

**Minutes of Belmont Parish Council on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 6.30 p.m. in Belmont Community Centre**

**Present:** Chairman Councillor D. J. Southwell, Vice-Chair Councillor R. Murphy, Councillors T. Charlton, P. Conway, B. Howarth, S. Inglis J. Knight, E. Mavin, L. Mavin, D. Waggott and A.C. Walker.

**Also present:** Mrs S. Overton (Parish Clerk)  
Members of Public (1)

15.192 To Receive Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillors K. Corrigan, J. Corrigan, B. Muylaert and G. Robinson-Lundy.

Police

Neighbourhood Warden (Belinda Snow)

15.193 To Receive Declarations of Interest.

Declarations of Interest were received from Councillor P. Conway in Planning and Donations.

**The Chairman suspended Standing Orders**

15.194 To Receive Miscellaneous Reports

(a) Police.

A report was received.

(b) Community Warden.

No report received from the Neighbourhood Warden.

(c) Members of the Public.

Nothing to report.

**The Chairman re-imposed Standing Orders.**

15.195 To Consider and Make Comment on Planning Matters\*.

Obtained from Durham County Council Planning Department for March 2016. \*

Councillor B. Howarth commented on current planning applications with reference to Durham County Council Planning List for March 2016 and Delegated Outcomes for March 2016 drawing attention to related Parish Council action regarding:

Application DM/15/00355/VOC: Variation of condition 2 of approval CE/13/00849/FPA Renny's Court, Gilesgate Moor for Studio US Ltd.

APPLICATION APPROVED with amendment of some conditions such as S106. –  
DELEGATED

Application DM/15/02276/FPA: Angerstein Court, Broomside Lane, Carrville.

Conversion of an Existing Cycle and Maintenance Store into Studio Apartment.

APPLICATION REFUSED AT COMMITTEE on March 8th (Committee attended by Councillor D.J. Southwell)

Application DM/15/03186/FPA: A690 Specialist Cars Ltd. Belmont Bridge Carrville, Durham. Extension of garage to form workshop.

APPLICATION APPROVED - DELEGATED

Application DM/14/02912/OUT: 120 dwellings off Mill Lane, Sherburn Village.

Resubmission Application DM/16/00400/OUT: seemingly same as the above. As agreed at March meeting, a letter of objection has been sent with objections as made to previous application, adding reference to need for adequate pharmacy/chemist shop provision.

Pending decision

Application DM/16/00018/FPA: Land South of New Ferens Park, Belmont Industrial Estate. New diagnostics and treatment centre.

As agreed at February meeting, a letter has been sent, emphasising need for landscaping and ecological safeguarding and stressing need for protection of trees with Tree Preservation Orders.

Pending Committee decision on April 12th. It was agreed not to request for a Parish Councillor representative to speak.

Application DM/16/00026/FPA: 107a High Street Carrville. Change of use from B2 to a mixed class use retail A1 and restaurant/café

As agreed at February meeting, a letter has been sent asking for refusal on grounds of lack of parking and the effect on resident amenity and other local businesses.

APPLICATION APPROVED AT COMMITTEE on March 8th. (Committee attended by Councillor D.J. Southwell)

Application DM/1501689/RM: Avant Homes Development at Willowtree Avenue

Unregistered footpaths – Section 38 Agreement- details of highways adoption standards, inspection and enforcement, as supplied by Team Leader of Highways Adoption, was relayed to members for confirmation.

Right of Way Path 5 – after discussion of future construction and reinstatement it was confirmed that the Parish Council did not wish to be involved in the maintenance of the section of Path 5 from Willowtree Avenue to the point of leaving Kepier Car Park

going to the riverside woodland. This section has already been deleted from our P3 agreement. Agreed: Decision to be clarified with the ROW Section.

#### CONSULTATION ON PREPARATION OF NEW COUNTY PLAN

It was agreed that the Parish Council should request to be involved in Consultation and re-register as a consultee. Consultee/Agent ID 792225.

This was confirmed by the Parish Clerk Mrs. S.Overton.

15.196 To Confirm and Sign as a Correct Record Minutes of the Meeting of Belmont Parish Council held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016. Minutes attached \*.

15.197 To Receive Matters Arising from the Minutes not on the Agenda.

15.174 Councillor E. Mavin supported by Durham County Councillors, e-mailed all Parish Councils and all schools regarding the Community use of 106 monies Scheme. Councillor E. Mavin reported, up till this time only one parish council has responded, Shadforth Parish Council. Prior to this action Mr T. Boyd General Manager of Ramside Estates agreed to this action. The Vice Chair has tried to put all information regarding 106 Ramside Estates requiring Community Use on the website. At this time, it has not been possible to achieve this.

Belmont Boxing Project- Durham Constabulary has been granted £3000 by ‘County Durham Sport’ and Sport England’ and they intend to put a boxing club in Belmont Community Centre.

**Agreed:** For Belmont Parish Council to finance this for £14.00 per week commencing in May 2016.

15.182 – A meeting was held with the Planting Scheme Working Party attended by the Chair Councillor B. Muylaert and Councillors T. Charlton and J. Knight regarding the re-instating of two rose beds outside Belmont Community Centre.

**Agreed:** It was agreed that two rose beds would be formed in front of Belmont Community Centre one at either side of the footpath.

15.188 Broomside Lane land – All documents to be forwarded onto the parish office on completion of the transfer by Land Registry, Durham.

15.198 To Receive Matters of Information, Clerk’s Report, Correspondence Tabled Items – For Information\*.

- (1) Cooper Stott Solicitors questionnaire form.
- (2) Planning letter to Peter Herbert APP DM/1600400/OUT MILL LANE
- (3) Letter to 2000 Legal Limited Claims Department (Liam Jones)
- (4) Zurich (documents regarding Liam Jones Claim)

- (5) E-Mail from resident regarding refuse on railway embankment, Broomside Lane.
- (6) Bus rates bill has been debited and credited for £454.96 for small business charge relief.
- (7) E-Mail from a resident regarding bridleway, Kenny's Place stretch of the A6890, Councillor P. Conway is dealing with this matter with Durham County Council.
- (8) Mayor's invite to Children's Award ceremony in Belmont Library on June 20<sup>th</sup>.
- (9) Thank you letter from the Great North East Air Ambulance for donation.
- (10) Thank you letter from Beautiful Durham for donation.
- (11) Audit information.
- (12) E-Mail from Stephen Ragg Durham County Council regarding End of Year Accounts.
- (13) BDO STOY National Audit Return.

15.199 To Consider Risk Management in relation to Items on the Agenda.

15.200 To Consider Financial Matters\*.

- 1. Bank balance end of March 2016
- 2. Budget 2015-2016
- 3. Bank reconciliation end of March 2016

(a) To receive receipts and payments during the month of March 2016

(b) To Consider donation requests during the month of March 2016

- 1. Citizens Advice Durham
- 2. Donation request from Trustees of County of Durham School Benevolent Fund, Thornhill.

**Agreed:** £50.00

(c) Membership and Subscriptions during the month of March 2016

15.201 To Consider and Make Comment on Cemetery Reports\*.

(a) To Receive the report of Burials during the month of March 2016

Callender	NN 6	Stuart Wright Funeral Services
Avery	CS 15	Stuart Wright Funeral Services

(b) To Receive the report of Grave & Ashes Purchases during the month of March 2016

Callender

NN 6

Double plot

(c) To Consider Memorial Erection and Additional Inscription during the month of March 2016

Edith May Shotton

HH 4

North East Granite

**Received and Agreed:**

15.202 Signage Poplar Drive Belmont Play Area

A concern was raised from a young resident in play area regarding mis-leading signs regarding dogs on leads.

**Agreed:** That only the sign saying No Dogs Allowed should remain in Poplar Road Play Area, Carrville, and Poplar Drive Play Area, High Grange Estate Gilesgate Moor.

15.203 Responsibility of Residents regarding trees in Rennys Lane

A concern was raised from a resident regarding three severely pruned oak trees in Rennys Lane. Vice Chair, Councillor R. Murphy has been in contact with Tree Officer, Simon McGinety, a further incident had occurred involving removal of hedgerow in Rennys Lane. This was discussed at length with Mr McGinety. The outcome was that Vice Chair Councillor R. Murphy was to contact Sherburn Parish Council regarding his matter.

**Agreed:** For Simon McGinety, Senior Tree Officer, Durham County Council, to compose a letter to residents asking them to be responsible people and for the Parish Council to distribute to all homes in the vicinity.

15.204 Donation to Citizen Advice County Durham

Donation request from Trustees of County of Durham School Benevolent Fund, Thornhill. - this was referred to in item 15.09 section (b)

15.205 Appeal Rights to Planning Decision.

An on-line petition organised by Minster Parish Council has been displayed on the Web and Councillors were urged to support it.

15.206 Consultation on Gilesgate Moor Free School Site

**Agreed:** To copy and e-mail letter and map to all councillors regarding free school site.

15.207 Senior Citizens Summer Show

Belmont Parish Council has been approached by Assistant Head Teacher A. Stevens, of Belmont Community School regarding the school's summer show. The event will be held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2016 commencing 12.30 p.m. It was unanimously agreed to take up this invitation.

**Agreed:** To arrange a Newsletter meeting to include information details of the Summer Show in the next Parish Newsletter to be distributed May/June.

15.208 County Councillors Neighbourhood Budgets.

- (a) The Chairman, Councillor D. Southwell fetched to the attention of the Parish Council various monies which would become available under 106 monies received under County Council Planning Approvals. It was agreed that this item would be agended for 7<sup>th</sup> July 2016 meeting and the discussion would be about open spaces, recreation, public art and housing. It was also agreed what input including financial support could be there from the Parish Council, which the aforementioned would provide assistance.
- (b) It was also agreed to agenda for the July meeting a discussion to take place regarding a medium term financial plan i.e. three-year plan.

15.209 To Receive Working Party Reports.

- (a) Cemetery Working Party  
No meeting held this month.
- (b) Finance Working Party  
No meeting held this month.
- (c) Friends of Belmont Scrambles Group Information  
A report was received.  
Friends of Belmont Scrambles are to carry out a dog poo initiative using bio-degradable fluorescent environmentally friendly spray paint to highlight dog fouling in a selected area of the Scrambles.
- (d) Parish Newsletter  
No meeting held this month
- (e) Personnel & Training Advisory Panel  
No meeting held this month.
- (f) Planning Committee  
No meeting held this month.
- (g) Planting Scheme Working Party  
A meeting was held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2016. \* see attached notes  
Councillor J. Knight approached Belmont Library regarding a display shelf for any awards made to Belmont Parish Council.  
Councillor Knight to get costings for brackets on Carrville. High Street to support flower displays.  
The Spring judging for Northumbria in Bloom is to take place on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2016.  
  
**Agreed:** For Councillor Knight to produce costings for the brackets on Carrville High Street.

(h) Playground Development Committee information  
No meeting held this month.

(i) Area Action Partnership

Councillor D. Southwell gave a copy of a presentation regarding sexual exploitation, a copy of this will be forwarded to all councilors.

(j) National Association of Local Councils.

Nothing to report.

#### 15.210 To Receive the reports from Ward Councillors

##### Belmont

It was reported that overhanging trees from Cheveley Park Primary School onto Broomside Lane was the responsibility of the school; they were quite comfortable no action was to be taken regarding this matter.

Concerns regarding speeding along Broomside Lane to Pittington Road and resurfacing problems to the rear of Broomside Lane have now been addressed through Councillor P. Conway at the request of Councillor E. Mavin.

It was reported by Councillor A.C. Walker that an individual was seen using an air rifle to shoot at grey squirrels in Renny's Lane and that this is to be reported to the police.

A concern was raised by Councillor A.C. Walker regarding graffiti on the under-pass leading to Renny's lane, this matter to be reported to Street Scene.

##### Carrville

There was nothing to report.

##### Gilesgate Moor

Councillor S. Inglis raised a concern regarding litter in hedge where bus stop is at the top of Belmont Community Centre.

A concern regarding pot - holes at top of the car park at the Community Centre have been reported.

#### 15.211 Any Other Business, Date of Next Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> May Thursday at 6:30pm 2016

Meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

Date and time of next meeting 5<sup>th</sup> May 2016 6:00pm. – Annual Parish meeting.