

**Minutes of Belmont Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 3rd July 2014
at 6:30pm in Belmont Community Centre**

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

Also present: Mrs S. Overton Clerical Assistant
Public (17)

14.40 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D. Waggott, A.C. Walker and C. Atkinson Parish Clerk.

14.41 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 Councillors D.J. Southwell (Planning)
K. Corrigan (Planning) P. Conway (Planning)

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders.

14.42 Miscellaneous Reports

a) Police

There were no police present at the meeting.
Information sheets received.

Incidents

Gilesgate Moor

Belmont

1) Thefts - There have been 2 thefts. 1) Belmont Comprehensive –hard drive stolen. 2) A bike was stolen from outside a shop at Cheveley Park Shops – Suspect known

2) Burglary - There were 1 reported burglaries. Stolen goods from a work cabin at Ramside Hall – 17/06/2014

Carrville

1) Criminal Damage - There were 1 report of criminal Damage.
Carrville High Street – 28/06/2014 – A window was smashed.

Anti-Social Behaviour

There were 24 reports of ASB.

There have been reports of ASB of youths causing a nuisance and off road bikes. We have seized an off road bike and gave 3 warnings out. There have also been operations to tackle SB in the area and targeted patrols in hot spot areas.

b) Warden Report

There were no wardens present at the meeting.

c) Members of The Public

The secretary of Belmont Bowling Club asked the Parish Council for any support they could offer towards upkeep and maintenance of the club.

Agreed: members expressed unanimous support.

The Chairman re-imposed Standing Orders.

14.43 Planning Matters

Obtained from Durham County Council Planning Department for June 2014

Planning reports were handed out to all Councillors; June Countywide Delegated List and June Weekly planning list.

A meeting is to be held on Thursday July 17th with planners and representative from Ramside Hall Estates at 5.30 p.m. in Belmont Community Centre.

Note: Separate report attached from Councillor B. Howarth.

14.44 Confirm and Sign the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 5th June 2014

Agreed: Signed with amendments.

14.31 **From to To** from the Scrambles

14.35 **From** Church of England Registrar and the Bishop of Jarrow accompanied by the Church of England Diocesan Registrar Mr R. Penrose **To** Bishop of Jarrow and by the Church of England Diocesan Registrar.

14.38 **From** Bears **To** Beavers **From** cut back the Bracken on the Scrambles **To** trampled the Bracken and Himalayan Balsam on the Scrambles

14.45 Matters of Information, Clerk's Report, Correspondence Tabled Items – For Information

The Chairman reported that he has drafted the Order of Service for the Cemetery Consecration on July 23rd 2014.

14.46 Matters Arising from the Minutes not on the Agenda

Check with Mr. E. Malarkey if cradle basket was now in the Cemetery Robing Room.

Agreed

A concern was raised over potholes at the rear of Cheveley Park shops, the area is not the responsibility of either the Durham County Council or the Parish Council.

A concern was discussed concerning speeding in High Grange Estate, this is a Durham County Council matter.

14.47 Risk Management in Relations to Items on the Agenda

Members please note:- this is a standard item. Risk Management has been considered when compiling these notes for July 2014 meeting and has been incorporated into reports and presented to Members.

Received.

14.48 Financial matters

a) Financial Statement

Agreed

b) Quotation For Footpath Chevely Park Playground Temder Placed, Durham County Council
£9,750.59

Agreed

14.49 Cemetery Reports

Deferred

14.50 Risk Assessment

Deferred

14.51 Standing Orders

Deferred

14.52 Financial Regulations

Deferred

14.53 Sponsorship from local shops and placement of plaques on flower beds.

The design and size of the plaques regarding sponsorship from local shops would be discussed at the next meeting of the Planting Scheme Working Party in September.

Agreed

14.54 Pricing for Winter Planting

An estimate was handed out to members from Mr. E. Malarkey regarding the maintenance and cost of the winter planting.

Agreed

14.55 Scrambles Gate

To have the Kissing Gate made from steel was the preferred option, at a cost of £3,280 for the entrance to the Scrambles. The Parish Paths Partnership will be contributing £1,000 towards the cost.

Agreed

14.56 Attendance of two delegates from Parish Council to attend training planning meeting on 30th July.

Councillors B. Howarth and R. Murphy will be attending the training planning meeting, to be held 30th July 2014 at County Hall.

Agreed

14.57 Dog Control/Dog Fouling

Councillor E. Mavin has drafted signs to be put up in local play areas. It was agreed that information regarding fixed penalties should be included on the signs.

14.58 Durham County Council bowls facilities consultation.

It was suggested that two representatives from Belmont Bowling Club should attend a meeting regarding funding applications, which is to be held Saturday 5th July in Laurel Avenue Community Centre at 10.00am.

14.59 To Receive Working Party Reports

(a) Playground Development Committee information

No report.

(b) Planting Scheme Working Party Information

Councillor Muylaert reported that the children's art competition presentation had gone well in Belmont Library. It was reported that all hanging baskets had been given out to participating residents in Carrville High Street.

(c) Cemetery Working Party Information

No report

(d) Friends of Belmont Scrambles Group Information

Report received from Ken Neat, Chairman of Friends of Belmont Scrambles.

(e) Parish Plan Steering Group Information

No report.

(f) Planning Committee

No meeting this month. All matters considered under agenda item 14.43

(g) Finance Working Party

No report.

(h) Personnel & Training Advisory Panel

No report.

(i) Asset Task Group

No report.

(j) Quality Parish Status

No report.

(k) Memorial Garden

No report.

14.60 To Receive Reports from Ward Councillors

Belmont Ward

Following on from special meeting with Mr. I. Hoult on the 19th June regarding dog fouling, it was agreed that Councillor E. Mavin was to arrange for signs to be placed in the playgrounds displaying responsible dog ownership and fixed penalties for dog fouling.

It was reported that the Public Rights of Way Officer was going to put concrete ramps at the entrance to Belmont Scrambles from Birkdale Gardens, to help with pedestrian access.

Councillor B. Howarth reported that the meeting with the Durham County Council representative had been positive regarding the cemetery wall. Durham County Council Representative to submit points by e-mail with options to consider re progress.

Councillor R. Murphy reported that residents were querying the progress of Broadband in Birkdale area. Councillor Conway reported that this matter would be scheduled by the end of the current year.

Gilesgate Moor Ward

Councillor E. Mavin had received a quotation from Debby Maud regarding memorial garden, of £10,615. Chairman D.J. Southwell said that this was well within budget.

Carrville Ward

Councillor S. Inglis raised the concern of speeding cars in the area. This would be a matter for Durham County Council.

14.61 Any other Business date and time of next meeting Thursday 4th September 2014 at 6.30pm In Belmont Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

Date -----

Signature -----