**BELVOIR PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting October 29th 2024

 **Members present:**

 Cllr Juliet Marshall

 Cllr Hazel Johns

 Cllr C Haywood

 Cllr M Porter

 Cllr A Griffiths

 **Clerk**  Jo Langford Yates

**Chair for the meeting Cllr C. Haywood**

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

**17.969** **Chair and Vice Chair for the meeting** Cllr Haywood was proposed as chair for the meeting agreed by all councillors, he signed an acceptance of office. The position of Chairperson remains unfilled. The council agree 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.

**17.970 Financial.** Payment agreed and approved for £25.00 to be made to Cllr Marshall for the provision of refreshments at the Rembrance Sunday service.

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The bank balance remains reconciled at £11,103.22. The bank statement was signed by the Chair. The clerk confirmed receipt the second half of the precept £9500.00.

**17.971 Planning applications** There are no new planning applications for discussion.

**17.972 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.

**17.973 Street Lighting**  It was agreed and approved that two further street lights be replaced with LED lighting. The bus shelter in Knipton ref: SL 12

**17.974 Belvoir Estates residential properties – One to one care facilities** Cllr Johns reported that there was an additional property No 6 Main Street Knipton designated by the Belvoir Estate to be another facility to add to the existing 25 homes within the parish. Cllr Johns informed the council that Leicestershire now has a high number of some 26% of all the one to one care facilities in the UK.

**17.975 Belvoir Estate** The clerk has informed Melton Borough Council that hedges within the Belvoir Estate have been removed near the Walled Garden and the perimeter of Church Farm House and await a response.

**17.976 Street Furniture and Asset maintenance** Cllr Haywood offered to again weed the area around the war memorial. Cllr Griffiths & Cllr Marshall report that all the defibrillators in Knipton, Belvoir and Harston are working correctly.

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

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

**17.979 Village Hall** No reports.

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

**17.981 Vale Parishes Group** Councillor Porter continues to liaise with VPG on matters within the vale, Cllr Porter informed the council that the 2025 Forbidden Forest event hosted within the Belvoir estate grounds has been granted a music licence to 5.00 am after an appeal was lodged to Melton Borough Council. Councillors unanimously agreed this was disappointing due to the number of complaints for the 2024 event.

**17.982 The Village Shop** It is understood the shop refurbishment is making good progress and will reopen late November.

**17.983 Flood Wardens** Cllr Griffiths agreed to act as a warden for Knipton as there is occasional minor flooding in the centre of the village.

**17.984** There being no further business the meeting was brought to a close and next meeting date was agreed for November 26th 2024 at 6.30pm

**Clerk to the Parish Council Acting Chairman**