**BELVOIR PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of an ordinary Parish Council meeting held at Knipton Village Hall on Tuesday 2nd April 2024

 **Members present:**

 Cllr Juliet Marshall

 Cllr Hazel Johns

 Cllr C Haywood

 Cllr Anna Griffiths

 Cllr M Porter

**Absent** Cllr Peter Carr– apologies received and accepted

**Clerk**  Jo Langford Yates

**Attending:**

In the absence of the Chairman the meeting was led by the Vice Chair Cllr Haywood.

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

**17.902 Minutes** from the February meeting were approved and signed.

**17.90 Financial** The bank balance has been reconciled and stands at £3995.00

**17.904** The Annual Governance statement and Accounting statement was approved and signed by the Clerk and the Vice Chairman for submission to the Auditor. The final audit will take place with the Clerk on 29th April 2024.

**17.905 Street Furniture and Risk Assessments.** The defibrillators in Harston and Knipton will be inspected and reported to the clerk at the next meeting.

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**17.906 Street Lighting** no failures have been reported.

**17.907 Planning Application Keepers Lodge** an application has been submitted to Melton Borough Council ref: 24/00187/FUL

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| Description : | Change of use of land for the siting of lodges, static caravans and tents for a tourism site on land to the rear of Keepers Lodge  |
| Location : | Keepers Lodge Denton Lane Harston NG32 1PW. |

At the time of these minutes the planning notices have not been put in place within the locality. At the point of the notices being in place. Objections will raised on or before the next meeting and duly submitted to Melton Borough Council.

**17.908 Highways** Cllr Porter is pursuing the suggestion that we can part share and contribute financially subject to approval, a portable speed gun with the Vale Parishes group. Cllr Porter will report at the next meeting.

**17.909 Belvoir Estates** - Cllr Porter raised the matter of the event marquee currently erected near the Brewers Grave location . It is understood there are no restrictions or conditions for use of the marquee. Cllr Porter will monitor future events and report his findings to council.

**17.910 Belvoir Estates residential properties – One to one care facilities** Cllr Johns highlights **t**he number of homes in the area has risen dramatically to twenty one facilities that are lucrative businesses for a number of companies receiving payments from Local Authorities for the housing of problem young people with behavioural issues that are not local and come from far and wide. The Belvoir Estate residential portfolio benefits from enhanced rents from such companies. It appears to be a loophole in the system that allows business enterprises to operate in residential properties. Families needing to rent within the area of the estate villages are now squeezed out. The council were unanimous in agreement to the matter being raised as a concern to Melton Borough Council. Cllr Johns will further report her findings at the next meeting.

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

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

**17.913 Village Hall** The cost of renting the village hall has been increased by the committee to £30.00 for a two hour period.

**17.914 Correspondence and Reports** The Clerk has circulated all correspondence to councillors.

**17.915 Vale Parishes Group** There are no updates available. It is understood objections are being raised by the group against the expansion of the caravan facility at the Rutland Arms in Woolsthorpe.

**17.916** The clerk reminded council the next meeting in May will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting

**17.917 Next meeting** The next meeting date was agreed for 7th May 2024 at 6.30pm

**Clerk to the Parish Council Vice Chairman**