

**Minutes of Belmont Parish Council held on Thursday 2nd March 2017 at 6:30pm
in Belmont Community Centre.**

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

Also present: Mrs S. Overton (Parish Clerk)

Members of the public (3)

Neighbourhood Warden (2)

16.179 To Receive Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for Absence were received from J. Corrigan, K. Corrigan, S. Inglis, G. Lundy, B. Muylaert and A.C. Walker.

16.180 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 County Councillor P. Conway. (Planning)

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders

16.181 To Receive Miscellaneous Reports

(a) Police.

A police report was handed out to all Councillors, it was agreed to put the Police report on the Parish Website for information services.

(b) Community Warden.

The Warden reported that there have been reports of the following:-

1. Fly tipping behind Cheveley Park Shops.
2. Vehicles parked in Frank Street.
3. Anti Social Behaviour on Moorfield.
4. Abandoned vehicle in Tesco Car Park and on the Industrial Estate

Councillor R. Murphy reported that she had been impressed with the new Durham County Council doitonline service.

(c) Members of the Public

A member of the public raised a concern of speeding cars driven by youngsters in nearby B & Q car park, the Police are aware of this activity and use their discretion.

A member of the public raised a concern over anti-social behaviour in Rowantree Avenue, this was reported on the Police 101 helpline.

A report on the Gabion Wall on the AVANT Development, at Willowtree Avenue is to be forwarded to the Parish Office for information purposes. The Chairman D.J. Southwell thanked Mr. R. Chapman and Mr. F. Smith for all their hard work and dedication with this issue.

The Chairman re-imposed Standing Orders.

The Wardens left at 7:00 pm.

16.182 To Consider and Make Comment on Planning Matters*.

The list of Planning Applications and Countywide Applications determined under delegated authorities received from Durham County Council Planning Department for February 2017 has been circulated to Members.

Councillor B. Howarth gave a verbal report on Planning Applications throughout the month of February 2017.

Received and Agreed.

16.183 To Confirm and Sign as a Correct Record Minutes of the Meeting of Belmont Parish Council held on Thursday 2nd February 2017 Minutes attached *.

Amendment:- Pg 4 16.172 Wild Flower sites line 3 from Sunderland Road to Belmont Road.

Received and Agreed.

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

16.163 – Members of the Public – (c) County Councillor P. Conway reported that he had spoken to the member of the public regarding the incident at the traffic lights to the entrance of Belmont Industrial Estate.

16.167 (5) Pg 2 – Work has now been completed regarding an overgrown hedge and undergrowth on the exit to the local park near Monks Crescent to Bradford Crescent.

16.167 (9) Pg 2 – No-one attended the Northumbria in Bloom Spring Meeting at Gateshead on Wednesday 1st March 2017.

16.167 (10) Pg 3 – Indications have been given by Zurich representative Kristina Ladd, that the trial will be taking place in a trial window between 13th April 2017 and 13th August 2017 with a time estimate of one day, with regards to the Liam Jones case.

16.175 Pg 5 – The Chairman, Councillor, D.J. Southwell, Vice-Chair Councillor R. Murphy, County Councillor K. Corrigan, Councillor S. Inglis and Mr. Steven Jones from Durham County Council, Highways Department met to look at suitability of sites.

(Councillor S. Inglis stayed for the Gilesgate Moor site and the Chairman D.J. Southwell substituted for him for Carrville and Belmont.

The suggested possible sites were:-

Gilesgate Moor – around the area of Peel Avenue at its junction with Sunderland Road.

Belmont -coming onto Broomside Lane from Pittington Road.

Carrville – opposite side of the road to the Belmont War Memorial.

16.177 Pg 6 – A wooden post on a concrete base with chain and lock has now been installed near Cambridgeshire Drive, Rennys Lane by Mr. E. Malarkey.

Belmont -

Councillor E. Mavin reported that he and the Chairman D.J. Southwell had a positive meeting with the Vicar from St Mary Magdalene Church with regards to hosting a Christmas Tree in the grounds of the Church, however she is leaving in the near future, the enquiry will be forwarded to the Parochial Church Council for further discussion.

It was agreed to leave the notice board near the Shell Garage in Carrville High Street .

16.185 To Receive Matters of Information, Clerk's Report, Correspondence Tabled Items – For Information.

Letters/E-Mails sent and received:-

- 1) Thank you Letter from Durham Cathedral for donation of fifty pounds.
- 2) Campaign to Protect Rural England Newsletter.
- 3) Email from Rachael Foster, Legal Team Manager confirming the hearing date for the Application brought by Durham County Council (Stopping Up Order AVANT Homes) is on Monday March 6th 2017.
- 4) Email from Pam Glaister, Durham County Council, Senior Enforcement Officer regarding fly tipping at land near to Malvern Villas, Sherburn Road (this was forwarded to all Councillors)
- 5) Email from Mr S. Ragg, County Durham Association of Local Clerks (C.D.A.L.C.) regarding the Annual Meeting process (this has been sent to all Councillors).
- 6) Parish Paths Partnership Scheme (P3) application form received from Mick Ogden, Team Leader, Access and Rights of Way Regeneration and Economic Development.
- 7) A letter of support has been sent to Mr Paul Lysaght (Durham Community Boxing).
- 8) The Public Works Loans Board (P.W.L.B.) Application was sent recorded delivery
- 9) Email from Strategy Revenues and Capital Division regarding Borrowing Approval for the 20mph in a residential scheme.
- 10) E-Mail from Mr. S. Ragg, County Durham Association of Local Councils (C.D.A.L.C.) promoting the Big Spring Clean Litter Pick , further details can be found on www.durham.gov.uk. This has been forwarded to all Councillors.
- 11) The Belmont Carrville and Gilesgate (Parking and Waiting Restrictions) Order 2013 (Amendment No.1) Order 2017 has been passed around to members. Councillor E. Mavin reported that he had had a meeting with the Parish Hall and that they were happy with it.

Received and Agreed.

16.186 To Consider 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 March 2017 meeting and has been incorporated into reports and presented to Members.

Received and Agreed.

16.187 To Consider Financial Matters*

(a) Finance documents outlining Receipts and payments of Accounts during the month of February 2017.

(b) Bank Reconciliation Statement for February 2017.

Received and Agreed.

(c) Donation request from Friends of Belmont Library. Councillor B. Howarth Declared an Interest

Agreed:£50.00

The Chairman D.J. Southwell reported that the 106 monies have now been applied for wall at Belmont Cemetery.

Received and Agreed.

16.188 To Consider and Make Comment on Cemetery Reports*

(a) To Receive the report of burials during the month of February 2017.

Ralph William Curry

JJ 8 Section B

Stuart Wright Funeral Service

re-open

(b) To Receive the report of Grave & Ashes Purchases during the month of February 2017

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(c) To Consider Memorial Erection and Additional Inscription Applications during the month of February 2017

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(d) Ashes interred in burial plots during the month of February 2017.

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Received and Agreed.

16.189 Display Cabinets For Belmont Library.

County Councillor P. Conway suggested that a meeting with a representative from Durham County Council be arranged in order to discuss suitable locations for a display cabinet.

Agreed: To arrange a meeting in Belmont Library with the Chairman, D.J. Southwell, the Parish Clerk, Mrs S. Overton and a Durham County Council representative. Councillor B. Muylaert to be involved in the process.

16.190 Wild Flower Sites.

It was reported that further to a meeting of the Planting Scheme Working Party wild flower sites have been identified and forwarded to Mr. S. Priestley, members are now waiting feedback. Councillor J. Knight queried if the Parish Council could help with the budget, the Chairman said that 2017-2018 flower budget had been cut by £2000.00.

16.191 Pollution From the A1 Motorway

Vice-Chair Councillor R. Murphy reported a concern from the nearby A1 Motorway regarding poor air quality for school children, County Councillor P. Conway to look into the matter.

Member of Public left the meeting at 7:50 p.m

16.192 To Receive Working Party Reports

(a) Appeals Committee

No meeting was held this month.

(b) Asset Task Group

An Asset Task Group was held on Tuesday 21st February at 9:30 am which was very positive. A full report will be given at the next Parish Council meeting which will be held on Thursday April 6th 2017.

(c) Cemetery Working Party

No meeting was held this month.

The Parish Office received a phone call from a resident complimenting the appearance of the cemetery and how well kept it was.

(d) Complaints Procedure Committee

No meeting was held this month.

(e) Finance Working Party

No meeting was held this month.

(f) Friends of Belmont Scrambles

A report has been received from Mr. K. Neat (Friends of Belmont Scrambles) which was handed out to all members.

The Chairman D.J. Southwell proposed transferring £500.00 to Friends of Belmont Scrambles for ongoing work to the area, all members voted unanimously.

Vice-Chair R. Murphy and Councillor B. Howarth Declared an Interest

Agreed. For the Parish Clerk to send a cheque and letter for £500.00 to Friends of Belmont Scrambles.

(g) Parish Newsletter Working Party

A meeting was held on Thursday 19th January 2017. It was reported that the newsletters have now been received.

(h) Personnel and Training Advisory Panel

No meeting was held this month.

(i) Planning Committee

No meeting was held this month.

(j) Planting Scheme Working Party *

A meeting was held on Wednesday 22nd February 2017.

It was reported that the proceeds from the children's calendars raised £63.00, a cheque to be made out to the Great North Air Ambulance.

Councillor B. Howarth reported that the presentation date for the Childrens Art Competition was to be Thursday 22nd June at 10:00am in Belmont Library.

(k) Playground Development Committee

No meeting was held this month.

It was requested that information was needed on the progress of the playgrounds.

(i) Area Action Partnership (A.A.P.)

A brief verbal report was given, Councillor J. Knight to forward a report to the Parish Office.

(m) National Association of Local Councils (N.A.L.C.)

There was nothing to report.

16.193 To Receive Reports from Ward Councillors.

Belmont

There was nothing to report.

Carrville

Councillor E. Mavin raised a concern of a seat with missing slats had still not been addressed. It was agreed for Vice Chair Councillor R. Murphy to report the matter on the new doitonline service with Durham County Council.

Gilesgate Moor

For information purposes the hearing date for the Stopping Up Application brought by Durham County Council is to be heard on Monday 6th March at 10:00am, in Durham Family Court. The Chairman, Councillor D.J. Southwell and the Parish Clerk to attend. A suggestion of installing two flowerbeds in Gilesgate Moor was discussed at the last Planting Scheme Working Party. Chairman, Councillor D.J. Southwell advised members to look at suitable sites and make a decision.

Councillor B. Howarth reported that there were one or two locations in the Gilesgate Moor area that could be suitable for new flower or shrub bed sites. Councillors to look at the area and make a decision.

16.194 Any Other Business, Date of Next Meeting Thursday 6th April 2017.

The Chairman informed members that if they want to stand for election in Belmont, Carrville and Gilesgate Moor, they should come into the Parish Office to pick up their Nominations Forms. The forms need to be submitted between Thursday March 23rd and the Tuesday 4th April 2017.

Councillor J. Knight suggested sending a letter of congratulations to the Police Constable, Mike Barton and Police Crime Commissioner Ron Hogg for their performance in this current year regarding the Police Force. It was agreed for the Parish Clerk to work with Vice-Chair Councillor R. Murphy with regards to suitable wording.

The Chairman thanked Vice-Chair, Councillor R. Murphy, Mrs S. Overton (Parish Clerk) and all Councillors for their help and co-operation during the year.
The meeting closed at 8:10pm.

Chairman Signature : _____ Date : _____