

BEEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 7:00pm, 4 December 2023, Beeford Community Centre.

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

Absent: Councillor Adams

Public Forum: Representatives from St Leonard's Church requested a contribution towards the cost of an ordination ceremony on the 6 January 2024.

The meeting started at 7:40pm

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Adams apologised for being unable to attend.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meetings on 6 November 2023 were approved.

3. Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

4. Matters for Ward Councillors

The Parish Council agreed to distribute and collect a local transport survey proposed by East Riding of Yorkshire Council (ERYC) to gauge the level of interest in a direct bus service and also give feedback on the current 136 service.

5. Matters Arising

- a. **Allon Homes Update** – A representative of Allon Homes attended the meeting to give an update on the Manor Garth development and listen to any issues which may be affecting residents. Currently connections for water, gas and electric are being put in place, there are no more major excavations predicted. Contractors have been asked to use the onsite car park.
- b. **Items arising from Public Forum** – The Parish Council is unable to make a decision on financial matters which are not on the agenda. As the requested funding is needed before the next meeting the Chairman agreed to call an extraordinary meeting to discuss the matter further.
- c. **Biodiversity Consideration** – Under the 2021 Environment Act, Parish Councils must consider what they can do to conserve and enhance biodiversity. The Parish Council currently requests the consideration of climate change issues on all new developments when submitting comments against planning applications and will look at ways it can increase awareness and support biodiversity at the next meeting.
- d. **Emergency Plan Review** – The Parish Council agreed to work on a plan which adheres to the new ERYC template.

6. Correspondence

- a. **Anti-social Behaviour Statistics** - The report was read and noted.
- b. **Dogger Bank South Community Newsletter** - The Parish Council received an electronic newsletter, which contains updates to the substation site location and technology choice, landfall site selection and cable route amendments. Newsletters are distributed to residents who have registered, registration details have been published on the Parish Council website.
- c. **Devolution** - The Government announced a proposed devolution deal for Hull and East Yorkshire as part of the Chancellor's autumn statement. If the draft deal is approved, a period of statutory public consultation will follow, dates will be released as soon as they are available.

7. Planning

Permission Granted 23/01751/PLF 7 Bridlington Row.

8. Reports and Updates

Reports and updates from external bodies and meetings.

- a. Lissett Windfarm – There were no updates from the windfarm.
- b. Community Centre – The new stage has been erected and the old one removed.
- c. Playing Fields Committee – Material costs have increased which will affect the proposed plans for improvements to the field.
- d. Community Services Town and Parish Council Event. – A councillor attended the event and discussed the need for a roundabout on the A165, Main Street junction. A representative from ERYC will be invited to the Parish Council meeting in March to discuss the matter. Councillors were also reminded of the One Network website <https://one.network> for current traffic news.

9. Finance

- a. **Finance Report** – The finance report was approved.
- b. **Payments** – The following payments were approved:

HMRC (November)	£192.84
Wages and expenses (November)	£751.64
Beefordians Christmas Party (Lissett Parish Grant)	£500.00
Community Centre Christmas Cracker (Lissett Parish Grant)	£200.00
Bus shelter cleaning (November)	£100.00
Street lighting	£62.09
- c. **Bus Shelter Cleaning** – The cost of cleaning the shelters was reviewed and continuation of the arrangements at £100 per wash on an as needed basis were approved, it is estimated the shelters will be cleaned 9 times a year.
- d. **Beeford Buzz Articles** – Payment for all future notices and notices placed by the Parish Council since the newsletter re-opened was approved.
- e. **Insurance** – The Parish Council discussed three quotes and will continue with services provided by Zurich Insurance, a 3-year deal was approved at the cost of £599.60 per year from 1 January 2024.
- f. **Precept Demand Letter** - The Chairman signed the 2024-25 precept demand letter in accordance with the approved budget.

10. Councillor's Updates

The Chairman and Vice-chair met with a representative of Komplan who offered to supply a draft plan for the playground.

The Parish Council gave permission for parents of the children involved in raising funds for the original litterbin outside the school, to remove the plaque before the bin is replaced by ERYC.

Leaves blocking drains outside the GP Surgery have been reported to ERYC.

The next meeting closed at 9:00pm, the next meeting will be on Monday 6 February 2024.

Approved: _____ Date: _____