

Beeford Parish Council Updates (February/March 2021)

Present: Chairman Keith McCloud,
Clerk to Parish Council Anne McCloud

1. To accept minutes of the meeting – 15th December 2020 - No Parish Council meeting due to Covid 19 isolation, draft minutes will remain in place until formerly signed off.

2. Matters arising.

a. In relation to Covid19 Boris Johnson has introduced a staged plan spread to cover the next six months. There will be a need to have a face-to-face meeting as soon as is safe to do so and we anticipate this will be April or at the latest May in order to allow us to carry out our AGM. Please bear this in mind in relation to availability for the second Monday of one of these months.

5. Correspondence

- a. The 2021 Census is now underway and full invitation packs will be posted to all residents in the UK.
- b. Email received from ERYC confirming that a survey is taking place asking residents about how they feel about the Covid 19 vaccine. They have asked for Councillors assistance to complete the survey. http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/ERYC_Covid_Vaccine/
- c. ERYC, Traffic Management Team have forward drawing showing the extents of the proposed 50 mph speed limit on the A165 Beeford to Barmston. The proposed speed reduction will form part of the Road Safety Programme 2020/21 and aims to reduce the number of speed related collisions on this stretch of the carriageway.
- d. A general enquiry was made in February in relation to Braemar Drain adjacent to Sykes Close, as to whether this had been failed out recently. An email was sent to the owner of the land who promptly confirmed that the drain was failed in October/November time and is currently being cleaned and maintained, there was a slight delay due to rainfall in December. The residents of Sykes Close would like to thank the landowner for this work that has been done and is being done on an annual basis.

6. Finance

- a. Clerk is in the process of finalising the Year End Accounts for 2020/21 and these will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.
- b. A bacs payment has been made to Beeford Community Centre in the sum of £56 for hire charges of the meeting room over the last year.

7. Children's Play Area

- a. The rocking rocket has now been restored back to its former glory. Wicksteed have carried out all works required which included a new seat replacement and rubbing down and repainting of the rocket. Photo attached. The feedback/response to these changes have been very positive.
- b. Due to lockdown the annual inspection of the play area will now take place in March.

8. Lissett Wind Farm

a. The Community fund application process is now open and with this in mind the Clerk is applying for the replacement of the old fencing in the play area. We have received a quotation which confirms that for the supply and erection of 1.8m high V Beam fencing, galvanised and powder coated Green for two sides of the play area and 2 no 3m wide double leaf gates to match can be done at a total sum of £4670.00 plus vat. This will include all existing fencing, posts and gates to be taken away on completion.

An application for 70% contribution will be applied for and as only one quote is required, we have fulfilled the requirements to be able to apply. This has been discussed with the Chairman and Vice Chairman who both approve the fencing to be changed. Any comments/ideas in relation to this application would be welcome in helping us progress further.

b. It has also been reported that during the winter nights on approaching the play area the footpath is extremely dark and unsafe to use without the aid of a torch. There are still funds in the LWFF which have not been used due to cancellation of activities during lockdown. It is a suggestion that 4 vandal proof solar powered bollards be purchased and placed inside the play area fencing which will light up the approaching footpath during the early hours of darkness. It is important that monies from the annual LWFF be used and spent within the community before the next allocation of funds date and the solar lights would assist dog/walkers using that area of footpath.

9. Planning

a. Oakfield House, North Frodingham Road, Beeford – 21/00518/PLF Full Planning application for the erection of a building for the use of storage of equine equipment in connection with existing private menage. Councillors, please forward any comments in relation to this application.

10. Crime

a. Night time poaching is still a big issue in our areas and the police are asking if there are any siting of vehicles, lamps or torches across land at night please contact them and report the location immediately.

There have also been a number of reported thefts of GPS tractor receivers and again ask that any suspicious activity reported on 999 or 101 for non-emergency incidents.

Dog theft activity has increased by around 250% during Covid 19 only 1 in 5 dogs are being returned to families. Again, police are asking that we all be vigilant and not to hesitate to report any suspicious activity.

We hope that that everyone is keeping safe and well. If there are any questions or points that need to be raised before the next Parish Council meeting, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

It is very much hoped that our next PC meeting will be Monday 12th April 2021.

Dated 2nd March 2021.