**BELVOIR PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of an ordinary Parish Council meeting held at Knipton Village Hall on Monday 12th June 2023

**Members present:** Cllr Carr Chairman

Cllr J Marshall

Cllr C Haywood

Cllr Tom Devine

**Clerk**  Jo Langford Yates

**17.779 Declarations of Interest** No declarations received.

**17.780 Minutes** The minutes for the May meeting were read approved and signed.

**17.781 Standing Orders** There are no changes to the current standing orders and financial regulations

**17.782 Financial** The bank balance has been reconciled and stands at £14,583.79, payments approved

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| 1262 | Zurich | 300 |  | 300 |
| 1263 | Zoom | 143.88 |  | 143.88 |
| 1264 | X2 Conect | 133.8 | 22.3 | 111.5 |
| 1265 | Clerk salary | 1212.3 |  | 1212.3 |
| 1266 | Eon | 121.2 | 20.2 | 101 |
| 1267 | BDG Mowing | 488 |  | 488 |
| 1268 | BDG Mowing | 286 |  | 286 |
| 1269 | LRALC | 100 |  | 100 |
| 1270 | Unity Bank charge | 18 |  | 18 |
| 1271 | Postage | 4.19 |  | 4.19 |
| 1272 | Amazon | 59.61 |  | 59.61 |
| 1273 | Harston Church | 200 |  | 200 |

**17.783 Street Furniture and Risk Assessments**  Defibrillators sited in Knipton Harston and Belvoir , are all reported to be in good order. The telephone booth in Knipton is currently being upgraded with new signage and Harston will be done similarly in due course.

**17.784 War Memorial & Village Pump**  Mark Stafford Stone Masonary, he will be unable to start the work on the war memorial for several months but will notify us when he can start.

**17.785** **Highways** It was agreed unanimously by the council to go ahead with the purchase of a more visually effective solar powered speed monitor for Harston village at a cost of £2339.99 plus VAT £468.00

Two other quotations were obtained from Start Safety UK £2826.41 & Automate Systems £2946.37 both including VAT.

**17.786 Street Lighting** no failures have been reported. The ongoing works are in progress for replacement poles, brackets and LED replacement on Pasture Lane, Knipton. Further replacements to be discussed at the next meeting.

**17.787** **Planning** The application to Melton Borough Council planning department by Harston resident for the Map Room building restoration raised no objections from the Council.

**17.788** **Belvoir Estates** The annual Forbidden Forest Festival was held on the weekend of the 2nd June a number of serious complaints have been made to the council about the event. The impact on the parish was considerable, including car accidents, drunken behaviour, excessive amounts of litter. Reports of observed drug dealing around the perimeter of the event, access to the event being breached through adjoining fields, which the employed security teams were unable to prevent. Cars parked across entrances. The clerk will write to the event organisers to invite them to attend the next meeting to discuss.

**17.789 Crime & Neighbourhood Watch** No reported crimes.

**17.790 Harston & Knipton Churches** It was agreed by the council members that the annual payment be made to Harston Church of £200

**17.791 Village Hall** The clerk raised the issue of future responsibility for the village hall as regards the parish council, there is no obligation to assume responsibility unless it is written in the deeds, Cllr Haywood will check the deeds and report at the next meeting. Cllr Haywood is looking into any lease obligations by the Parish Council that will be noted in the deeds and will report to the next meeting.

**17.792 Correspondence and Reports** All correspondence has been forwarded to Councillors by e mail.

**17.793 Further Business** There was no further business.

**17.794 Next meeting** The next meeting date was agreed for 11th September at 6.30pm

**Clerk to the Parish Council Chairman**