

Minutes of Belmont Parish Council held on Thursday 2nd October 2014 in Belmont Community Centre at 6.30p.m.

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

Also Present: Mrs N Quarmby (Police)
Mrs C Atkinson (Parish Clerk)
Public (3)

14.86 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillors. D. Waggott, A. Walker, J. Corrigan, K. Corrigan.

14.87 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)

The Chairman set down standing orders.

14.88 Miscellaneous Reports

(a) Police

A police report was received and will be attached to the minutes.
A Pact Meeting will be held on the 20th October at 6.00p.m in Broomside Lane Communal Hall, Carrville.
Councillor J. Knight said that he had volunteered for Speedwatch but has not been contacted yet.

(b) Community Warden

No wardens report was received, Mrs B. Snow gave her apologies for non attendance.

Agreed: for the Clerk to request a wardens report for Belmont, Carrville and Gilesgate Moor.

(c) Members of the Public

Matters of concern raised were:

1/ ATM Cash Machine scanning within the parish.

2/ Speeding traffic in Willowtree Avenue.

Councillor P. Conway explained there had been a meeting for a 20 m.p.h. speed limit, that there had only been 1 accident which did not involve speeding, Councillor P. Conway has requested that Durham County Council progress with this.

Mrs N. Quarmby (Police) explained that a police meeting had taken place, that she would see if she could arrange another meeting.

Councillor E. Mavin raised a concern regarding Pittington Lane going into Broomside Lane, that calming signs were going to be placed there, but had not been as yet.

3/ Speed & Volume of traffic.

Chair, D.J. Southwell informed members and public present to watch this space as he would raise this exact question at the County Hall.

The Chair D. J. Southwell thanked the Police & Public for attending the meeting.

The Chairman re-imposed standing orders.

14.89 Planning Matters*

Obtained from Durham County Council Planning Department for September 2014.
Reports presented to members were the Weekly Planning List August/ September.
Countywide Delegated Planning List August/September

These reports will be attached to the minutes.

(a) A 1 hour planning presentation was arranged for the 2nd October 2014 at 5.30p.m – 6.30p.m in Belmont Community Centre.

(b) Morrisons

Letter received on 11th September 2014, they have written to all members of the parish council.

(c) B & Q Application DM/14/02769/FPA.

Agreed: for a letter to be forwarded to the planning department raising concerns regarding volume of traffic and effect of delivery traffic.

(d) Planning Application DM/14102772/VOC Atello SPV Ltd.

Agreed: for a letter to be forwarded to the planning committee with no objections.

14.90 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 4th September 2014

Minutes attached. *

Agreed: for the Chair to sign the minutes with ammendments and for the minutes 3rd July/ 4th September once ammended to be e-mailed to all Councillors.

Ammendments are:

1/ Minute No 14.78, decline becomes declined.

2/ Minute No 10.70 becomes 14.70.

3/ Minute No 14.70, Agreed becomes Received.

4/ Minute No 14.64, R.D OC becomes R.D.O.C.

5/ Minute No 14.68, 20.00 becomes £20.00

6/ Minute No 14,71, all received and agreed becomes Received and Agreed.

7/ Minute No 14.82, I.T.A. ADD Mr A Thurwell's name.

14.91 Matters Arising from the Minutes not on the Agenda

4th September Minutes to be ammended as above.

Received and Agreed:

14.92 Clerk's Report, Correspondence Tabled Items – For Information *

(a) Cemetery Wall

Agreed: to move forward and look at costings, also agreed to widen the cemetery entrance.

Agreed: for Councillor P. Conway to arrange a meeting for Belmont Parish Council with the 3 County Councillors.

Agreed: for Councillors, R. Murphy, L. Mavin to attend a budget training course.

(b) Correspondence Tabled Items

(0)

Received:

(c) Letters forwarded to:

- (a) Mrs. Turnbull (regarding purchases of ashes plots within Belmont Cemetery)
- (b) Mr. Murphy, Beechdale Road (regarding overhanging trees at Belmont Cemetery)
- (c) Ms T Niles (regarding Stone Masonry for Belmont Cemetery Wall)
- (d) Remembrance Service Invitation to the Chair D.J. Southwell, accepted by letter.
- (e) Office Risk Assessment, it was agreed for fire safety items to be installed in the parish office, fire extinguisher/ fire blanket and new first aid kit which was agreed with Belmont Community Association.

Agreed: for the Clerk to confirm with Mr J. Wells.

- (f) A meeting took place on the 26th September 2014 with the Bowls and Cricket Club.
- (g) All members received a copy of The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 issued under s. 43 (2) of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014.
- (h) All members received a copy of the adopted NALC Model Standing Orders, clause (section 3).

14.93 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 October 2014 meeting and has been incorporated into reports and presented to Members.

Received:

14.94 Financial Matters*

Finance documents outlining Receipts and Payment of Accounts

(a) To receive Receipts and Payments of Accounts from 15th August 2014 – 25th September 2014 *

(b) To Consider Donation Requests

(0)

Received:

(c) Membership and Subscriptions

(0)

Received:

(d) All members received an up to date Asset List as at 30th August 2014.

The Clerk will amend the date from 31st March 2014 to the 30th August 2014.

14.95 Cemetery Reports*

(a) To receive the report of Burials during the month of September 2014

(0)

Received:

(b) To receive the report of Grave & Ashes Purchases during the month of September 2014

(1)

Received:

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

(0)

Received:

d) Ashes interred in Burial Plots July/August 2014

(0)

Received:

14.96 Standing Orders

All Councillors were invited to read the Standing Orders before this evening's meeting.

Agreed: to update the section on recording and storage of weekly planning information, other Standing Orders remain the same.

14.97 Plaques (further information)

The Clerk has taken advice from Zurich that the parish council should provide a disclaimer to anyone who has tubs or planters, have them sign the disclaimer and that a check for wear and tear should be carried out monthly and a record kept by the parish council.

The above information was given to the Chair of the Planting Scheme Working Party Mrs. B. Muylaert.

Agreed: to forward to the Planting Scheme Working Party.

14.98 60ft Tree (Rennys Lane).

A site visit was arranged for Monday 22nd September.

Agreed: that this tree is in the area of Sherburn Parish Council or Durham County Council, agreed to forward the information to both parties.

14.99 Purchase of wreath for Remembrance Sunday.

Received and Agreed:

14.100 Laying of wreath at Remembrance Day Service.

Agreed: for the Chair D.J. Southwell to lay the wreath on behalf of the parish council.

14.101 Donation for refreshment after Remembrance Service

Agreed: for a donation of £100.

14.102 To Receive Committee / Working Party Reports

(a) Playground Development Committee information

Councillor E. Mavin explained that the signage for play area's had been agreed to be placed in all play area's. That the BMX liability sign is to be replaced.

(b) Planting Scheme Working Party Information

Councillor B. Muyleart said that we had received Silver for the Northumbria in Bloom competition and that there was no winner presented for the Beautiful Durham Competition.

Notes from a Planting Scheme Working Party Meeting held on 12th September 2014 were presented to members.

(c) Cemetery Working Party Information

A Cemetery Working Party Meeting had been arranged.

Cemetery Working Party notes were presented for meetings held on the 1st October 2014.

(d) Friends of Belmont Scrambles Group Information

That a meadow cut would not now take place until next year, that there were signs on area's stating NO MOTORCYCLES.

Work on the gates would go ahead soon and that brambles had been cut bck.

(e) Parish Plan Steering Group Information

No Report

(f) Planning Committee

Information was received earlier in the meeting.

A Special Planning Presentation was held today at 5.30p.m. to 6.30p.m. by Mrs. S. Eldridge from Durham County Council.

(g) Finance Working Party

That a meeting was being arranged with the Cemetery Working Party and 3 County Councillors regarding the Cemetery wall.

Minutes from a Finance Working Party meeting held on 29th August were presented.

(h) Personnel & Training Advisory Panel

No Report

(i) Asset Task Group

Asset Task Group minutes were presented from a meeting held on 24th September 2014.

(j) Quality Parish Status

No Report

(k) Memorial Garden

In the process of being planned.

14.103 Reports from Ward Councillors

Gilesgate Moor

Councillor S.Inglis raised concerns about overhanging trees on Moorfield Play Area; Ashdown grassed area's, a request for parking by a resident, public parking on junctions.

That Gilesgate Primary School had won the Best Schools Award, congratulations to school staff and pupils.

Agreed: for the Clerk to forward a letter on behalf of the parish council.

Carrville

Councillor J. Knight raised concerns regarding Wantage Road, builders bad language, loud radio's, speeding

Belmont

Councillor G. Robinson-Lundy raised concerns regarding parked cars on the corner of Brackendale and Cheveley Park Shops.

14.104 Any Other Items of Interest to Note or for Inclusion on the next Agenda.

Date and time of next Meeting –Thursday 6th November 2014 at 6.30p.m to be held at Belmont Community Centre

The meeting closed at 9.00p.m.

Date: _____

Chairman Signature _____

