

BEEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, 7:00pm, 7 April 2025, Beeford Community Centre.

Present: Councillors: Chairman Sawyer, Vice-Chair Mrs Adamson, Adams, Piercy, Sowersby and A Turner. Ward Councillor Bibb, two members of the public and Clerk Ms Rose.

Absent: Councillors Thompson and Mrs R Turner.

Public Forum. A resident asked if the bus service which recently went out for tender included a detour of the existing service or a whole new service.

1. Apologies for Absence

Councillors Thompson and Mrs R Turner apologised for being unable to attend the meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting on 3 March 2025 were approved.

3. Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

4. Ward Councillors Update

East Riding of Yorkshire Council (ERYC) are inviting comments on proposed boundary changes, the changes will mean Beeford will be in the East Wolds ward instead of East Coast and Rural. You can see further details and access the consultation on www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/east-riding-yorkshire

5. Matters Arising and Correspondence

- a. **Items arising from the Public Forum.** The bus service which went out for tender was to provide Beeford and North Frodingham with a direct service to Beverley on market days (Wednesday and Saturday), as well as offering a direct link and alternative day out option for visitors at South Cliff, Barmston and Skipsea Sands holiday parks, it was made clear that the service being introduced was on a trial basis. ERYC will be asked if any of the busses that serve Leven could be diverted through Beeford.
- b. **Playground.** The Parish Council asked the playground supplier for a quote for a new piece of equipment to enhance the site and abide by the conditions of Commuted Sums awards. The requirement to obtain competitive prices in the Financial Regulations need not apply to contracts that relate to specialist services or repairs. Due to previous research the Parish Council is confident that value for money is being achieved. The estimated total cost of the project was less than £30,000 including VAT so Contracts Finder was not used. The quote for the repairs was £18,171.60 plus VAT, the new quote for the additional piece of equipment is £21,548.00 plus VAT making a total of £39,719.60. The Commuted Sums team indicated they can increase their offer to £34,107.29, therefore the Parish Council agreed to make a contribution of £5,612.31, to be taken from the budget for playground repairs, the earmarked fund for contingencies and the Lisset Wind Farm Parish Grant for 2025-26. The Clerk was given permission to amend the application with Commuted Sums as necessary and to place the order with the supplier as soon as possible. There is no requirement to publish a below-threshold tender notice where the contracting authority invites quotes, proposals or tenders from a closed group of pre-selected suppliers, or from one or more targeted individual suppliers. Advice was given by East Riding and North Lincolnshire Local Councils Association (ERNLLCA) on the proper practices and legislative requirements above.

6. Planning

a. Applications.

- i. **25/00437/PLF Land north east of Bridge Farm, North Frodingham Road.** Change of use of agricultural land to allow the siting of 6 timber glamping pods with associated works including installation of private drainage system, footpaths and landscaping, widening of existing vehicular access, provision of gravel driveway and parking areas, erection of a service building following demolition of existing blockwork sty and pen and erection of timber gates and fencing. The Parish Council had no objections to this application.
- ii. **25/00593/PLF Land north east of 1 Breeze Lane.** Erection of an agricultural building. The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

b. Permissions granted.

25/00088/PLF 16 Ashleigh Drive.

25/00154/PLF W J Harrison and Sons, 2 Rectory Lane.

25/00205/PLF 91 Main Street

7. Reports and Updates from External Bodies and Meetings

- The Playing Field Association will be holding their Annual General Meeting in the Community Centre on the 9 April, all are welcome.
- The recent Dogger Bank D meeting was well attended. Details of funding available can be found on their website.

8. Finance

a. Monthly Report.

The report was approved and bank reconciliation signed.

b. Payments.

The following payments were approved:

Bus shelter cleaning	£75.00
Afternoon Tea and Social Club Grant	£200.00
Playground lock and keys	£15.73
Ink	£26.49
Councillor expenses	£17.15
Defibrillator annual support	£198.00
Gardening services	£45.00
HMRC	£129.60
Staff wages and expenses	£566.44

- c. **VE and VJ Day 80 Anniversary Fund.** The application to the fund for £471.09 towards the costs of village celebrations has been successful and the award accepted. Payment will be made on completion of the project, subject to approval of invoices and receipts.
- d. **Financial Regulations Update.** Financial Regulations 5.4, 5.7 and 5.11 were updated in line with new legislation.
- e. **Bank Account.** The new account appears to be working well and the Parish Council gave the Clerk authority to transfer all balances and close the account if possible, or to prepare paperwork if additional signatures are needed.

9. Councillor's Updates

Christine Youngs was co-opted as a new member of the Parish Council and welcomed by all.

The meeting closed at 8:20pm and the next meeting will be Tuesday 6 May 2025 and will be the Annual Parish Council meeting.

Approved: _____ Date: _____