

**Minutes of the Meeting of Belmont Parish Council held at Belmont Community Centre  
On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at 6.30p.m.**

**Present:** Chairman D.J. Southwell, Vice-Chair G. Robinson-Lundy. Councillors T. Charlton, J. Corrigan, K. Corrigan, P. Conway, B. Howarth, S. Inglis, E. Mavin, L. Mavin, R. Murphy, B. Muylaert, D. Waggott.

**Also Present:** W. Weavill, P. Bage (Neighbourhood Wardens), W. Moir (County Councillor), A. Milligan, F. Smith, M. Watts, J. Bainbridge, C. Bainbridge (Members of the public)

**13.71 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies received from Councillor Joe Knight, C. Atkinson (Clerk), Police Rep P.C. Quarmby

**13.72 Declarations of Interest**

Declaration was received from Councillor D. Southwell in reference to 13.74 the Development of student accommodation.  
Councillor B. Howarth (Lamorna)

**Chairman Standing Order Suspended.**

**13.73 Miscellaneous Reports**

**a) Police**

No police present, no police report revived.

**b) Community Warden**

Reports received from Neighbourhood wardens. Little overall activity recently. Some car damage reported.

Parish incidents reported by councillors inc. Nuisance reports, damage to cars and a shop window on Willowtree Ave;

**c) Members of The Public**

Public reported need for maintenance of trees, bushes, grass in High Grange and Gilesgate areas. Also increased incidents of dog-fouling., raising issues of public health and safety in Providence Place area. Referred to County Councillors.

It was requested by the Chairman for feedback of tickets issued for dog fouling historically. He was informed that none had been taken.

Report of increased traffic using High Grange and Gilesgate areas as a rat run due to current roadworks on Belmont Rd

A concern was received re 'planning permission' for development to the rear of Willowtree Ave. Council already aware.

**Chairman re-imposed Standing Orders.**

13.74 **Planning Matters**

Planning Committee report. Councillor D.J. Southwell and Councillor B. Howarth left the meeting. The deputy chair took over chairing the meeting item, Student Accommodation,

Frank St. Chairman, having declared an interest, withdrew for the duration of discussion. Vice-chair agreed to write a letter of objection to Co. Council Planning Department including issues raised by members of the council.

In reference to 'Lamorna' development:

Council agreed to object to a stopping of the public footpath which impinges on this development.

13.75 **To Confirm and Sign as a Correct Record Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on July 4<sup>th</sup> 2013**

Minutes Approved, with request that where reference to amendments at 13.6, it should be itemised what the amendments are.

Councillor Patrick Conway was in attendance at the meeting.

13.76 **Clerk's report**

Revived and agreed

Agreed Item 13 a/c to be referred to the Cemetery Working Party.

13.77 **Presentation regarding Trespass From Councillor G. Robinson Lundy**

This was supported by members of the Parish Council in Discussion with Durham County Council.

13.78 **To Consider Risk Management in relation to items on the Agenda**

Members please note:- this is a standard item. Risk Management has been considered when compiling these notes for September 2013 meeting and has been incorporated into reports and presented to members.

13.79 **Financial Matters**

Finance: Agreed to hold a meeting of full parish council, Wed 18<sup>th</sup> September to discuss finance. Clerk to circulate agenda to members.

13.80 **Cemetery Reports**

Received and Agreed

13.81 **Thornley Parish Council**

Report received and supported but no action to be taken by ourselves.

13.82 **Standing Orders**

Received. Sub-committee to be formed to review Standing Order's in February/March 2014.

- 13.83 **Local Councils Explained**  
Received.
- 13.84 **Scrambles (Board Walks)**  
Estimate for Board Walks work approved.
- 13.85 **Model Publication Scheme**  
Received and Agreed
- 13.86 **Grant Awarding Policy**  
Received and agreed
- 13.87 **Winter Planting**  
Agreed: For the winter planting to be approved  
Approved
- 13.88 **Exclusion of Public and Press**  
That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (as extended by s. 100 of the Local Government Act 1972), the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by virtue of the paragraph specified against the item.
- 13.89 **Staff Salaries 1% increase (Society of Local Clerks)**  
Approved: For a 1% salary increase back dated to 1<sup>st</sup> April.
- 13.90 **Committee / Working Party Reports**  
Received from Cemetery Working Party, Parish News Letter and Playground Committee Meetings
- 13.91 **To Receive Reports From Ward Councillors**  
Received
- 13.92 **Any Other items of interest to note for inclusion on the Next Agenda**  
None

**Date and time of next Meeting - 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2013 at 6:30pm**

Meeting closed 9.p.m.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman Signature: \_\_\_\_\_