BELVOIR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Annual General Parish Council meeting held at Knipton Village Hall on Monday 8th May 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

Declaration of interest No declaration received

17.058 The election for the Chairman and Vice Chairman was held, The Chairman Cllr Petchey stood down, Cllr Carr put himself forward for the position of Chairman, he was proposed by Cllr Marshall, seconded by Cllr Hutton, Cllr Petchey was proposed by Cllr Devine. The position of Chairman was therefore decided to Cllr Carr, The position of Vice Chair, Cllr Marshall was proposed and seconded by Cllr Devine. Acceptance of Office forms were duly signed by Cllr Carr, now Chairman and Cllr Marshall as Vice Chair.

17.059 The former Chairman Cllr Petchey expressed a wish to remain active within the Parish Council as an ordinary Councillor due to responsibilities at Belvoir Castle and personal issues a less involved position was more suited. Cllr Petchey submitted his annual statement as follows:-

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It has been an eventful year, I was sorry to lose Diana Marshall as our Parish Clerk, subsequent difficulties with the Financial Returns are currently being sorted by the new clerk and this will put Belvoir Parish Council in a better position in the future. I would like to thank the new clerk and my fellow councillors for their support during my term of office.

Geoff Petchey.

17.060 The newly elected chairman Cllr Peter Carr proceeded with the meeting, read and signed the minutes of the previous meeting 10th April 2017.

17.061 Highways Cllr Petchey reported on his meeting with LCC Highways department, referred to in the previous April minutes 17.040, it has been established the Melton Borough Council are responsible for the ditch and road problems to the rear of the houses on Croxton Lane opposite the
Manners Arms and the bridge parapet damaged between Knipton and Harston. The blocked ditch opposite being the responsibility of Belvoir Estates.

17.062 Speed monitors referred to April minutes 17.041 have now been installed in Harston and Knipton villages and are fully operational. The data produced will be available to the Police who have expressed an interest.

17.063 The triangle of land referred to April minutes 17.042 remains a matter of concern, due to previous damage caused by out of control vehicles negotiating the bend, the installation of reflectors on the entrance gates to the Castle grounds appear to have been effective in slowing vehicles down on the approach to the bend, this will continued to be monitored.

17.064 The destruction of street name plates destroyed by grass maintenance referred to April minutes 17.043 are in the process of being replaced by Belvoir Estates and Melton Borough Council.

17.065 It was reported by the Police following a recent incident that the defibrillators are not recognized by the Ambulance service, Cllr Carr is following this up as a matter of priority. It was also recognized there is a need for a refresher course for all volunteers previously trained in the use of the equipment, Cllr Carr will investigate this possibility with Rachel Barrington.

17.066 Financial Four cheques were signed EON street lighting £145.62, The Clerk £280.48 extra hours and expenses, The Clerk £32.00 stationery, The Clerk £100.99 Councillors Guide.

17.067 The Clerk reported, the half year precept payment had been received £4363.70 and a VAT refund of £2622.90 leaving the Bank balance as at 8th May £6993.70.

17.068 The Clerk is in receipt of a report on the Annual Return for 2015/16 by Grant Thornton, this will be available on the Barkestone, Redmile & Plungar PC website for public review. A list of Assets and bank statements supporting the Return is to be submitted to Grant Thornton by the Clerk.

17.069 Planning There are no applications for consideration

17.070 Mrs Milham from the Belvoir Estate reported that the Earl of Rutland Trust properties at the old Hunt kennels at Woolsthorpe are being converted and are available to widows and widowers of the Parish of Bottesford or tenants and employees of the Belvoir Estate. Applications should be made directly to the Belvoir Estate office for consideration.

17.071 A list of events taking place at Belvoir Castle is to be sent to the Clerk.

17.072 The memorial plaque missing from the Cricket ground is to be replaced and positioned at the war memorial, a list of names is to be supplied by the Belvoir Estate.

17.072 Further Business Cllr Marshall highlighted a problem with dog fouling in Knipton, it was agreed two dog waste bins and dog fouling notices to be purchased and erected in both Knipton and Harston villages.

17.073 Cllr Carr reported a successful village clean up around the village of Harston, Denton Lane, Croxton Lane and Knipton Lane, members of the community came together for this on Sunday 7th May, due to the amount of local fly tipping and bottles, cans and litter carelessly disposed of in the verges.

17.074 There being no further items for discussion the next meeting was arranged for Monday 12th June 2017 at 7.00pm and the new Chairman declared the meeting closed.
Signed

Clerk to the Parish Council

Chairman