BELVOIR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary Parish Council meeting held at Knipton Village Hall on Monday 14th March 2017

Members present: Cllr G Petchey – Chairman
Cllr P Carr – Vice Chair
Cllr J Marshall
Cllr T Devine
Cllr J Watchorn
Cllr T Hutton

Clerk Jo Langford Yates

Also present were G. Milham of Belvoir Estate, Rachel Norris and Liz Fisher of Tough Mudder

Declaration of interest No declaration received

17.028 Tough Mudder representatives informed the council of their operational plans for the event to be held, a traffic management report is in place to minimise disruption for villages surrounding the Belvoir Estate, assurances were given that residents within Belvoir would be given every consideration regarding access to their properties and there would be no public address system in use during the night.

17.029 The previous requests to remove signs for the Firework Event 2016 had not been carried out, Mrs G Milham assured the Council this would be done with immediate effect, she went on to say there would be no major concerts in Belvoir Castle grounds during 2017. Mrs Milham also reported that she was still investigating the source and cause of the problems with the spring on Engine Yard and would report at the April meeting.

17.030 The minutes of the February meeting were read approved and signed by the Chairman.

17.031 Matters arising The Chairman reported the arranged meeting with Leicestershire County Council Highways did not take place on 14th February as arranged to inspect damage and potholes. It is intended for Cllr Petchey to rearrange this meeting at a future date.

17.032 Clerk’s announcements and reports The Clerk reported that the investigation into previous years accounts was ongoing and with the support of the LRALC and the clerk to Barkestone, Plungar and Redmile Parish Council is assisting in this matter. The Annual Return for 2015/16 period cannot be completed until all information is received. The clerk went on to say Belvoir Parish Council, although in receipt of three Public Interest Reports, due to failure to submit year end accounts were fortunate these had not been acted upon by Melton Borough Council and the 2017 Precept had not been withheld. The Clerk will investigate the status of the Precept for 2017. Cllr Petchey declared he was unaware of accounts not being submitted in previous years. The clerk is to inform Borough Councillor Gerald Botterill and County Councillor Byron Rhodes of the current situation and the
steps being taken and to invite them to the next meeting. Belvoir Parish Council website for the
publishing of Parish Council activity and financial reports for Public access will be at a cost of
£660.00, recoverable from NALC Transparency Fund, this was approved unanimously. To ensure
transparency, compliance and all Codes of Conduct and Financial Regulations were in place and
practice, the Clerk recommended the offer of training for all Councillors by Chief Officer Jake
Atkinson of the LRALC be taken up. This was approved unanimously and the Clerk will report a
suitable date. Terms of service for the Clerk were agreed and signed by Councillor Petchey. The
Clerk reported that HMRC had been informed of her appointment, however as the Clerk’s salary is
under the threshold currently, it is not applicable.

17.033 Financial Six cheques were signed, Cllr Carr £64.95 – Flag, J. Langford Yates £58.95 &
£22.50 – Expenses, Knipton Village Hall £126.23, LRALC - £70.00, 2Commune £660.00 – website. The
cheque no 926 11th April 2016 for £200 donation to Harston Church Maintenance has not been
presented. The Clerk will cancel and reissue.

17.034 Correspondence No correspondence for discussion

17.035 Planning No applications for discussion

17.036 There are no outstanding Invoices and the bank balance is £1841.35

17.037 There being no further business the date of the next meeting was arranged for Monday
10th April 2017 at 7.00pm and the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

Clerk to the Parish Council

Chairman