

## **BEMPTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 7.30pm Bempton Primary School, School Lane, Bempton.

### **PRESENT**

Cllr Nicholson (Chairman), Cllr Butler (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Jones, Cllr Beales and Cllr Burton.  
The meeting was chaired by Cllr Butler

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

6 members of the public were present.

### **APOLOGIES**

Cllr McCaw

**STANDING ORDERS INSERTION** – To adopt the charged wording following the adoption of the change of wording to the Code of Conduct at the July 2016 meeting.

A resolution was passed to approve the Standing Orders insertion, proposed by Cllr Jones and seconded by Cllr Nicholson, all in favour.

### **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Cllr Beales declared an interest in planning application 16/02665/PLF

Cllr Jones declared an interest in Grass Cutting.

### **MINUTES**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2016 were proposed to be accepted by Cllr Jones and seconded by Cllr Beales, all in favour. The minutes of the meeting held on 09<sup>th</sup> August 2016 were proposed to be accepted by Cllr Jones and seconded by Cllr Beales, all in favour.

### **RSPB** – Guest speaker Mr Keith Clarkson

Mr Keith Clarkson gave the council an update on the developments at the RSPB centre over the summer. The number of visitors have continued to increase by 10% on last year. Being able to increase the car parking facilities resulting in no back log on Cliff Lane, this is something they are hoping to continue next season. Four new jobs have been created and there has been an increase in overseas visitors, staying locally. The centre has developed links with the local schools and improved accessibility to the footpaths and viewing points for the disabled. Mr Clarkson said that he is to retire at the beginning of the next season but will introduce his replacement to the council before he leaves.

Cllr Burton asked whether the RSPB would forward the statistics to the parish regarding the footfall through the centre over the past couple of years.

The Chairman thanked Mr Clarkson for attending the meeting and keeping the council updated over the past few years.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The meeting was closed at 7.45pm and reopened at 8.07pm

The public present expressed their concerns to the highway safety, Main Street Buckton and a discussion took place as to what the parish council has already done and the options which can be explored.

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## **POLICE UPDATE**

There was no police present or report to read.

## **CLERKS REPORT**

I reported the mirrors on the highway, over grown hedge and asked whether the 60MPH sign could be removed from Cliff Lane to aid with the problem of speeding. ERYC have contacted me regarding the latter issue and stated that it is a legal requirement to show the change in road speed, therefore the sign cannot be removed.

The warranty form was posted for the defibrillator safe.

The picnic bench has been delivered and a position in the playground decided, plaque to be ordered.

I have booked to attend a training session with ERNLLCA for Grievance and Disciplinary Procedures.

I have been contacted by ERYC regarding a hedgerow, it was decided that this was not an issue for the Parish Council.

Cllr Butler attended the meeting with ERYC and Mr Young, an agreement was reached to place edging kerbs down part of the cut-through between School Lane and High Street.

## **PLANNING APPLICATION**

**16/02665/PLF** – Erection of a dwelling (Resubmission of 16/00868/PLF)

Millfield Green Lane Bempton YO15 1JE.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Nurse. Application type: Full Planning permission.

(Cllr Beales left the room)

The council wished to express their concern to the density within the site, using back lane development.

**16/02827/REM** – Erection of 2 dwellings following demolition of existing dwelling following outline approval 15/00186/OUT (all matters to be considered).

85 High Street Bempton YO15 1HP Applicant: Mr Sellars. Application types: Approval of Reserved Matters

The parish support the application in principal. We would recommend that the developer along with ERYC, provide a scheme which will work in conjunction with the neighbouring properties development (Ringley Farm 15/01744/OUT), to incorporate the proposed widening of the highway and footpath scheme. This would be an ideal and only opportunity to improve this narrow section of the highway and improve the safety of vehicles entering and existing the proposed site.

**HIGHWAYS** – to highlight any maintenance issues and action to be taken.

Following the concerns of the residents present, a resolution was passed to obtain the data from the RSPB and present this to Mr Leighton as supporting evidence to our request for an improved infrastructure around Bempton. It was agreed to wait until the summer of 2017 to have a Golden River Data Strip to be placed in Buckton when the traffic is at its busiest. Proposed by Cllr Burton and seconded by Cllr Nicholson, all in favour.

Potholes to be reported on Jewison Lane, Short Lane, Bolam Lane.

Cllr Nicholson wished to thank Cllr Burton for his help securing the funding relating to the lines around the school, improving the safety of the children.

## **PLAYGROUND**

(a) To highlight any maintenance/safety issues and action to be taken.

Vandalism was carried out on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September, the base of the slide was used to light a bon fire on. This has caused extensive damage and as such I have submitted a claim to the insurance company. A resident has reported the incident to the police and I have contact PCSO Smith.

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(b) To review the quotes received for the playground gates and approve the work to be carried out. It was agreed to obtain further quotes using tantalised wood.

**GRASS CUTTING**

(Cllr Jones left the room)

The grass cutting contract has expired and the 16 cuts have been completed. A resolution was passed to have one further cut carried out, proposed by Cllr Nicholson and seconded by Cllr Walker, all in favour. Further cuts would be reviewed at the next meeting.

**STREET LIGHTING**

Nothing to report.

**PARISH COUNCIL INSURANCE – Annual renewal**

This year premium is £1,137.26, we are in a long term agreement until 2017 and therefore no further quotes have been obtained. A resolution was passed to continue with the insurance with no alterations, proposed by Cllr Nicholson and seconded by Cllr Beales all in favour.

**ACCOUNTS**

It was proposed by Cllr Nicholson and seconded by Cllr Walker that the following accounts be paid: Mr J Jones £560.00, ICO £35.00, Came & Co £1,137.26, Clerks salary & exp £422.17, ERNLLCA £6.00, Asquith & Co Ltd £240.00.

Payment received:- ERNLLCA Transparency Code grant £ 364.32, ERYC (Transparency Code Grant) £364.32. The payment cheques and payment schedule were signed by two councillors in the presence of the council. The bank reconciliation form was checked and signed by the Chairman.

**ANNUAL RETURN 2015/2016 – External Auditors report**

The Annual Return has been received back from the External Auditors with no comments or recommendations, a resolution was passed to accept the findings, proposed by Cllr Jones and seconded by Cllr Nicholson, all in favour.

**SAFETY CONCERNS ON MAIN STREET HIGHWAY – Residents request**

A resident on High Street, Buckton has requested the parish council to look into the safety issue on Main Street after two vehicles collided with their house this summer. The situation was discussed and it was agreed to incorporate the information of these incidents when collating further data to forward to ERYC.

**FINANCIAL RISK ASSESSMENT – Annual review**

A resolution was passed to accept the above policy, proposed by Cllr Nicholson and seconded by Cllr Beales, all in favour.

**HOME WORKING POLICY – Annual review**

A resolution was passed to accept the above policy, proposed by Cllr Beales and seconded by Cllr Walker, all in favour.

**LONE WORKING POLICY - Annual review**

A resolution was passed to accept the above policy, proposed by Cllr Walker and seconded by Cllr Beales, all in favour.

**CORRESPONDANCE**

ERYC – The Dog Control Orders as been replaced by the Public Spaces Protection Orders wef 01/09/16.

ERNLLCA – Capping of parish and town councils.

A resident has express their concerns to the removal of a hedgerow.

**COUNCILLORS REPORTS AND QUESTIONS**

Cllr Jones – concerns have been raised regarding vehicles been parked on High Street outside the playground instead of using the car park available. The council recommend that an advisory sign is erected, clerk to contact ERYC.

Cllr Nicholson – Chris Mumby has offered to clear the drain at the Buckton pond. The council have no objections.

Over the summer I approached a man who had left a dog inside a car during a very hot day. I have been to Allsigns and they have given the parish a sign from the RSPCA warning of leaving your dog inside a hot car. The sign will be erected in spring next year in the carpark.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be held on **18<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 7.30pm Bempton Primary School**. There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm.

**SECTION B**

**EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

A resolution was passed to exclude the press and public from the meeting, proposed by Cllr Nicholson and seconded by Cllr Jones, all in favour.

**INVESTIGATION BY STANDARD’S BOARD AND THEIR CONCLUSION FOLLOWING A COMPLAINT BY A RESIDENT**

The councillors were given the details of the report and the informed that the case was not upheld.

**INVESTIGATION BY THE I.C.O FOLLOWING A COMPLAINT BY A RESIDENT**

The councillors were given the details of the complaint.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm