**Minutes of the Meeting of Repps with Bastwick Parish Council held on**

**Tuesday 4th Julye 2023 at 8pm at Repps Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllr Fred Sharman (Chairman), Chris Ellis, Alison McTaggart, Andrew Wright, John Quickenden, Sam Mitchell, Hazel Rudrum, PC Gary May Beat Officer, District Councillor Leslie Mogford

**1. Apologies:** Those not in attendance, Tracy. She sends her apologies. Vice Chair Councillor Rudrum taking minutes.

**2. Declaration of Interest:** None.

**3. Approval of Minutes:** Approved and signed by Chair.

**4. Matters Arising:** info only, new benches arrived and are currently at Fred Sharman’s Farm. One is assembled, 2 others are waiting for assembly (Flat Pack).

Location:1x 3 seater at the park, 1x 2 seater at Riverside. 1x 2 seater at Low Road (near Allotment entrance.) **FS & TE**

**5. Councillors Report. - Councillor Lesley Mogford:** Congratulated on re-election. Increased majority win. Changes to the way the bough council is working. The Borough now has a elected cabinet that has 5-6 councillors on it.

A new scrutiny committee has also been created. A scrutiny committee is a select committee that is in place to question the cabinet. The scrutiny committee are not allowed to scrutinise the planning and licences committee due to these committees being bound by law. They are made up of the opposition and can have their say on matters. This has worked very well so far and is much fairer in the way the Borough is being run.

The new bridge at Great Yarmouth is to open soon.

Wind Farm is to be built; this will bring in more work vacancies for the borough. The wind turbines are being built in the borough rather than brought in from abroad. This will require new improvements to the roads to allow for increased transport and is currently in the planning phase. Acle straight will be dualled, the Vauxhall Roundabout will be rebuilt witha new bridge being included in the plans.

Great Yarmouth airport is hoping to be back up and running for helicopters, private flights and Drones used for delivering to rigs.

Chair Fred Sharman asked Lesley Mogfordif a water barrier could be installed in the future to protect farmland from salt water as fish are dying and farmland is being affected.

**Police Report, PC Gary May:** Community Newsletter given to parish, and forward to Councillors by the Clerk. Criag Miller new Police Superintendent has been appointed. Alcohol awareness week was launched (3rd-9th July) with police support for those effected by Alcohol abuse.

Councillors addressed PC Mayabout speeding motor bikes through the village and neighbouring villages. PC May has said that awareness is there and is being addressed. There is marked and unmarked police presence in the villages and police have approached public houses asking them to encourage customers to ride with respect in local areas. Parish Clerk to email police if need further assistance.

Wheels festival was a success.

There is a SNAP meeting every 3 months held in Flegg villages. These are meetings to bring up issues. These were held in GY but now moved to a more accessible Scratby village hall. Any one can also contact PC May via email or call. Meetings are announced on the website and on social media platforms. The police are tending to those who mostly need it currently and do as much as we can.

**Councillors questions to PC May**

* Fly tipping, we have had one incident recently (Mainly window frames and rubbish, they were kind enough to leave there number plate.) The culprits were caught on CCTV. This incident has been addressed and dealt with at local level.
* A local address in Repps with Bastwick is still coming up with complaints due to anti-social behaviour and trespassing. There are a number of things that we could consider. Anti-social behaviour act 2014 and a closure order for the property.PC May is to look into it.

Rollesby Bridge will be now a no parking Zone. The bump in the road may be addressed but it is helping to slow traffic.

Cyber crime is on the rise in our local area being affected. Local support and education is being issued.

If we need PC May we are to call him or email. If we don’t use him we will lose him.

**6. Correspondence:** Nothing to report. Signed payments for this month. Financial statements will be shown in September’s meeting.

**7. Parish Clerk: (Council discussion in Clerk’s absence)**

**Email Fraud:** Cllr Hazel Rudrum and Cllr Tom Ellis were both sent suspicious emails supposedly from Chair. Cllr Fred Sharman asking for the purchase of 3x £100 Apple gift vouchers. Tom and Hazel did not go and buy any vouchers but they both contacted Fred to alert him to a potential Hack. It looks like it was an email address that was created to look like Cllr Sharman’s and there was no link for “buying” the vouchers and suggested any near by shop…… This incident did how ever high light the need for the parish councillors to have Parish emails rather than personal ones.

**Milestone:** In the hands of Highways. As well as the Foot path, and Cable on Low Road. Meeting with Highways to address issues was disappointing as our issues weren’t interested or made the comment that many of the issues were not covered by this department of Highways. Speed limits, Street lights near Village Hall Junction and Low Road broken and live wires, Stone chips on Church Road, and other Issues still need to be addressed and will be done this needs to be addressed at the next meeting.

**A New Pump at Repps:** A newDouble one screw pump is to be installed. Jacobs ofBedfordshire will be the engineers in charge. They have taken samples and surveys to ensure that the ground is safe for heavy vehicles, the work to be conducted in 2025. Cllr Sharman mentioned work had already begun on access on a local farmers field, but nothing further has been done since.

**Agenda for next meeting:** Discuss Highways meeting that Cllr Sharman and Clerk, Tracy Neave attended in June was disappointing but high lights matters that need to be addressed.

**8. Allotments:** Nothing to report.

**9. Financial report:** Clerk on holiday will be addressed at next meeting.

**10. Planning:** No issues with Rushmere single story extension or Harbour View single story extension and feather boarding.

**11. Parish Partnership:**

Funding for Sam Speed limit signs. **This need to be addressed at the next meeting and expenses need to be looked at.**

Speed Calming Gates, 4 months planning and expensive. **Needs to be addressed at the next meeting.**

Potter Heigham and the viability survey money to be given? **This needs to be discussed further.**

Money for verge and junction Cutting 1x Verge and 1x Junction is all that is scheduled. Cllr Sharman is cutting certain areas due to harvest.

**12. Matters Arising.**

* Speed gate.
* Local property anti-social behaviour – **chase up PC Gary May**.
* Sam 26 vs Signs – instead of community speed watch.
* Money for village hall. - It was decided that the parish council has spent quiet a bit over the past year and is unable to offer any money at this point.
* Storage and permission to build a lean too so we can store a BBQs. Perhaps a small shipping container and doesn’t need planning permission. Wooden shelter may be open to vandels and thieves. Shipping containers are more secure.
* Parking on Repps Staithe done by 99 signs - £43 X2 (£90) – No Parking. – Agreed.
* Hedge cutting on the Staithe, Repps side of Potter Bridge (Seating area.).
* A Bus service improvement.

**13. Public Participation:** None in attendance.

**14. Next Meeting:** 5th September 2023 8pm.