**BELVOIR PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting July 2024

 **Members present:**

 Cllr Juliet Marshall

 Cllr Hazel Johns

 Cllr C Haywood

 Cllr M Porter

 Cllr A Griffiths

 **Clerk**  Jo Langford Yates

**Also in attendance** Chas Hubbard - owner of Croxton and Knipton Village Stores

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

**17.936 Minutes** from the May meeting were approved and signed.

**17.937 Election of Chair and Vice Chair** Cllr Haywood was proposed as Vice chair by Cllr Marshall and seconded by Cllr Johns at the May meeting. The position of Chairperson remains unfilled. The council agreed to elect a Chair for each meeting for the time being, as no one felt they could commit to the position at the present time. Cllr Porter chaired the meeting and signed an acceptance of office.

**17.938 Financial.** The NALC Financial regulations for 2024 were adopted and approved by the council. All councillors have a copy for their files. The financial regulations have been updated on the parish website by the Clerk.

**17.939** The Clerk submitted the following payment for approval and signature.

The bank balance remains reconciled at £13,495.87 to include receipt of the half year precept payment of £9500.00. The bank statement was signed by the Vice Chair.

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| 1322   | Zurich Ins 300 |  |  |  |
| 1323 | Amazon | 64.99 | 10.83 | 54.16 |
| 1324 | HMRC | 262 |  | 262 |
| 1325 | Currys | 471.97 | 78.66 | 393.31 |
| 1326 | BDG Mowing | 286 |  | 286 |
| 1327 | BDG Mowing | 488 |  | 488 |
| 1328 | LRALC | 6.75 |  | 6.75 |
| 1329 | Unity Bank | 18 |  | 18 |

**17.940 Planning applications** There are no new applications to consider.

**17.941 Highways and maintenance** The parish council are holding the speed monitor purchased for Harston to replace the existing one, Cllr Porter has offered to oversee the installation and agree the position with local residents. If further equipment is purchased in the future, the Clerk will consult Leicestershire County Council Highways as installation would be carried out by their department on any equipment purchased through them.

 Cllr Porter also suggested he would contact Leicestershire Police and Leicestershire County Council regarding targeted speed monitoring for the parish.

**17.942 Belvoir Estates residential properties – One to one care facilities** Cllr Johns is continuing to monitor the rise in care homes within the parish, fuelled by demand for large domestic properties made available by Belvoir Estates, these properties command high rentals when rented out to companies operating government backed care home facilities, naturally Belvoir Estates seek maximum rental yields, however the density of the care homes within the parish is now at twenty four properties and remains a concern.

**17.943 Street Furniture and Asset maintenance** Cllr Haywood offered to weed the area around the war memorial and to follow up the painting of phone box in Knipton requested recently. Cllr Griffiths reports that all the defibrillators in Knipton and Harston are working correctly.

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

**17.945 Harston & Knipton Churches** No reports.

**17.946 Village Hall** No reports.

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

**17.948 Vale Parishes Group** Councillor Porter will continue to liaise with VPG on future issues such as largescale festivals. Feedback from the events will be submitted to Melton Borough Council for consideration on the granting of annual licences. Cllr Porter will also explore the possibility of having access to speed monitoring equipment used in neighbouring parishes within the group.

**17.949 The Village shop**  The store will be re opening in late September with Chas Hubbard and his partner Zoe. Chas has expressed an interest in joining the parish council, this was warmly welcomed by the council and his decision will be announced at the next meeting.

**17.950** There being no further business the meeting was brought to a close and next meeting date was agreed for 24th September 2024 at 6.30pm

**Clerk to the Parish Council Acting Chairman**