

# Belstead Parish Council

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Chairman Richard Clift, Christine Eade, Trevor Beckett, District Councillors Nick Ridley, and clerk Samantha Barber

## **44.18.19 – Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from County Cllr Christopher Hudson, Barry Gasper, Mark Fiske, David Cobbold and Ken Stowe

## **45.18.19 – Declaration of Interest.**

No declarations were made

## **46.18.19 – Minutes of the Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018.**

The minutes from the meeting had been circulated to all councillors and were proposed as a true record by Christine Eade and seconded by Trevor Beckett. These were duly signed by Richard Clift.

## **47.18.19 - Matters arising from the minutes of December 2018**

The issue of lack of councillors at meetings was raised.

SID sign – The lack of battery life has caused issues with the sign and the invoice has not been paid yet. An engineer is due to visit on the 18<sup>th</sup> January to update the sign and the council will wait to see if the battery life extends before the invoice is paid. Cllr Christopher Hudson has arranged for match funding and the clerk will complete the necessary forms.

Grove Hill overhanging trees, although SCC have visited and said there is no issue there clearly is and a private contractor will be sought.

Grove Hill Development – The tents at the site have been vacated but are blowing around the next- door field and rubbish at the site remains. Moody Homes have been contacted.

Mill Farm Development – Footpaths are in the process of being created and the ramp down to the nature reserve is very steep and muddy. Peter Garrett has been contacted to no avail, Richard will continue to try and arrange a site meeting with him.

The HGV Sign is still missing and needs replacing.

The Tommy ‘There but not There’ sign has been ordered by Richard and is due to be delivered soon..

## **48.18.19 – Adjournment for Reports.**

**County Councillor** – Cllr Christopher Hudson was not in attendance and had previously sent a report which had been circulated to all councillors.

**District Councillor** – Cllr Nick Ridley reported that the budget is balanced, council tax will see a £5 increase. The budget next year will be a big challenge. The joint local plan has been delayed. East Bergholt lost a judicial review which means if they do not make a challenge at the court of appeal then houses should soon begin to appear. There was a discussion about the Northern Bypass and closing of the Orwell Bridge.

There were no residents in attendance.

## **49/18.19 – To discuss dog bin requirement in village**

Although extra dog bins in the village have been requested it is difficult to find suitable places to put them. It was decided to request a bin be placed at the end of the footpath near the village hall that leads down to Branx Hills. The bin at the church has fallen over and will be reported by the clerk.

## **50.18.19 - Finance**

The following items were approved for payment

<b>Chq No</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Expense</b>	<b>Amount</b>
BACS	S Barber	clerk salary	£278.32
BACS	Sharward Services	Newsletter Printing	£27.97
BACS	PKF Audit	Audit 2017/18	£240.00
673	Suffolk Wildlife Trust	Subscription	£38.00
674	Village Hall	Hall Hire	£26.00

The bank accounts total £19494 for the current account and £6340 for the reserve account.

#### **51.18.19 – Village Gateways**

The gateways at Bucks Horns Lane are broken on both sides of the road. Two signs will be ordered and installation arranged afterwards. The clerk will order.

#### **52.18.19 – To discuss and agree APM date**

The Annual Parish Meeting date will be 22<sup>nd</sup> May, starting at 7pm beginning with the Annual Parish Meeting and followed by the Annual General Meeting.

#### **53.18.19 – Correspondence.**

Clerks and Councils Magazine – circulate

#### **54.18.19 – Clerk Vacancy**

This is to be the Clerks final meeting and a replacement needs to be sought by the March meeting.

Adverts will go to SALC and in the village newsletter.

Advert in the newsletter for administering the website.

#### **55.18.19 – Any other business/Items for the next agenda.**

A discussion was held around the death of a senior royal being the Queen or Prince Philip and preparations which are to be made in churches and public buildings for condolence.

Next meeting date will be March 27th 2019. There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm.