**BELVOIR PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting November 26th 2024

**Members present:**

Cllr Juliet Marshall

Cllr Hazel Johns

Cllr C Haywood

Cllr A Griffiths

**Clerk**  Jo Langford Yates

**Absent** Cllr M Porter – Apologies received by the clerk

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

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

**17.986** **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.

**17.987 Financial.** The bank balance is reconciled at £11,097.82. The bank statement was signed by the Chairman. The following payments agreed and approved

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| 1350 | BDG Mowing | | 585.6 | 97.6 | | 488 | |
| 1351 | Stationery & stamps | | 31.79 |  | | 31.79 | |
| 1352 | RS Refreshments | | 25 |  | | 25 | |
| 1353 | N Power refund | | 304.58 |  | | 304.58 | |
| 1353 | Wreath | | 50 |  | | 50 | |
| 1354 | Remembrance Sunday | | 25 |  | | 25 | |
| 1355 | Unity Bank charge | | 5.4 |  | | 5.4 | |
| 1356 | Unity Bank charge | | 6 |  | | 6 | |
| 1357 | BDG Mowing | | 343.2 | 57.2 | | 286 | |
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|  | Reconciled | | 11,103.22 |  | |  | |
| 1358 | Knipton VH | | 400 |  | | 400 | |
| 1359 | BDG Mowing | | 585.6 | 97.6 | | 488 | |
| 1360 | Clerk Salary | | 1267.2 |  | | 1267.2 | |
| 1361 | HMRC | | 316.8 |  | | 316.8 | |
| 1362 | Stationery | | 84.15 |  | | 84.15 | |
| 1363 | Eon | | 98.4 | 16.4 | | 82 | |
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**17.988 Budget and Precept 2025/26** The budget totalling £18,850.00 for the forthcoming year was approved and agreed by all councillors. The Precept amount for the forthcoming year was approved and agreed by all councillors to remain as last year at £19000.00. The Precept form was duly signed by acting Chair Cllr Haywood for submission to Melton Borough Council by the Clerk.

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

**17.990 Highways and maintenance** The Harston speed sign has yet to be installed. Cllr Porter to follow up and report at the next meeting.

**17.991 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 & lamp post ref: 12. The Clerk will request a quotation from Eon. This was due to be actioned last month, the Clerk has been waiting for confirmation of the correct reference numbers.

**17.992 Belvoir Estates residential properties – One to one care facilities**. The high number of care facilities within the parish remains a concern as there are fewer resident families supporting the community infrastructure.

**17.993 Belvoir Estate** The clerk is to request a representative from the estate attend future meetings to provide a

**17.994 Street Furniture and Asset maintenance**. Cllr Griffiths & Cllr Marshall report that all the defibrillators in Knipton, Belvoir and Harston are working correctly.

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

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

**17.997 Village Hall** No reports.

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

**17.999 Vale Parishes Group** Councillor Porter continues to liaise with VPG on matters within the vale, he will provide an update at the next meeting.

**17.1000 The Village Shop** Is due to re open on 14th December. The council would like to wish the team every success in their new venture.

**17.1001 The Manners Arms** is currently under going renovation works and it is understood to be re opening as a public house with rooms.

**17.1002 Flood Wardens** Cllr Griffiths is warden for Knipton as there is occasional minor flooding in the centre of the village.

**17.1003** There being no further business the meeting was brought to a close and next meeting date was agreed for January 21st 2025 at 6.30pm

**Clerk to the Parish Council Acting Chairman**