

**Minutes of Belmont Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 8th January 2015 at
6.30 p.m. in Belmont Community Centre.**

Present: Chair D.J. Southwell, Councillors, T. Charlton, J. Corrigan, P. Conway, B. Howarth, S. Inglis, J. Knight, E. Mavin, L. Mavin, R. Murphy, B. Muylaert.

Also Present: S. Overton (Clerical Assistant)

Members of the Public : (3)

14.150 To Receive Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Vice-Chair G. Robinson-Lundy, Councillors K. Corrigan, A.C. Walker, D. Waggott.

14.151 To Receive 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) and Councillor K. Corrigan (planning).

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 6.35 p.m.

14.152 To Receive Miscellaneous Reports

(a) Police

There were no police present at the meeting.

(b) Community Warden

There was no Warden present at the meeting.

(c) Members of the Public

Members of the public had various problems regarding volume and weight of vehicles using Wantage Road and concerns were made regarding construction traffic from the Ramside Hall Estates also using this road as an entrance and exit to their building site.

Concerns were also raised regarding traffic sign-age. The Chairman D.J. Southwell informed the residents that he would organise a site meeting with the representatives from Durham County Council to address their concerns.

Reverend M. Threlfall-Holmes from the Parish Church put forward the suggestion of putting up an annual display of Christmas lights in the parish. Chairman D.J. Southwell advised her to set up a sub-committee in order to gather information regarding costings, Health and Safety and support from other churches and then to approach the Parish Council with the evidence.

The Chairman re-imposed Standing Orders at 7.20 p.m.

14.153 To Consider and Make Comment on Planning Matters*

Obtained from Durham County Council Planning Department for December 2014

The Weekly Planning List – December 2014 and the Countywide Delegated List – December 2014 will be attached to the minutes.

Councillor Howarth gave a planning report which is attached to these minutes.

It was agreed that Councillor Howarth should speak at the Planning Committee meeting to be held on

Tuesday 13th January 2015 at 1.00 in County Hall regarding Willowtree Avenue – DM/14/03318/RM.

Councillor Knight expressed his thanks on behalf of the Parish Council to Councillor Howarth for her hard work and dedication regarding the planning.

14.154 To Confirm and Sign as a Correct Record Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 4th December 2014

Minutes attached. *

Agreed and signed as a correct record.

14.155 To Receive Matters Arising from the Minutes not on the Agenda

None received.

14.156 To Receive Matters of Information, Clerk's Report, Correspondence Tabled Items – For Information *

(a) Letters/ E-mails forwarded to:

- 1/ Executive Caterers (Thank you letter)
- 2/ T.M Travel (Thank you letter)
- 3/ Mr Baxter (Bristol Street Motors Signage)
- 4/ Belmont Community School (Thank you letter)
- 5/ Mr K. Telford (Willowtree Paths)
- 6/ Invitation to Neighbourhood Warden
- 7/ Invitation to Police
- 8/ Interplan Signs, Mr D. Turnbull (Requested update for Bmx sign and Play Area Signage. Reply: awaiting date.
- 9/ Stopping up order (Willowtree Paths)
- 10/ Mr T. Burnham (Planning, Willowtree Development)
- 11/ Mr Potter, 99, Thorndale (Planning, regarding fence)
- 12/ Donation e-mail for a £50 donation to the Holocaust Memorial Fund (to be agreed at the January meeting) - **Agreed**
- 13/Zurich Municipal

(b) Correspondence Tabled Items:

- 1/ L.C.R. Magazine –

Received:

14.157 Risk Management

Members please note:- this is a standard item. Risk Management has been considered when compiling these notes for January 2015 meeting and has been incorporated into reports and presented to Members.

14.158 To Consider and Make Comment on Financial Matters*

Finance documents outlining Receipts and Payment of Accounts

To receive receipts and payments of Accounts from 25th November 2014 - 31st December 2014

Received and agreed:

(a) To Consider Donation Requests

- (1) Holocaust Memorial Fund (£50)

Received and agreed:

(b) Membership and Subscriptions

- (1) SLCC membership 2015

Received and agreed:

14.159 To Consider and Make Comment on Cemetery Reports*

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

(1)

Received:

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

(2)

Received:

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

(1) Mr R. Wilson Plot T27 Scott Memorials

Received and agreed:

d) Ashes interred in Burial Plots December 2014

(0)

Received:

14.160 To Decide a Date for a Personnel Committee Meeting

It was agreed the date for the Personnel Committee meeting would be Tuesday 27th January 2015 at 4.30 p.m. in Belmont Community Centre.

Received:

14.161 To Receive Internal Audit Report

Received and agreed:

14.162 Society of Local Council Clerks Membership Renewal for 2015

Received and agreed:

14.163 To Receive Committee / Working Party Reports

(a) Playground Development Committee information

No meeting this month

(b) Planting Scheme Working Party Information

No meeting this month

(c) Cemetery Working Party Information

No meeting this month

(d) Friends of Belmont Scrambles Group Information

It was reported that work on trees had now commenced. Gates are now complete with two sets of keys, K. Neat to have the second set.

The Parish Council has now received contribution from P3.

The Chairman will be writing to Mr.K.Neat and Councillor B. Howarth in the near future for their input with the Friends of Belmont Scrambles.

(e) Parish Plan Steering Group Information

No meeting this month

- (f) Planning Committee
No meeting this month
- (g) Finance Working Party
No meeting this month
- (h) Personnel & Training Advisory Panel
No meeting this month
- (i) Asset Task Group
No meeting this month
- (j) Quality Parish Status
No meeting this month

14.164 To Receive Reports from Ward Councillors

Belmont

A concern was raised regarding getting salt bags for icy weather at the end of Ferndale Road.

Carrville

A concern was raised regarding an excess amount of mud on the bridge at Broomside Lane.
This was agreed to be a Durham County Council matter

Gilesgate-Moor

Councillor Inglis raised the concern of young people on 2 quad bikes wearing no safety helmets near Junior School at Bradford Crescent.

It was agreed that Durham County Councillor P. Conway should be asked to make enquiries on all three above concerns.

Councillor Corrigan raised the concern of parking in front of bollards outside the Old Chapel on Rennys Lane (Councillor D.J.Southwell to address this concern)

Councillor D.J.Southwell informed councillors that he had requested Durham County Council to have the hessian removed from the safety fencing and the safety fencing re-erected properly on the old Grange pub site at Kepier Crescent. Councillor D.J Southwell will work with the owner of the site and volunteers to keep the site tidy.

Councillor Howarth thanked the Chairman D.J.Southwell, administration assistant, Mrs. S. Overton, and IT assistant, Mr. A. Thurlwell for their support during the Clerks absence.

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

Date and time of next Meeting –Thursday 5th February 2015 at 6.30p.m to be held at Belmont Community Centre

Date _____

Chairman's signature _____

Planning Report December 2014 – January 2015

Application DM/02772/VC: Renny's Lane, Dragonville (student accommodation)
Reduced scale of development - **Approved but subsequently WITHDRAWN.**

Application DM/11/00006/RM: 13 Ramside Park, Pittington Lane - Approved

Application DM/14/03318/RM: Land north of Willowtree Avenue, Gilesgate Moor.
Erection of 42 residential dwellings/ Reserved Matters - **Pending - COMMITTEE – JAN. 13TH 2015.**
Public Right of Way and stopping up of unadopted paths across the above site.
Letter sent to Rights of Way Officer as agreed at Full Council on 4th Dec. 2014 - **Pending decision.**

Application DM/14/02912/OUT: Mill Lane, Sherburn Village.
Up to 120 residential dwellings - Further letter sent regarding possible effect on medical services.
Pending decision – committee

Application DM/14/0342/AD: Bristol Street Motors, Carrville.
Erection of 6m illumination pole sign as part of proposed signage.
Letter of objection to corner illuminated sign sent. **Pending decision** - delegated.

Application DM/14/03570/FPA: 99 Thorndale Road, Belmont.
Erection of boundary fence (retrospective). Parish Council objections sent.
Pending decision - delegated.

Application DM/14/03708/FPA: Land to the south of New Ferens Park, Belmont Industrial Estate.
Pullman - New showroom with service workshop, external forecourt and parking, offices and a cafe.
Letter raising some concerns sent – **Pending decision**

