news from the windfarm.
- b. **Community Centre** – The Committee are meeting next week to discuss dates for the switching on and off of the Christmas lights. Replacing the kitchen and toilets has been proposed.

- c. **Playing Fields Committee** – The Committee are considering the provision of benches in the dog walking field.
- d. **ERNLLCA** – The bill for the right to hold virtual meetings has been defeated in House of Commons. The East Riding 4 Community website has been re-designed to give greater search flexibility for funding and the Do it for East Yorkshire website now includes information for groups on how to setup and run.

## 9. Finance

- a. **Finance Reports** – The finance report and Budget for 2024-25 was approved. Consideration will be given to increasing earmarked funds when discussing the draft budget next year.
- b. **Payments** – The following payments were approved:
 

HMRC (October)	£91.60
Wages and expenses (October)	£413.95
Mowing services (October)	£45.00
Bus shelter cleaning (October)	£100.00
- c. **Grant Awarding Policy** - The draft policy was approved pending minor amendments.
- d. **Bus Shelter Cleaning** – This item was deferred to the next meeting.
- e. **Community Centre Grant Application** – A grant of £200 was approved, to be funded from the Lissett Parish Grant.
- f. **Beefordians Grant Application** A grant of £500 was approved, to be funded from the Lissett Parish Grant.

Cllr Mrs Stilgrove requested her objection to the above two items be recorded in the minutes as application documents were handed to the Chairman and not the Clerk, which would have enabled them to be copied and circulated with the agenda documents to all Councillors prior to the meeting. The Chairman proposed that exceptions be made as funds are needed before the next meeting of the Parish Council and application documents were available for viewing at the meeting. The proposal was approved by a majority vote.

- g. **Shared Prosperity Fund** – Councillors discussed the use of the fund for items included in the report ‘Beeford – Moving Forward’. An application for this funding will not be submitted.

## 10. Councillor’s Updates

After an informal discussion at the last meeting regarding the rights of Parish Councils to financially support churches, a councillor stated that although the 1894 Local Government Act forbids grants to church property Parish Councils can use the Local Government Act 1972 section 173 to give discretionary funding. As part of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill, legislation clarifying the right to support churches or other religious bodies has cleared its final hurdle in the House of Lords and will now go to the House of Commons for final consideration.

The National Joint Council for Local Government Services has agreed pay rates from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024, for an increased payment of £1 per hour for staff on spinal points 1 to 43.

The Parish Council Facebook page has now had 1100 views and has 73 followers.

Beeford Buzz articles and potential funding will be added to the next agenda for discussion.

The next meeting closed at 9:00pm, the next meeting will be on 4 December 2023

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_