

Minutes of the meeting of Belmont Parish Council Thursday 17th January 2019 at 6:30 pm held in Belmont Community Centre.

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

Also present: Mrs S. Overton (Parish Clerk)
Community Wardens (2)
Deputy Head Teacher and Students from Belmont Community School.
Member of the Public (1)

18.141 To receive Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillors J.J. Wildheart and T.A. Lemmon.
Received.

18.142 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.
Received.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders.

18.143 To receive Miscellaneous Reports.

(a) Police.

There were no Police present a report has been circulated to all Councillors.

(b) Community Warden.

The Community Wardens gave a report to Councillors regarding recent issues reported in the Parish. A resident who reported a recent concern regarding graffiti was very impressed with the prompt action taken. The Chairman thanked the Wardens for their report and work in the parish.

(c) Members of the Public.

A member of the public who renovates pit tubs asked permission to replace the dilapidated fence in Broomside Lane behind the recently installed second pit tub with a hedge, the hedge to be planted and maintained by himself. A meeting to be arranged with the Planting Scheme Working Party and the resident, to discuss ideas.

The Chair asked for support from Councillors to give financial support to the resident with regards to his hard work renovating pit tubs in the area.

The Chair proposed the following: -

Proposer Councillor DS (Chairman)

Seconded: Councillor EM

Agreed: to give £1000.00 financial support towards the cost of updating residents machinery.

The resident thanked the Parish Council for their support.

Councillor LM joined the meeting at 6:40 pm

The resident left the meeting at 6:45pm

18.144 Presentation regarding Tall Ships Challenge 2019 from Pupils of Belmont Community School

The Deputy Head Teacher and pupils from Belmont Community School gave a presentation to Councillors regarding the Tall Ships Challenge 2019. The scheme gives pupils invaluable life skills, pupils need to raise monies through fundraising. The Chairman Councillor DS thanked the pupils and proposed the following: -

Proposed: Councillor DS
Seconded: Councillor EM
Unanimous.
£500.00.

Agreed:

The Deputy Head Teacher and pupils left the meeting at 6.55 pm

The Chair re-imposed Standing Orders.

18.145 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 December 2018 has been circulated to Members.

The Chairman of the Planning Committee Councillor BH gave a report.

The Chairman thanked her for her report.

Received and Agreed.

Councillor JA entered the meeting at 7.05 pm.

18.146 To confirm and sign as a Correct Record of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 6th December 2018. *

Received and Agreed.

18.147 To receive Matters Arising from the Minutes not on the Agenda.

There were no Matters Arising.

Received and Agreed.

18.148 To receive Matters of Information, Clerk's Report, Correspondence Tabled Items – For information.

1. Northumbria in Bloom 2019 Entry Form and Fee has been posted.

2. Precept Form has been posted to Durham County Council.

3. Thank you letters have been sent to Belmont Community School regarding this years Senior Citizens Xmas Party.

4. E-Mail sent to S. Ragg with name of nominee plus partner for the Buckingham Palace Garden Party 2019.

5. For information TM Travel has kindly said that they are not charging Belmont Council for transport this year with regards to the Senior Citizens Christmas Party.
6. Letters of resignation has been received from two Councillors (Gilesgate Moor Ward) due to personal reasons, Durham County Council have been notified of the vacancies and Notice of Election displayed on the parish noticeboards and parish website.

Received and Agreed.

18.149 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 January 2019 meeting and has been incorporated into reports and presented to members.

Agreed.

18.150 To consider Financial Matters. *

(a) To Receive Receipts and Payments during the month of December 2018.

(b) To Receive Bank reconciliation to end of December 2018.

(c) To Receive Budget Summary for October/November/December 2018.

(d) To Consider Donation Requests during the month of December 2018

(0)

Received and Agreed.

18.151 To consider and make comment on Cemetery Reports.

(a) To Receive the report of Burials during the month of December 2018

(2)

(b) To Receive the report of Grave & Ashes Purchases during the month of December 2018

(1)

(c) To Consider Memorial Erection and Additional Inscription Applications during the month of December 2018

(1)

(d) Ashes interred in Burial Plots during the month of December 2018

(0)

Received and Agreed.

18.152 To discuss concerns regarding cold callers in the area.

A concern was raised regarding cold callers in the area causing distress to vulnerable elderly people, the police are aware of the problem and AgeUK. It was agreed to contact local shops to make them aware of problem and issue information leaflets, the parish website and parish Newsletter to be involved. A suggestion to book the parish hall and Community Centre to make the public aware of the problem was also discussed.

Agreed.

18.153 Update on Council vacancies.

This was discussed under Matters of Information, item 6.

18.154 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.
- (d) Christmas Tree Working Party.
No meeting was held this month.
The Christmas Tree has now been taken down.
- (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 *
- (h) Parish Newsletter Working Party
No meeting was held this month.
- (i) Personnel and Training Advisory Panel
No meeting was held this month.
- (j) Planning Committee
No meeting was held this month.
- (k) Planting Scheme Working Party
A meeting was held on Friday 7th December 2018 - see attached*
For information, monies raised from the sale of Children's Art Calendars is £65.00.
Agreed: for Clerk to be made associative member of the group.
As the above meeting was not quorate matters discussed will be ratified at the next Planting Scheme Working Party meeting to be held on Friday, February 8th 2019.
- (l) Playground Development Committee
No meeting was held this month.
- (m) Public Arts Group
No meeting was held this month.
For information 106 application for £5000.00 has been successful regarding 'Pop up Poetry' which is a yearlong event.
- (n) Area Action Partnership (AAP)
No report has been received this month.
Details of the next AAP meeting to be e-mailed to Councillors and displayed on Parish for information.

(o) National Association of Local Councils) NALC

No report has been received this month.

18.155 To Receive Reports from Ward Councillors.

Belmont

A concern was raised by a Councillor who attended a recent PACT meeting unaware the meeting had been cancelled last minute. The Police apologised for the error, details of future meetings to be sent to the Parish Office, forwarded to Councillors and put on the parish website for information.

Carrville

No problems identified.

Gilesgate Moor.

A thank you letter has been received from a resident thanking the Parish Council for their support regarding a recent concern raised.

A recently reported car parked at the entrance to High Grange Estate has now been removed, the Chair suggested placing single yellow lines on both sides. The Chair looked for support from Councillors to look at lining the entrance.

Agreed: to arrange a site meeting with the appropriate officer.

18.156 Council business (any item which has been brought to the attention of the Chairman for discussion during the meeting for approval or otherwise).

Councillor JA informed Councillors that recent fundraising for the Tree Tops Children's Ward Xmas Fund had been a huge success, raising enough money to purchase six smart tvs.

18.157 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting will take place on Thursday 7th February 2019.

Agreed.