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Minutes of the Beck Row, Holywell Row & Kenny Hill Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 12th September 2023 at 7.00pm

Attendance:

Councillor Gary Peachey Chair
 Councillor Alan Vickerage Vice-Chair
 Ms Jane Spenser Clerk to the Council
 Councillor Sue French
 Councillor Philip Haylock
 Councillor Steve Murrow (joined the meeting from 7.48pm)
 Councillor Anna Petric
 Councillor James Bailey (joined the meeting from 7.38pm until 8.45pm)

Members of the Electorate and other attendees:

District Councillor Don Waldron

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed all members.

A reminder to everyone that the meeting was being recorded for accurate writing of the minutes.

5864	<p><u>Apologies and acceptance for absence</u></p> <p>Apologies received from Councillor Bailey due to a work obligation but will attend if back in time. Councillor Murrow has an important work obligation and will get to this meeting when he can.</p>	
5865	<p><u>To receive member's declaration of interest and dispensations relating to items in this agenda.</u></p> <p>None received.</p>	
5866	<p><u>To resolve that the minutes of the meeting of the council held on Tuesday 11th July 2023 are a true and correct record.</u></p> <p>Councillor Murrow attended the meeting on 11th July 2023 as pointed out by Councillor Haylock. Amendment was made to the minutes prior to signing.</p> <p>Other than this amendment, it was resolved that the minutes were a true and correct record. The minutes were signed and dated by the Chair.</p>	

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5867	<p><u>To resolve that the minutes of the extraordinary meetings of the Council held on Tuesday 8th August 2023 and Friday 18th August 2023 are a true and correct record.</u></p> <p>It was resolved that the minutes of the extraordinary meetings on Tuesday 8th August and Friday 18th August were a true and correct record. The minutes were signed and dated by the Chair.</p>	
5868	<p><u>Progress Reports for information:</u></p> <p>a. Clerk including urgent decisions taken since the last meeting. Appendix E attached.</p> <p>b. The Beacon Everything for input purposes needed by 15.09.23.</p> <p>c. The Football Club Councillor Haylock reported that Beck Row Primary Academy will now be using the football club on a weekly basis on Friday for two hours a week. It is a very welcome use of the facility.</p>	
5869	<p><u>Public participation session (15 minutes) to include Police, District and County Councillors Reports.</u></p> <p>a. Squadron Leader Andy Bell – RAF Mildenhall No report received.</p> <p>b. Councillor Colin Noble – Suffolk County Council No report received.</p> <p>c. Councillor Don Waldron – West Suffolk Council Councillor Waldron reports that regarding the trees hanging into the garden next to the school, this needs to be reported to the school for them to instruct Suffolk County Council. Suffolk County Council has withdrawn funding from National Autistic Society within the Parish. Councillor Waldron had been involved in several local planning matters.</p>	
5870	<p><u>To consider planning applications</u></p> <p>DC/23/1405/VAR – application to vary conditions 2 (approved plans), 4 (cycle storage), 6 (biodiversity enhancement measures), 8 (details of boundary treatment) and 11 (NIA – mitigation) of application DC/21/2310/FUL for a. one dwelling; b. vehicular access. Land adjacent to Georgia House, Poplar Estate, Beck Row.</p> <p>As the Parish Council objected to the original planning of DC/21/2310/FUL their objection will remain regarding DC/23/1405/VAR.</p>	Action Clerk

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5871	<p><u>Finance:</u></p> <p>a. To receive for information the bank reconciliations -</p> <p>Appendix A and Appendix B - Reconciliation of Parish Council and Parish Hub bank accounts, previously circulated to members ahead of meeting, for the months ending July and August 2023 were received.</p> <p>b. To approve payments -</p> <p>i. Parish Council – appendix C ii. Parish Hub - appendix D</p> <p>Payments were authorised and appendix items can be found in the minute folder with signed minutes relating to this meeting.</p>	
5872	<p><u>To consider and approve the renewal quotation for the annual Community Insurance policy</u></p> <p>It was resolved that the policy be renewed at the annual premium of £3289.44.</p>	Clerk
5873	<p><u>To discuss 2023 Fireworks event</u></p> <p>(Councillor Bailey joined the meeting.)</p> <p>Councillor Haylock and Councillor Murrow had been in touch with Mr Pooley who has proposed the Parish fireworks event is held on his land, located where the Pumpkin Patch is usually sited. Mr Pooley would like to work alongside the Parish Council and, as the event would be on private land, it would mean the bonfire could return. The downside being that the event is on the outskirts of the village as opposed to Aspal Close. The land, however, has ample parking and would offer the opportunity for a larger scale event, away from residential homes and pet owners and off the nature reserve.</p> <p>The entry to the event this year would be as per previous years in the form of a donation. For following years, it would be an admission charge. The Parish Council will purchase the fireworks.</p> <p>Councillor Vickerage brought up the concern that, if we were no longer using Aspal Close, we would not be given permission again from West Suffolk Council to use the land.</p>	Cllr Haylock

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	<p>In view of councillor concerns regarding the event potentially losing its local community status Councillor Haylock mentioned that he would have land available to provide an alternative event should the need arise.</p> <p>It was agreed that, with the ever-growing Parish and the environmental concerns regarding the Close, along with pet owners, this was an idea to pursue.</p> <p>(Councillor Murrow joined the meeting.)</p> <p>It was resolved that further discussions with Mr Pooley regarding this plan take place. It was proposed that Councillor Haylock speak to Mr Pooley and put forward certain terms. Namely, being that local organisations, such as the Beck Row Buddies, are offered the same opportunity to run a stall at the event. The School are to be contacted and offered the opportunity to run a Guy event as previous years.</p> <p>It was suggested that the event be held on Sunday 5th November due to the location change, it would be more appropriate to hold it on 5th November.</p>	
5874	<p><u>To discuss a repeat “Love Your Village” event for Autumn</u></p> <p>Councillor Peachey has proposed another Love Your Village event be run. It was resolved that this was a good idea and has been scheduled for 28.10.23. More information will follow in the Beacon and online.</p>	
5875	<p><u>To consider and approve the purchase of a further solar enabled speed indicator sign</u></p> <p>Councillor Murrow proposed that the Council get the non-solar enabled speed indicator sign hard wired in and further purchase a solar enabled speed indicator sign. The Clerk will obtain a quote to provide at the October meeting.</p>	Clerk
5876	<p><u>To consider a shelter provision over the memorial bench of Mrs Jennifer Gates</u></p> <p>It was considered and decided that the bench was best left uncovered so a shelter will not be investigated further.</p>	
5877	<p><u>To discuss lack of maintenance of cycle path/pedestrian path from Beck Row to Mildenhall</u></p> <p>The Parish Council are aware of the issues and have reported this on the Highways reporting tool. There are, in fact, clearly many reports on the</p>	

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	reporting tool aimed at the cycle path along the 'base straight' A1101 and from the roundabout towards Mildenhall. This is, for many, their access route to school and work. The Parish Council will urge the electorate to use the reporting tool in a bid that Highways will address the overgrown vegetation and trees that are forcing users close to the national speed limit road.	
5878	<p><u>To discuss and consider next steps regarding Beck Row Parish Hub</u></p> <p>The cellar has been filled with foam concrete. Further investigation regarding the padstones can now take place. It was resolved to get this investigation work undertaken by G P Building Services in accordance with the report from Prior Associates Consulting Engineers.</p> <p>It was resolved to revisit this matter at an extraordinary meeting prior to the October monthly meeting in order to make progress towards the Hub reopening.</p>	
5879	<p><u>Matters for the next meeting</u></p> <p>Speed indicator sign quotation Fireworks and bonfire Safety equipment for village pond</p>	
5880	<p><u>Date of next meeting</u></p> <p>Tuesday 10th October 2023.</p>	
	Meeting closed at 9.10pm	

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