

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE BEONNA ON MONDAY 8th JANUARY 2024 at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT:

Parish Councillors K Pinner (Chairman), G Gostelow, J Grant, and B Holland
Boston Borough Councillor P Bedford
Lincolnshire County Councillor P Skinner

- 1 **APOLOGIES** were received from Councillor R Bell and Boston Borough Councillor D Broughton.
- 2 **MINUTES**
The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 27th November 2023 having been previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman.
- 3 **MATTERS ARISING**
 - 3.1 Bay Hall - No further information to date.
 - 3.2 Overgrown Hedge - Still ongoing.
 - 3.3 Goldsons Corner - No change to the site was reported.
 - 3.4 Borough Road Sweep - Thanks to Councillor Bedford the need for a sweep had been reported and dealt with.
- 4 **NO DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
- 5 **PLANNING**
 - 5.1 B/23/0161 - Change of use to create 60no caravans for staff accommodation, staff recreational outside space, outdoor communal area and proposed mini bus parking area. Extension to existing workshop and conversion of existing workshop to create indoor staff communal area at T H Clements & Son Ltd. This application had been withdrawn.
 - 5.2 B/23/0344 - Application for extension to existing garden outlet including, restaurant, education facility and car parking at Bell Brothers Nurseries had been granted.
- 6 **PARISH MATTERS**
 - 6.1 **Highways** - Councillor Grant reported that he was continually reporting pot holes. Councillor Pinner stated that he had reported the blocked gully outside the Alms Houses and on Davids Lane.
 - 6.2 **Councillor Grant Scheme 2022/Bramble Patch** - Councillor Pinner reported this was still ongoing and hoped that the dyke would soon be mowed, depending on the weather conditions.
 - 6.3¹ **Footway Lighting** - It was reported that the only light not yet dealt with was the one on the Churchyard Path, although an update had been received from Nigel Hall.
 - 6.3² It was also stated that tree branches were obstructing the light on the Bede Crescent Pathway, and Councilor Pinner stated he would contact LHP.

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- 6.4 **Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind Update** - A further meeting of the Community Liaison Group was due to be held on 2nd February. Details would be forwarded to Councillor Grant.
- 6.5 **Parish Liaison Meeting** - Councillor Pinner stated he hoped to attend the meeting on the 25th January 2024 at the Borough Offices.
- 6.6 **Benington Emergency Plan** - Councillor Pinner and the Clerk to meet to make further progress.
- 6.7 **Litter Picking Day** - The Clerk to produce posters for the event on Sunday 17th March 2024 and it was hoped more villagers would join in.
- 6.8 **Website** - The Clerk gave an update on the hours left for LALC to input information, and it was agreed that more would be purchased as necessary. Information had been received on the LCC Lorry Watch, and it was agreed this should go on the website.

7 CORRESPONDENCE

- 7.1 Numerous emails including those from Boston Borough Council, Lincolnshire County Council, and LALC, had been forwarded to all councillors.
- 7.2 LALC survey - A request had been received to update details about the council, left with the Clerk and the Chairman.
- 7.3 Clerks & Councils Direct - The January issue was handed to the chairman.

8 FINANCE

- 8.1 The clerk presented the up-to-date accounts, precept spending to date and evidence of the bank balance.
- 8.2 The following payments had been authorised and paid following the previous meeting.

	Amount	VAT	Payment Method
Boston Borough Council – Lighting	£960.00	£160.00	BACS
Bricklayers – December Meeting	£160.25		BACS
T A Blackamores	£2357.49	£392.91	BACS
TO PAY			
Beonna (Hire)	£36	£6.00	BACS

- 8.3 A further VAT claim had been made for £1963.77.
- 8.4 Precept 2024/25 - A full discussion was held on the following years precept. A quotation for the grass cutting had been received, showing an increase. It was agreed to keep the precept the same at £20,000, which would amount to approximately £122 per household per year.

9 NEXT MEETING

- 9.1 The next meeting was arranged for 19th February 2024, at 7.00 pm at the Beonna.

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10 FURTHER BUSINESS

- 10.1 Councillor Pinner agreed to ask Pearsons for a quote for the maintenance of the Bus Shelter.
- 10.2 Mention was made regarding getting information out to all the parishioners, as several do not have access to internet. The possibility of a Newsletter was discussed and agreed to discuss at a future meeting.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked those in attendance and closed the meeting at 8.15 pm.

Signed:

(Chairman)

19th February 2024