



## **BEKESBOURNE-WITH-PATRIXBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 7:30pm at St Mary's Church, Patrixbourne.

**Minutes to be formally agreed at the next meeting.**

### **1. Those Present**

Parish Cllr David Sladden (Chairman); Parish Cllr Andrea Nicholson  
Parish Cllr Joanne Watt (Vice Chair); Parish Cllr Caroline Tuffey;  
Parish Cllr Christien Sladden; Parish Cllr Christien Ash;  
Parish Cllr Mary Evans;

Mrs N. Purcell (Clerk to the council)

There were 1 member of the public present.

### **2. Apologies for Absence**

Parish Cllr Mark Rhodes;

### **3. Declarations of councillor interests relevant to this agenda**

Cllr M Evans – Item 9.1

### **4. To confirm minutes of the previous meeting**

All minutes will be presented for approval at the next parish council meeting.

### **5. To report any matters arising (from the previous meeting not covered elsewhere on the agenda)**

As explained in item 4.

**The meeting is suspended for up to 15 minutes to allow discussion with members of the electorate of the parish of Bekesbourne with Patrixbourne present at the meeting.**

### **6. Public representation (notified to the clerk in advance of the meeting, agenda items only)**

None

### **7. External Reports**

#### **7.1 County Councillor Reports**

None received as too early in the month

#### **7.2 City Councillor Reports**

None received as too early in the month, but Cllr Castle was present at the meeting to discuss any issues that may arise.

### **Parish Council meeting resumes**

### **8. Any s101 Delegated Authority items to be noted by council.(if any)**

None

### **9. Any updates from representatives for external groups (if any)**

#### **9.1 Recreation Ground Management Committee**

A grant application was received from the RGMC. The amount requested was for £1,500 to assist in the repair of the damaged floor in the pavilion. All relevant paperwork in support of the application has been received and checked by the clerk. M. Evans abstained from partaking in the vote because of the declaration of interest.

**Resolved:** It was proposed by C. Sladden and seconded by C. Ash to award the full amount of £1,500 to the RGMC.

**Outcome:** All in favour, motion carried.

### 9.2 Village Hall Management Committee

Next meeting to be held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

### 9.3 The River Group

The river level is high, with Old Palace Road closed to through traffic. So far sewer pumping has been successful. The Annual meeting of the River Group is 9<sup>th</sup> March 2024. The council wished to note their thanks to local resident Mr Taplin who arranged the clearing of the riverbed.

### 9.4 KALC

No Update

### 9.5 A257 Traffic Management Group

No update

## 10. Highways Matters

### 10.1 Any updates

Clerk awaiting a February date to hold a Highways Improvement Plan Meeting with KCC.

### 10.3 Any new matters

Potholes are appearing around the parish; a particularly deep one has been noted on Bekesbourne Hill. Clerk has reported to KCC. The parish council encourage residents to report to KCC when the notice pot holes appearing.

## 11. Finance Matters

### 11.1 To note Dec/Jan payment schedule & approve any new payments.

Month	Type	Payment	Amount
December	DD	Hugo Fox website	£23.99
December	SO	Clerk salary	As per salary sheet

**Resolved:** It was proposed by A. Nicholson and seconded by C. Tuffey to approve the Dec/Jan payment schedule.

**Outcome:** all in favour, motion carried.

## 12. Planning

### 12.1 No New applications

### 12.2 Any Updates-

Cllr Castle stated he would provide an update on the Gladman application when it is received.

## 13. SLCC membership renewal

**Resolved:** It was proposed by J. Watt and seconded by seconded by C. Tuffey to accept the renewal quote of £188.00 for the clerk's SLCC membership.

**Outcome:** all in favour, motion carried.

## 14. Next Meeting Date

11<sup>th</sup> March

**15. Items for Next Agenda**

Requests are to be emailed to the Clerk at least 10 days prior to any meeting; together with supporting information if relevant.

**Meeting Closed 20:00**

It was agreed that these minutes are a true and accurate record:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Chair)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_