**Repps with Bastwick Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 7th March 2017 at Repps with Bastwick Village Hall at 8pm**

**In attendance:** Alison McTaggart (Chair), Cllrs: Thomas Ellis, John Mitchell, David Burrage, Andrew Wright, Philip Shreeve, and Fred Sharman, and Claudia Dickson (Clerk). BCllr Barry Coleman and PCSO Steve Dent. 6 members of the public.

1. **Apologies for Absence**

BCllr Mary Coleman, PC Gary May.

1. **Declarations of Interest in Respect of the Current Agenda**

Cllrs Burrage and Shreeve item 13 Allotments.

1. **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

It was proposed by Cllr Burrage that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as a true record. Seconded: Cllr Shreeve. Unanimously agreed. The minutes were signed by the Chair.

1. **Matters Arising**

Cllr Sharman was not aware he had been asked to register the Council’s interest in the Beacons of Light. Clerk to respond by the end of March.

Cllrs Wright, Sharman, Mitchell and McTaggart will be having a meeting with Barhale and Anglian Water regarding reinstating a path from the bus shelter to the layby.

1. **Borough and County Councillor Reports / Police Report**

BCllr Coleman had no news to report. Great Yarmouth Borough Council have increased their Council Tax by £5 per Band D property.

PCSO Dent reported 4 recent calls from the Repps with Bastwick area, none were crime related: 1 nuisance vehicle, 1 highway obstruction (dead animal in road), 1 domestic related incident, 1 vehicle being driven dangerously. The Police’s current priorities are rural vehicle speeding and anti-social behaviour. He gave the Clerk a speed watch leaflet.

1. **Purchase of a Defibrillator**

The Council had a presentation from Christine Wheeler, one of the first responders in Brundall, on how easy to use the defibrillators are. She indicated the cost of purchasing a defibrillator would be about £1,000. The Community Heartbeat Trust run a maintenance scheme for about £100 per annum to look after and replace the consumables.

The Clerk has registered the Parish Council’s interest in buying the decommissioned phone box from BT. They recommend using the Community Heartbeat Trust for the providers of defibrillators and connection. The CHT website says BT will pay for the first 7 years of electricity for the defibrillator, although electricity use should not be high.

Cllr Sharman will organise a fundraiser.

1. **Parish clerk’s report**

* The drainage at the Causeway was reported and the Clerk has had notification from Highways that is has been dealt with.
* The area in front of Manor Farm was reported and Highways confirmed they are looking at it but there has not been notification of completion.
* The Clerk contacted Bob West to arrange another meeting with Cllr Sharman but Cllr Sharman has not heard from him yet. Clerk to query.
* The Clerk asked the Council if they would be prepared to fund a training session for Wordpress in order to maintain the website as well as the previous Clerk. The course is £65 + VAT but the Clerk has asked her other Council to contribute so Repps’ share is £39. The Council agreed.
* The Clerk had discovered a possible funding source for community projects. Tesco Bags of Help provide grants of £1,000, £2,000 or £4,000.
* The Clerk had asked the Clerk for Acle how much the gateway village signs are they have recently installed. Acle has not had the final price in yet but were quoted £5,000 for ornate ones. The Clerk will ask again in a few weeks.

1. **Financial and administration matters**
2. The Income and Expenditure report was given to the Councillors and briefly explained by the Clerk.
3. Cheques for the requests for donations will be presented at the next meeting.
4. **Invoices to approve for payment**

Papers given to councillors for approval of spending in line with the budget. (Attached). Cllr Sharman proposed the payments be approved, seconded by Cllr Wright. Unanimously agreed. The cheques were signed by two councillors.

1. **Planning Matters**

There were no planning applications for consideration.

1. **Allotments**
2. A local resident, Rebecca Solomon, has taken on the vacant plot. She requested to be able to keep chickens. The Council agreed but not until the bird flu restrictions are lifted. The allotment agreement was signed by R Solomon and Cllr McTaggart, and witnessed by the Clerk.
3. **Correspondence**

* The Clerk had received an email from Mrs Janar Roberts regarding the drainage on Grove Road. She explained that the drain was raised above the level of the road and therefore any surface water did not drain away. Clerk to contact Highways to query the drain height.
* Diana Cornell, Chairman of the River Thurne Tenants Association, emailed to alert the Council to the annual litter pick along the banks of the River Thurne on Saturday 1st April. They will meet at 10 am at the Old Bridge Inn car park, next to the fish & chip shop. NNDC provide the sacks, litter pickers and Hi Viz jackets, and take the rubbish away at the end.

1. **Matters for reporting or future agenda**

* Cllr Wright was contacted by Mrs Shreeve asking if anything can be done about the conifers on Low Road. Clerk to contact the GYBC tree warden for help.
* Cllr Sharman commented that the new LED street lights are much better. They give a more direct light with no glare.
* The Lion Inn, Thurne, has closed. It is for sale for £200,000 with proposals to turn it into residential accommodation. It was suggested the Council, if asked, should support Thurne to help retain their pub.

1. **Public participation**

No members of the public had anything further to add.

1. **Date and Time of the Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 4th April 2017, in the Village Hall, commencing at 8 pm.

**Attachments:** Draft Payments, and Income and Expenditure summary.