

Minutes of the Meeting of Belmont Parish Council held on Thursday 7th March 2019 at 6:30pm in Belmont Community Centre.

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

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

18.175 To receive Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillors P. Finlay, T.A. Lemmon and J.J. Wildheart.

Received and Agreed.

18.176 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 and Agreed.

18.177 Introduction of new Councillors for Gilesgate Moor.

The Chair introduced the two newly elected Councillors for Gilesgate Moor Ward to members.

Councillor C.A. Fletcher joined the meeting at 6:35 pm.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders.

18.178 To receive Miscellaneous Reports.

(a) Police.

A report has been forwarded to all Councillors for information.

County Councillor EM reported the following concerns:-

- of antisocial behaviour at Cheveley Park shops and drug taking behind the shops, the Police are aware of the problems and are looking into it.
- Brass and metal taps being stolen from the rear of houses in Carrville High Street the Police are aware of the problems and are looking into it.
- Individuals trying doors in the Carrville area the Police are aware of the problems and are looking into it.

(b) Community Warden.

Apologies were received from the Neighbourhood Wardens, a report has been forwarded to all Councillors. County Councillor EM reported the following concerns:

- Fly tipping Broomside Lane objects removed.
- The Scrambles is to be given a Warden to patrol the area and try to reduce dog fouling and look at extra signage.
- The Warden will patrol Cheveley Park Play to reduce dog fouling.

(c) Members of the Public.

A discussion took place regarding concerns with speeding cars in the evenings at B & Q. County Councillor EM reported the following concerns:-

- The Highways Officer is looking at ways to address traffic from turning around in Hornbeam Close at the entrance to High Grange Estate, Gilesgate Moor.

The Chairman re-imposed Standing Orders.

18.179 To consider and Make Comment on Planning Matters. *

Documents presented:

The list of Planning Applications for February 2019

Planning Report for Jan/Feb 2019

Applications discussed:

DM/19/00204/FPA: 11 Cornwall Walk – update on site visit and outcome;

DM/19//00433/FPA: Crossfit Jacana – Change of Use to D2 to accommodate gym/fitness

Agreed – not to make representation .

DM/19/00426/FPA: 13 Bevan Grove – Change of Use C3 to C4 (HMO)

Agreed – to object as contrary to policies H1 and TI (Planning letter can be viewed in office file.)

The Chair thanked the Chair of the Planning Committee for her report.

Received and Agreed.

18.180 To confirm and sign as a Correct Record of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 7th February 2019. *

Agreed.

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

18.161 pg 2 – Councillor CF reported that a recent event held in Belmont Community Centre regarding the ‘County Durham Plan’ had been well attended. The Chairman thanked Councillor CF for her input regarding hospitality towards staff and residents.

Received and Agreed.

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

1. A letter has been sent to Durham County Council Planning Department regarding Planning Application DM/19100083/FPA this was previously discussed under Planning Matters.

2. An invitation has been received from the Mayor of Durham for Chairman and guest to attend and purchase tickets (£30.00 pp) for their Civic dinner, to be held in the Town Hall, DURHAM on Friday 5th April 2019 at 7.00 – 11.30 pm.

3. A Risk Assessment took place on Monday 4th March 2019 ably assisted by Councillors SI and EF.

4. The Publication Scheme has been reviewed and updated on March 1st 2019.

5. A review of the Code of Conduct has been updated on March 4th 2019.

Received and Agreed.

18.183 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 2019 meeting and has been incorporated into reports and presented to members.

Agreed.

18.184 To consider Financial Matters. *

(a) To Receive Receipts and Payments during the month of February 2019
Received and Agreed

(b) To Receive Bank Reconciliation to end of February 2019.
Received and Agreed

(c) To Consider Donation Requests during the month of February 2019.
Durham Cathedral - £50.00 agreed
North East War Memorials Project - £50.00 agreed
Community Bike Project - The Chair asked Councillors for their support for the Parish Council to give financial support of £200.00 to Sherburn Road Police Station towards tools for essential maintenance.
Received and Agreed

18.185 To consider and make comment on Cemetery Reports.

(a) To Receive the report of Burials during the month of February 2019.
(1)

(b) To Receive the report of Grave & Ashes Purchases during the month of February 2019.
(1)

(c) To Consider Memorial Erection and Additional Inscription Applications during the January 2019.
(2)

(d) Ashes interred in Burial Plots during the month of January 2019.
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Received and Agreed.

18.186 To discuss rateable value of the Robing Room.

The Chairman informed Councillors that the Parish Council qualify for a small Business Rates Relief and a revised bill will be shortly sent out.
Received.

18.187 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
A site meeting was held on Tuesday 12th February 2019 regarding a resident request to replace and refix her late fathers headstone which has been affected by flooding.

(d) Christmas Tree Working Party.
No meeting was held this month.

(e) Complaints Procedure Committee
No meeting was held this month.

(f) Finance Working Party

No meeting was held this month.

The Chairman left the meeting at 7.50 pm.

(g) Friends of Belmont Scrambles

A report has been received regarding the Scrambles- see attached *

For information a litter pick is to take place on Sunday 17th March at 2.00 pm information will be displayed on various notice boards.

The Chairman joined the meeting at 7.55 pm

(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

A site meeting was held at Cornwall Walk on Tuesday 12th February 2019 (this item previously been discussed under agenda item 18.05.

(k) Planting Scheme Working Party

A meeting was held on Friday 8th February 2019 at 9.30 am in Belmont Community Centre. see attached*

A site meeting was held on Friday 22nd February 2019 outside Belmont Library to discuss the possibility of planting spring bulbs in front of Belmont Library, the Medical Practice and Belmont Grange.

(l) Playground Development Committee

No meeting was held this month.

(m) Public Arts Group

No meeting was held this month.

(n) Area Action Partnership (AAP)

A meeting was held on Wednesday 27th February 2019 in Durham Town Hall.

A report has been received from the representative Councillor PF and has been circulated to Councillors for information.

(o) National Association of Local Councils) NALC

The Chairman asked if any Councillor would like to be part of NALC.c

18.188 To receive Reports from Ward Councillors.

Belmont

A recent request for a litter bin in Rennys Lane is being dealt with.

A report was given by the County Councillor EM at the beginning of the meeting under Police and Neighbourhood Wardens. This included the following:-

- parking problems at Carrsdale and Coronation Avenue looking at turning grass verge into parking bays.
- If parking issues with Fallsway and Carrsway don't improve yellow lines will be put down.

- The Traffic Enforcement Officer to look at parking issues at Cheveley Park School.
- A request for a box junction to be put at the exit of Carrsdale is being looked into.

Carrville

A concern was raised involving an intruder stealing strips of lead off properties along Carrsway, the Police are aware of the problem.

A damaged light on Grange Road has been replaced but not yet connected.

GilesgateMoor.

A concern was raised regarding litter in Providence Place, the matter to be reported to the appropriate Officer.

A concern was raised regarding litter on the A690 slip road, the matter to be reported to Durham County Council.

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

A recent request from a resident to put a memorial seat in Belmont Cemetery in memory of her late husband was discussed. It was agreed that the Chair of the Cemetery Working Party, Councillor SI, Councillor BH and Parish Clerk meet with the resident to discuss siting and fixing instructions.

A concern was raised from an elderly resident asking for the salt bin in front of her house be moved further along from her front door, Durham County Council to deal with the request.

18.190 Date of Next Meeting Thursday 4th April 2019.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

The date of the next meeting is Thursday 4th April 2019 at 6.30 pm in Belmont Community Centre.