

Minutes of the Meeting of Belmont Parish Council held at Belmont Community Centre
On Thursday 3rd April 2014 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, J Knight, E. Mavin, L. Mavin, R. Murphy, B. Muylaert, D. Waggott.

Also Present: C Atkinson (Parish Clerk)
S. Overton (Clerical Assistant)
PCSO C. Gilley.
Members of the Public – (4)
Councillor, Mr Gilbank.

13.205 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies received from Councillor A. C. Walker.

13.206 **Declarations of Interest**

Members Please Note:- this is a standard item. If Members are aware of a personal or prejudicial interest in relation to any item on the Agenda this should be disclosed at this stage or when the interest becomes apparent during the consideration of an item in accordance with the Code of Conduct for Members. This item is linked to your Declaration of Members Interest forms please consult these forms when reading these notes on agenda items to ensure compliance with this item.

Declarations of interest were received from:

Councillor P. Conway (Planning)

Councillor D.J. Southwell (Stopping up Order Lamorna)

Councillors E. Mavin, B. Howarth, G. Robinson-Lundy (Belmont Library)

Councillors P. Conway, B. Howarth, J. Knight, K Corrigan, D. Waggott (Belmont Community Association)

The Chairman Suspended Standing Orders

13.207 **Miscellaneous Reports**

a) **Police**

PCSO C. Gilley explained that they were waiting for a police report.

b) **Community Warden**

There were no community wardens present, a report has been received.

Concerns raised were:

- Dog Fouling
- Dogs off leads

Report received: Agreed to enquire as to Warden control regarding dog fouling.

c) **Members of The Public**

- Councillors P Conway and S Inglis raised the concern of a resident, regarding a police raid on Belgravia House; re: vandalism on water pipes. The incident was reported, subsequently two people have since been arrested and charges have been levied. PCSO C. Gilley said Northumbrian Water Limited will have been notified of any damage.

- An incident occurred between a pedestrian and a motorist turning right into a housing estate; police were aware of this, but said there had been no one hurt.
- Councillor Conway said a permanent traffic island is to be put in place at the junction of Belmont Road, Willowtree Avenue. This work is due to be finished by the end of April. A reduction in the speed limit is also under consideration.
- Concerns were also raised about anti-social behaviour in Gilesgate Moor area; five youngsters from the parish area have been identified with the incident in Willowtree Avenue area. Councillor Conway said the area is still considered a low risk area in comparison with other areas and that the 101 system for reporting incidents of crime and anti-social behaviour had been put in place for residents.
- Vice Chair G. Robinson-Lundy expressed concern over youngsters riding motorcycles on public footpaths between Ferndale and Gorsedale; on one occasion carrying a passenger with no appropriate headgear.
- PACT Meeting date Monday 7th April 6pm – 7pm. At Gilesgate Primary School Communal Hall. Meetings to be held here on alternative weeks.
- Councillor B. Howarth raised concerns from the public that the crossing on Belmont Road by the Sportsmans Arms is unmanned and a danger for children.
- Dog fouling:- suggestion of camera surveillance, shared between Parishes.
- Rainton Gate- housing development for approximately 250 houses and 15 hundred cars – raising concerns for residents. Traffic issues may effect Belmont Parish.

Three Members of the public left the meeting.

Chairman D. J. Southwell thanked PCSO C. Gilley for attending the meeting.

13.208 **Planning Matters**

Obtained from Durham County Council Planning Department for March 2014.

Councillor B. Howarth spoke regarding the planning report for February/March.

01/04/14 Received the planning inspectorate letter re: Willowtree Avenue, Mr David Johns dismissed the appeal against the refusal for properties on Willowtree Avenue.

Councillor J. Knight thanked Councillor B. Howarth for the planning information.

Two members of the public left the meeting.

13.209 **To Confirm and Sign as a Correct Record Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6th March 2014**

Councillor P. Conway raised the question as to who arranged the Solicitors meeting.

This had been arranged by the Chair, the Parish Council will be informed of costs when available.

- Requested: that minutes be received by Councillors at least one week prior to council meetings, all relevant papers received well before meetings.

The Clerk and clerical assistant were requested by the Chair to leave the meeting, recalled ten minutes later.

Meeting interrupted.

The Chair left the left the meeting feeling unwell at 8:06pm .

Councillor P. Conway left to assist the Chair.

Vice-Chair G.Robinson - Lundy chaired the meeting in the Chairs absence.

3 minute recess.

13.210 **Clerk's report**

(a) Letters were forwarded/Received from:

(1) Npower: Robing room, Belmont Cemetery, Npower checked meter.

Agreed: to arrange an appointment to remove electricity meter at Belmont Cemetery).

(2) Total Business Group (Best Selling Lines in Stationery)

(3) Durham County Council (Grass Cutting Contract) informed that the Parish Council no longer has a grass cutting contract with Durham County Council, Louise Hudson, Neighbourhood Services.

(4) Mr John Crosby Devonshire Drive concern, - Walkways and Bridleways regarding a path linking old Durham Elvet/ Sunderland railway with a path between Renny's Lane and the Ramside for walking.

Agreed: That it should be referred to Durham County's Pubic Rights of Way, and also Sherburn Parish Council.

(5) Ward Bros Skip Hire to increase in price from £5.00 - £15.00 per skip, No date given for increase commencement.

(6) Durham to Rygate Railway (Resident's concern)

Agreed: To be referred to Pittington Parish Council, Northumbria Water and Sherburn Parish Council.

(7) War Memorial (S. Ragg) Ownership form.

(8) Need for Bus Shelter by Sportsmans Arms,Belmont Road, this was raised by Councillor A. C. Walker.

Agreed: to refer to the Highways Section.

(b) Correspondence Tabled Items:

(1) Clerk and Councils Direct

(2) Tenant Matters

(3) LCR (The Voice off Local Councils)

(4) The Clerks Magazine.

13.211 **Matters Arising from the Minutes not on the Agenda**

Basket Swing (Cheveley Park Play Area)

Agreed: for the Clerk to contact Mr Terry Collins regarding the return of the basket swing to Parish Council in order to arrange repair.

13.212 **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.

13.213 **Financial Matters**

Finance documents outlining Receipts and Payment of Accounts

(a) To receive receipts and payments of Accounts from February 26th - March 21st 2014 *

Received and Agreed.

(b) To Consider Donation Requests

- (1) Beautiful Durham Competition Sponsorship (Trophies, Prize Money, Publicity, Printing) £100.
- (2) Friends of Belmont Library (Talks on local subjects) £150.
- (3) Belmont Community Association (Signage) £130.

(c) Membership and Subscriptions

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13.214 **Cemetery Reports**

Received and Agreed:

(a) To Receive the report of Burials during the month of March 2014

(2)

(b) To Receive the report of Grave & Ashes Purchases during the month of March 2014

(1)

(c) To Consider Memorial Erection and Additional Inscription Applications, March 2014

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| (1) | Adam Williams Humphreys J708 Bramm Certificate and Liability (believed exclusive right holder deceased) | Eden Memorials Insurance Received) |
| (2) | Harry Richardson KK8 | Scott Memorials Namm specification |
| (3) | Deborah Mason AA8 Namm specification | Paul Rushworth Liverpool (believed exclusive right holder deceased) |
| (4) | Barbara Rose Chicken HH14 | Scott Memorials Namm specification |

(d) Ashes interred in Burial Plots March 2014

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13.215 **Tenders for fencing at Cheveley Park Play Area**

Tender A. Brambledown Landscapes £11,714.60 including VAT.

Tender B. Wicksteed Playscapes £8,080.00 excluding VAT

Agreed: Unanimous decision, (Wicksteed Playscapes). Option 2.

13.216 **Cheveley Park Play Area (path widening)**

Councillor P. Conway proposed looking at costing for the project.

Councillor E. Mavin agreed to take concern to the Playground Committee for discussion.

13.217 **Minutes,Accounts,Agenda Storage (County Hall Records Office)**

The Clerk recommends that selected documents be consigned for storage with County Hall Records Office on loan for future reference.

Councillor P. Conway supports the Clerks recommendation without reservation.

13.218 **Committee / Working Party Reports**

Deferred.

(a)Playground Development Committee information

(b)Planting Scheme Working Party Information

(c) Cemetery Working Party Information

(d) Friends of Belmont Scrambles Group Information

(e) Parish Plan Steering Group Information

(f) Planning Committee

(g) Finance Working Party

(h) Personnel & Training Advisory Panel

(I) Asset Task Group

(j) Quality Parish Status

(k) Jubilee Working Party

13.219 **To Receive Reports From Ward Councillors**

Deferred.

13.220 **Any Other items of interest to note for inclusion on the Next Agenda**

(1) Childrens Art Competition Donation. **Agreed:** £250

(2) Dog Signage (Play Areas)

Agreed: to refer to the Playground Committee.

(3) Councillor T. Charlton

Concerns raised: Grass cutting, Street light out in the vennel,
Park and Ride Signs.

Date and time of next Meeting - 1st May 2014 at 6:30pm

Meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

Date: _____

Chairman Signature: _____