**BELVOIR PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of an ordinary Parish Council meeting held at Knipton Village Hall on Tuesday 16th January 2024

 **Members present:** Cllr Carr Chairman

 Cllr J Marshall

 Cllr Hazel Johns

 Cllr C Haywood

 Cllr Anna Griffths

**Clerk**  Jo Langford Yates

**Attending:** Tom Devine

The Council before the meeting, Welcomed Tom Devine to say good bye as he stepped down from his duties as councillor to the parish council. The Chairman presented Tom with an engraved tankard to commemorate his many years service and thanked him for all his efforts particularly with his maintenance and assessments of village signs and street furniture.

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

**17.847 Minutes** The minutes for the November 2023 meeting were read approved and signed.

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

**17.849 Councillors** Dr Anna Griffiths and Hazel Johns were welcomed to their first parish council meeting. The Chairman proposed Harston resident Martin Porter, seconded by Cllr Haywood, Martin was duly co opted as a member and will join the council at the next meeting.

**17.850 Financial** The bank balance has been reconciled and stands at £6904.91.

**17.851 Street Furniture and Risk Assessments.** Cllr Haywood reported the defibrillators and street furniture in Knipton was in good working order. Cllr Griffiths has offered to check the defibrillator in Knipton going forward. Cllr Marshall reported the defibrillator in Belvoir village was in working order. The defibrillator in Harston was reported by Tom Devine as working and going forward the Chairman will check and report to council.

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**17.852 Street Lighting** no failures have been reported. The next three lights to be replaced by LED lamps are No 12 at the Bus stop in Knipton. No 13 at 1 Church Hill & 9a Field opposite Granby Farm.

**17.853 Planning** There are currently no planning applications for consideration.

**17.854 Highways** There are a large number of pot holes throughout the parish, the clerk has advised all councillors to use FIX MY STREET to report as this seems to be the most effective process used by local borough and county councils.

**17.855** **Belvoir Estates** The annual Forbidden Forest Festival and the Noisily Festival future events are causing concern with and the Vale Parishes Group are liaising with organisers. Chairman will report at the next meeting. Cllr Johns asked that the effect on wildlife be taken into consideration as it is felt with increased activity by the estate and the retail outlet at the Engine Yard have in creased light and noise pollution.

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

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

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

**17.858 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.

**17.859 Further Business** No further business

**17.860 Next meeting** The next meeting date was agreed for 13th February 2024 at 6.30pm

**Clerk to the Parish Council Chairman**