**BELVOIR PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of an ordinary Parish Council meeting held at Knipton Village Hall on Monday 20th November 2023

 **Members present:** Cllr Carr Chairman

 Cllr J Marshall

 Cllr C Haywood

 Cllr Tom Devine

**Clerk**  Jo Langford Yates

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

**17.828 Minutes** The minutes for the September meeting were read approved and signed.

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

**17.830 Councillors** Two new councillors namely Dr A Griffiths and Hazel Johns both residents of Knipton , were co-opted on to the council, proposed by the Chairman Peter Carr and seconded by Councillor Haywood & Councillor Marshall. The newly elected councillors will sign their Acceptance of Office at the next meeting.

All Councillors will have an official e mail address @Belvoirparishcouncil.org.uk and individual access to the Belvoir Parish Council website at an annual cost of £35 per Councillor, this is currently being facilitated by the clerk and the website host 2Commune.

**17.831** Councillor Devine resigned as Councillor, due to his lack of computer skills. Councillor Devine has been a longstanding member, The Chair, Clerk and Councillors thanked him for his valued contribution to the parish and wished him well for the future.

**17.832 Financial** The bank balance has been reconciled and stands at £8438.21, payments approved

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 **17.833 The Budget and Precept** Councillors unanimously agreed with the budget remaining the same as last year and to keep the Precept at £19000.00, therefore imposing no increase in cost to households.

 **17.834 Street Furniture and Risk Assessments**  Defibrillators sited in Knipton Harston and Belvoir , are all reported to be in good order by Cllr Devine and Cllr Haywood.

**17.835 War Memorial & Village Pump** Mark Stafford Stone Masonry has completed the restoration work on the war memorial.

**17.836** **Highways** The work to install the new speed monitor at Harston is due to take place shortly, this will release a monitor for use in Knipton. A further mobile speed monitor will also be purchased for use in the parish during the coming year. LCC Highways have inspected all approaches to Knipton village and monitoring of traffic speed and volume is currently being carried out.

**17.837 Street Lighting** no failures have been reported. Further replacements to LED lamps are due in Knipton near the village hall and Belvoir on the corner of Stable Cottages. The energy efficient replacements offset the increase in electricity prices.

**17.838** **Planning** There are currently no planning applications for consideration. However an informal open meeting for discussion of the revised application for Keepers Lodge (prior to resubmission) is due to take place at Denton Village Hall, with the Vale Parish Group and representatives for SKDC and MBC.

**17.839** **Belvoir Estates** The annual Forbidden Forest Festival and the Noisily Festival future events are causing concern with the application to Melton Borough Council to extend their capacity to around 25,000 people. Future licences are being questioned by the Vale Parish Group and discussions are currently ongoing.

**17.840 Crime & Neighbourhood Watch** No reports within the parish.

**17.841 Harston & Knipton Churches** there is nothing to report.

**17.842 Village Hall** There is nothing to report.

**17.843 Correspondence and Reports** The Clerk reported that MBC are due to have discussions with Severn Trent regarding local flooding issues. The Clerk has written to MBC to express concern over Knipton village flooding that occurs every Autumn with the brook breaching the highway and concerns with the safety of Knipton Dam.

**17.844 Further Business** No further business

**17.845 Next meeting** The next meeting date was agreed for 16th January 2024 at 6.30pm

**Clerk to the Parish Council Chairman**