Beeford Parish Council Updates (January/February 2021)

<u>Present:</u> Chairman Keith McCloud, Clerk to Parish Council Anne McCloud

1. <u>To accept minutes of the meeting</u> – 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. We still find ourselves in full lockdown throughout the month of January and February. Until Government regulations change the advice remains the same in relation to face to face meetings and we are advised to remain at home. Unless a meeting is reasonably necessary meetings will be cancelled until further notice.
- b. Further to the questions raised in the December Parish Council meeting regarding affordable housing in Beeford. The Chairman duly wrote to Ward Councillor Lisseter raising this question. A response has been received from Cllr Lisseter who has also echoed his concerns on this subject. The concerns being the lack/reduction of affordable housing within housing developments along with the evasion of the S106 agreements on developments within Beeford.

One of the points raised by Cllr Lisseter is that should the requirements of the S106 Agreement not be met by the landowner/developer then ultimately this responsibility would lie with the homeowner which potentially could make it difficult to sell the houses in the future as there would be a liability attached to them. This coupled with an observation raised by Cllr Lisseter that ERYCC appear to have a relaxed approach in relation to affordable housing within new developments which in his words does not comply with the current regulations but does in fact comply in a roundabout way.

The ultimate consequence of these actions being a substantial loss of financial contribution to the local community in Beeford.

In conclusion Cllr Lisseter has reported back to the Clerk stating that there was no variation to the S106 Agreement at Sykes Close and at least one of the dwellings should be affordable housing. In relation to Nightingales site, Planning Approval will only be finalised upon the signing of an S106 Agreement which would include the reduction of 4 affordable houses down to 2, to date no S106 Agreement has been signed by the developer/builder and building on this site has commenced.

Ward Cllr Lisseter will continue to investigate this area of activity in Beeford with ERYCC Planning Department on behalf of the residents and the Parish Council.

5. Correspondence

a. Email received from the Census Engagement Manager ERYCC raising awareness of the upcoming Census of March 2021. A successful census will ensure everyone from local government to charities can put services such as surgeries, schools and transport routes etc and funding for local community groups in the places where they are needed most. Posters will be arriving soon and placed on the Parish Council Notice Boards. Info attached. b. Consultation on a Draft Flood Risk Supplementary Planning Document has begun and any comments on the draft should be received on or before Friday 5th March 2021. In view of the

to view online at www.eastriding.gov.uk/spd To respond to the consultation, you can complete response form on the site or email forward.planning@eastriding.gov.uk all responses will be taken into account in preparing the final version.

- c. Update received from East Yorkshire Bus services in relation to a significant drop in services and weather disruption over winter. A services update page can be found at www.eastyorkshirebuses.co.uk
- d. Weather Warnings and Flood Alerts in our area are being sent out on a regular basis via email and it may be prudent that Councillors, if not already, sign up to alert@neighbourhoodalert.co.uk. You can also sign up for free flood warning messages from the Environment Agency's Floodline 0345 988 1188.
- e. A Letter has been received from our Ward Councillors Evison/Owen & Lisseter assuring Parish Councils of their continued commitment and support and are available to help at any time if needed.
- f. Beverley & North Holderness Internal Drainage Board Rates received and displayed in Notice Boards. On 31st January 2021, the Board made a drainage rate of 9.11p in the £ in respect of agricultural land/buildings in their district to raise £235,418.50 together with a Special levy of £361,952,61 on East Riding Council to raise the balance of their expenditure for the year ending March 2022.
- g. Age UK, East Riding, emailed the Parish Council in relation to a Befriending service aimed at lonely, isolated people and are seeking volunteers with time of their hands. They have sent a poster which will go in the Notice Boards, please see attached.

6. Finance

a. Confirmation has been received from ERYCC acknowledging receipt of the Precept Demand Notice in the sum of £13,000 for the Parish of Beeford for 2021. Payment will be received in two instalments.

7. Children's Play Area

a. The play area remains open during lockdown as per current government guidance. Welcome back to Cllr Smithson who is continuing to open and close the play area daily.

8.<u>Lissett Wind Farm</u>

- a. This year's Lissett Wind Farm Community Funding grants will be open for application from 1st February 2021 and closes on 25th April 2021. Large grants of over £10,000 will still require three quotations to be submitted with the application and will go before the LWFF panel before any decisions are made. Applications submitted under £10,000 will require one quotation.
- b. The annual Lissett Parish Grant Award will remain in place at £1,500.00 for 2021.

9. <u>Crime</u>

a. Crime is relatively low in our area, there has been a lot of Police presence in and around the villages. If anyone sees any activity that looks suspicious, please report to Humberside Police 101. There is also an anti-Social Behaviour team **01482 396380**.

We hope that that everyone is keeping safe and well and that meetings can resume as soon as is possible. If there are any questions or points that need to be raised, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Dated 2nd February 2021.