

## **Besthorpe Parish Council : minutes of the meeting held on Monday 9 November 2015**

Present : all seven councillors; the Clerk; no members of the public.  
There were no declarations of interest.

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 September 2015 were approved and signed.

The Clerk reported that a company called Your Shout had written on behalf of Solar Century to say that in the light of the latter's successful planning application for a solar park near Rookery Farm, it was in the process of setting up a Community Fund of £10,000. He had no details yet of how this would work or how much of the fund would be available to Besthorpe.

The following payments had been made : Clerk's salary 2 @ £206.67; Community Action Norfolk (subscription) £20.00; Mazars (audit fee) £25.00. It was agreed to make a grant of £100.00 to the East Anglian Air Ambulance and a cheque was signed for this.

It was agreed to levy a precept of £6,000.00 for 2016/17 and to apply for a grant under the government's funding arrangements for setting-up costs to meet its transparency legislation.

Barclays Bank had informed the Clerk that its records of the Council had been lost or mislaid and it was necessary to create a new mandate. He distributed forms for completion.

One planning application had been determined by Breckland DC :  
Spinks, Rook Lea, Silver Street, extension, alterations & garage, permission granted.  
An application for a motor bike saleroom, workshop and café at the former Little Chef on the northbound A11 was discussed and it was agreed to raise no objection.

Mrs Solloway-Brown raised further concerns about a puppy farm at one of the new units at The Limes and it was agreed that if she identified the unit, the Clerk would check the planning situation with Breckland DC. She also understood that Newall would be applying for retrospective planning permission for its operations at Heron Farm.

The Clerk had still heard nothing more about the Breckland Local Plan. The Chairman reported that the recent Attleborough Neighbourhood Plan consultation day had been well attended. He'd heard nothing more about the proposed Greater Attleborough Development Partnership.

It was agreed to continue with a grant application to Norfolk CC for a Silver Street flashing speed sign. The Clerk had followed up the question of Attleborough Town Council applying for flashing speed signs on Mill Lane but had been told by the Town Clerk that it was reluctant to consider this until it knew the full extent of its financial commitment to the Neighbourhood Plan.

Mrs Solloway-Brown reported that a roundabout sign near Cromer House was obscured by an overgrown hedge; and that part of the signpost was missing at Bottle Corner. Mr Dore reported that the Norwich Road footway had been cleared from Hill Road to Golf Links Lane but the stretch from Burley House to Silver Street was still being encroached by vegetation.

Mrs Richardson reported that the overhanging hedge on Norwich Road by the Pretoria House industrial estate had been cut; that someone was leaving bags of litter by the litter bin near the Norwich Road farm shop; and that the gap in the hedge where the parish boundary footpath met Attleborough Road was growing over again. Mr Watling had not yet found the time to re-erect the vandalised dog bin on Norwich Road.

It was agreed to meet again on 11 January 2016. The meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.