

Minutes of the meeting of Belmont Parish Council Thursday 4th October 2018 at 6:30pm
held in Belmont Community Centre

Present: Chairman, Councillor D.J. Southwell, Vice-Chair Councillor R. Murphy, Councillors, P.T. Finley, C.A. Fletcher, J.E. Hedges, B. Howarth, S. Inglis, T. Lemmon, S. Lowes, L. Mavin and J.J. Wildheart.

Also present: Mrs S. Overton (Parish Clerk)

Member of the Public (4)

18.86 To Receive Apologies For Absence.

Councillor J. Appleby, J. Corrigan, E.B. Finley and E.S. Mavin.

Received and Agreed.

18.87 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

There were no Declarations of Interest.

Received.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders

18.88 To Receive Miscellaneous Reports.

(a) Police.

There were no Police present, a report was circulated to members.

(b) Community Warden.

There were no Wardens present.

(c) Members of the Public.

A concern was raised regarding the increasing amount of litter left in the Cheveley Park Play area. The Chairman advised putting the consequences of those dropping litter in the Parish Newsletter with regards to fines in place for offenders currently £150.00. The Community Wardens to be made aware of the problem. The Chairman advised Councillors to visit local schools to make pupils aware of the consequences in regards to dropping litter and to advise teachers to send out letters to parents.

A concern was raised by a member of the public regarding a residential property in the Gilesgate Moor area regarding a Change of Use from a family house to a House of Multiple Occupation (HMO). This was thoroughly discussed, and the member of the public was given a copy of the letter of objection sent by the Parish Council with regard to the application. The Parish Council has also requested that the application goes to DCC Planning Committee. This was also discussed later under Planning Matters.

A member of the public raised a concern regarding the amount of cars speeding particularly on Friday and Saturday evenings along Carrville High Street the Chairman advised them to write a letter to the Parish Office with dates and registration details of the car which will be forwarded in confidence to the appropriate officer.

Concerns were raised regarding parking issues along Carrville High Street, residents are finding it increasingly difficult to park in front of their properties due to shoppers/visitors to the area parking, especially on weekends. The Chairman informed them that people have no rights to parking outside their property (exceptions to the rule regarding disability).

Members of the Public left at 7.05 pm

The Chairman re-imposed Standing Orders.

18.89 To Consider And Make Comment On Planning Matters. *

The following documents, received from Durham County Council, had been circulated to members:

- Weekly Planning List for September 2018 - **Received.**
- Delegated Approvals for September and October 2018 **Received.**

The Chairman of the Parish Council Planning Committee discussed applications with members.

Also tabled at the meeting:

- Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 17th September 2018 - **Received.**
- Letter to the delegated planning officer expressing the Parish Council's objection to Application DM/18/02365/FPA as discussed at the above meeting and request that it is referred to the DCC Planning Committee – **Agreed.**

18.90 To Confirm And Sign As A Correct Record of The Minutes of The Parish Council Meeting Held on Thursday, 6th September 2018. *

Received and Agreed.

18.91 To Receive Matters Arising From The Minutes Not On The Agenda.

There were no matters arising.

Received.

18.92 Items – For information.

1/ Planning letter sent to Durham County Council regarding Planning Application DM/18/02365/FPA: 67 Kepier Crescent, Gilesgate Moor, Durham, DH1 1PQ

2/Northumbria in Bloom Presentation was held on Wednesday 26th September at the Lancastrian Suite, Gateshead attended by the Chairman, Vice-Chair and the Chairman's wife due to one Councillor who was due to attend had to cancel at the last moment.

Received.

18.93 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 October 2018 meeting and has been incorporated into reports and presented to members.

Received.

18.94 To Consider Financial Matters.*

(a) Finance documents outlining Receipts and Payment of Accounts for September 2018
Received and Agreed.

(b) Bank reconciliation to end of September 2018.
Received and Agreed.

(c) Budget Summary for July/August/September 2018
Received and Agreed.

(d) Donation Requests for September 2018.
Belmont C A Baby and Toddler Group - **Agreed:£50.00**
The Children's Foundation – To look into further information required..
Great North Air Ambulance **Agreed:£50.00**
(3)
Received and Agreed.

18.95 To Consider And Make Comment On Cemetery Reports.

(a) Report of Burials during the month of September 2018
(1)

(b) Report of Grave & Ashes Purchases during the month of September 2018
(1)

(c) Memorial Erection and Additional Inscription Applications during the month of September 2018
(0)

(d) Ashes interred in Burial Plots during the month of September 2018
(0)
Received and Agreed.

18.96 To Discuss Remembrance Sunday Approval of Contribution For Refreshments
Councillors agreed to contributing towards the cost of refreshments for this year's annual Remembrance Sunday to be held on Sunday 11th November.
Agreed:£100.00

18.97 To Discuss Remembrance Sunday Approval Of Purchase Of Wreath
The purchasing of this year's wreath for Remembrance Sunday, to be held on Sunday 11th November, was agreed by Councillors.
Agreed: £25.00

18.98 To Discuss Remembrance Sunday Laying Of Wreath.
The Chairman of Belmont Parish Council to lay the wreath at this year's Remembrance Sunday to be held on Sunday 11th November 2018.
Agreed.
Unanimous.

18.99 To Discuss-Remuneration
Agreed: As previously no remuneration is paid by Belmont Parish Council to Councillors.

18.100 Results Of This Year's Northumbria In Bloom Competition 2018.

Ramside Hall Hotel and Golf Club – Gold (Best in category)

Scrambles – Gold

Belmont Allotments – Gold (Best in Category for second year running also Special Prize for Water Conservation)

Belmont Cemetery – Silver Gilt

Belmont Urban Community – Silver Gilt plus best in category.

Results of Beautiful Durham Awards

Special Commendations (Residential areas)

Belmont Allotments – winner

Gilesgate Primary School – winner (also Best Horticultural Development)

Best Large Village Category – Belmont (commendation)

Wantage Road Best kept residential area (commendation)

Patterdale Close Best kept residential area (commendation)

Two Parish residents received Special Commendations

Received.

18.101 To Receive Working Party Reports.

(a) Appeals Committee

No meeting was held this month.

(b) Asset Task Group

No meeting was held this month.

(c) Cemetery Working Party

No meeting was held this month.

For information improvements to the Cemetery Robing Room are due to commence shortly.

(d) Christmas Tree Working Party

A meeting was held on Monday 17th at 6.00 pm in Belmont Club - see attached *
For information, a twenty foot Christmas Tree currently being stored in the Cemetery Robing Room requires removal as space there is limited. It was suggested that local schools in the Parish may be interested in acquiring the tree.

Agreed: to approach local schools to enquire if they are interested on the understanding that the Parish Council accepts no responsibility for the tree.

(e) Complaints Procedure Committee

No meeting was held this month.

(f) Finance Working Party

No meeting was held this month.

(g) Friends of Belmont Scrambles

A report has been received regarding the Scrambles- see attached *
It was reported that the recent annual grass cutting at the Scrambles has now been completed.

- (h) Parish Newsletter Working Party
 No meeting was held this month.
 A meeting is to be arranged for Monday 8th October at 5.30 pm in Belmont Community Centre.
- (i) Personnel and Training Advisory Panel
 No meeting was held this month.
- (j) Planning Committee
 A meeting was held on Monday 17th September at 6.30 pm in Belmont Community Centre - see attached *
- (k) Planting Scheme Working Party
 A meeting was held on Friday 7th September 2018 - see attached*
 The Chairman praised members of the Planting Scheme Working Party and contractor for their hard work throughout the year.
- (l) Playground Development Committee
 No meeting was held this month.
 For information, repairs to the impact surface below basket swing in Moorfield have now been completed.
- (m) Public Arts Group
 No meeting was held this month.
 The current Chair of the Public Arts Group has decided to stand down and a new Chair has been elected.
- (n) Area Action Partnership (AAP)
 Councillor P. Finlay has been elected as representative of local parishes, the Chairman asked if he could forward a report to the Parish Office which will be forwarded to all Councillors and parishes for information purposes.
- (o) National Association of Local Councils) NALC
 The Chairman asked Councillors if they would like to be part of the National Association of Local Councils NALC, names to be forwarded to the Parish Office who will inform the appropriate department.
Received and Agreed.

18.102 To Receive Reports From Ward Councillors.

Belmont

A recent concern was raised regarding a 'for sale sign, in Fellside Gardens which had been recently erected by the Estate Agents on County Council land. It has now been removed.
 A concern was raised regarding a recent break-in at the Parish Hall, Broomside Lane..
 An incident was reported to the Police regarding an elderly lady who had been taken to a nearby cash machine by two men saying she owed them money.
 A concern regarding an uncut hedge at the bottom of Belmont Community School playing field to be reported to Durham County Council.

Carrville

A concern was raised regarding the lack of litter bins in Poplar Road and Cheveley Park play areas the issue to be taken up by Durham County Council.

A concern was raised regarding an alleyway between Carrville High Street and Belmont Road having no lighting, historically it used to have two lights in place, the matter to be addressed by the County Councillors.

A concern was raised regarding parking issues at the bottom of Grinstead Way and Wantage Road becoming increasingly busy with motorists parking on pavements causing obstruction, this will be addressed by the County Councillors.

A problem of dog fouling outside the dog grooming parlour in Carrville High Street was raised. The Chairman advised if any Councillors witnesses dog fouling to get registration details of car owners and forward details to the Parish Office who will forward details onto the appropriate Officer.

A concern was raised regarding anti-social behaviour by youths regularly gathering in Poplar Play Area.

A concern was raised of speeding cars along Coronation Avenue and Hawthorn Terrace, the Chairman advised Councillors to obtain registration details of offenders, colour, make of car and forward to the Parish Office where it will be passed onto the appropriate Officer.

Gilesgate Moor

Due to the recent adverse weather five trees were damaged in Moorfield, the trees are coming down (getting mulched) also Scrambles are also having tree works done.

A recent concern regarding a man-hole cover in Willowtree Avenue causing Health and Safety issues is to be reported to BT.

The Chairman informed Councillors that Belmont Parish Council now has official ownership of Belmont Allotments.

A concern was raised regarding a residential property in the Gilesgate Moor area involving anti-social behaviour (loud music playing all hours, drug abuse etc). Residents in the area have reported the matter to the Police previously, the concern to be reported to the Police for further action to be taken.

18.103 Council Business (any Item Which Has Been Brought To The Attention of The Chairman For Discussion During The Meeting For Approval Or Otherwise).

For information a Halloween Party is to be held on Saturday 3rd November 4 – 6.00 pm in Belmont Community Centre, admission adults £3.00, children free,

Agreed: £50.00 donation.

18.104 Date Of Next Meeting Thursday 1st November 2018.

The meeting closed at 8:40 pm.