

BEESTON REGIS PARISH COUNCIL - Update 7. - October, 2020.

Note: Updates, when approved by the delegated councillors (MK, RB, MW), will form part of the BRPC records, and will sit alongside and act as the minutes, until normal meetings are resumed. Updates will be sent monthly.

Matters brought forward from update 6.

- 1. NNDC Coronavirus Community Support Programme:** Volunteers, organised by NNDC, continue to support parishioners by delivering groceries, medicines, etc. (01263 516000).
- 2. Government's Planning White Paper:** The delegated councillors considered this matter and RB drafted a report which was circulated to the other councillors which received positive feedback. It was agreed that Beeston Regis will undoubtedly fall into a Protected Area designation and only the final paragraph of the report would be submitted as the PC's response. This read as follows :- " Beeston Regis Parish Council welcomes the proposed infrastructure levy but such contributions must be clearly ring fenced for affordable housing as they are under the existing arrangements and affordable housing developments should not be liable to contribute to the levy."
- 3. Budget & Precept 2021/22:** Information has been received from NNDC regarding this and the deadline for receipt of precept requests is 31st January, 2021. Preparatory work has already begun on our draft budget and councillors are reminded again to contact the Chairman or Clerk if they wish to have any input.

New Matters:

- 1. Remembrance Day:** RB attached a poppy wreath to one of the "Beeston Regis Remembers" boards and fixed it to the village sign. He also attended a brief outdoor service at All Saints Church.
- 2. Police & Crime Commissioner's updates:** Updates continue to be received and circulated from the PCC along with the Cluster 7 Newsletters.
- 3. NALC Wellbeing Task Group:** Numerous emails continue to be received to give advice and assistance to parish councils.
- 4. Norfolk CC. News Releases etc. :** The NCC's Budget Proposals consultation closes on 14/12/20. Other news releases included the challenges facing Norfolk's care market, a covid-19 update, a £1m fund to support community organisations, and an announcement re Norwich Castle Museum.
- 5. Norfolk Offshore Windfarms:** Pressure on the Government continues regarding a better alternative to current arrangements and the possibilities of an offshore ring main.
- 6. Planning Matters:** Britons Lane Quarry extension: Following the decision letter from NCC confirming approval the Chairman produced a report highlighting the planning conditions which were most relevant from BRPC's perspective. These were (a) a positive signing scheme discouraging through

traffic from using Britons Lane between the A148 and A149. (b) establishment of a local liaison group (c) a scheme for crossing of Bridleway BR10 and (d) signage informing all traffic exceeding 7.5 tons leaving the pit should only turn left.

- 7. Payments approved 15/10/20:** G.Sadler £80.00 (bus shelter cleaning), P.Bullimore £311.20 (salary), HMRC £16.40 (tax on salary), Secret Gdns £130.00 (grass cuts), P.Bullimore £44.65 (clerks expenses), M & M Business Servs £20.00 (payroll service)
- 8. Review of Clerk's Salary:** Following an email to all members which received majority approval, the Chairman and delegated councillors informed the Clerk that with effect from 1/4/20 he would be paid on Local Council Scale LC2 (Spinal Point 20) increasing the hourly rate to £13.47. This would increase the monthly gross pay to £404.10 with all other terms and conditions as per the existing contract. This increase would be funded by bringing the bus shelter cleaning "in-house" (see item 10) and would bring the Clerk to the same level as the neighbouring parish.
- 9. NNDC Planning Services Update:** Existing software for processing all planning services would no longer be supported and therefore NNDC have invested in upgrading to a new product. This offers a planning management system that is more in line with modern business practices and technology.
- 10. Bus Shelter Cleaning:** It was agreed to take the inspection and cleaning of the bus shelters in-house. The contractor had been informed that w.e.f. 1/11/20 his work would be terminated and the Chairman extended his thanks for his services over the past few years. It was agreed that the Clerk would take over these duties from the same date.
- 11. Changes at Norfolk ALC:** Norfolk's ALC is changing in order to enable member councils to be more involved and improve its governance. It has now registered with the FCA as a Cooperative Society. Members (such as BRPC) will hold one share with a voting member having one vote. We have yet to register our councillor member.
- 12. NNDC Tree Planting Scheme:** NNDC are now in a position to "get things moving again" and have requested details of our project. RB is now dealing with this.
- 13. Proposed Roundabout, A148/Holway Road:** A draft business case is now in place. The Chair has written to Judy Oliver (NCC) reiterating our wholehearted support for the scheme