

Minutes of the Meeting of Belmont Parish Council held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 6:30pm in Belmont Community Centre.

Present: Chairman, Councillor D.J. Southwell, Vice-Chair R. Murphy, Councillor P. Finlay, C.A. Lattin, B. Howarth, S. Inglis, S. Lowes, E.S. Mavin and M. Watson.

Also present: Mrs S. Overton (Parish Clerk)  
Neighbourhood Warden (1)  
Members of the Public (3)

18.191 To receive Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillors, J. Appleby, E.B. Finlay, C.A. Fletcher, T.A. Lemmon, L. Mavin and J.J. Wildheart.

**Received and Agreed.**

18.192 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.**

18.193 To discuss 106 Application regarding Gilesgate Allotment Association.

A representative from Gilesgate Allotment Association informed members that three bids were under consideration from 106 monies to update the allotments.

The Chairman asked if members supported Gilesgate Allotment Association.

**Agreed.**

**Unanimous.**

The Chairman thanked the representative.

The representative left the meeting at 6.40 pm

18.194 To receive Miscellaneous Reports.

(a) Police.

A report has been received and circulated to members - see attached \*

It was reported there had been a spate of taps stolen in the Carrville area.

(b) Community Warden.

The Community Warden gave a report to members regarding recent issues reported in the Parish, the Chairman thanked the warden for his report.

A request was made for stickers for litter bins in the area to the Community Warden by the County Councillor.

The Community Warden left the meeting at 6.55 pm.

(c) Members of the Public.

An ongoing concern regarding speeding cars by youths in B&Q carpark was raised by a member of the public, the County Councillor EM to send an e-mail to the Police.

Two members of the public made comment regarding the absence of Polling Cards regarding the recent By Election. The Chair responded saying that cost was always a priority and the decision had been unanimous not to issue Polling Cards.

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

18.195 To consider and Make Comment on Planning Matters. \*

The list of Planning Applications for March 2019.

The Chair of the Planning Committee gave a report to members.

**Agreed:** the Chair of the Planning Committee to attend a Committee meeting on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April at County Hall to object to Planning Application Planning Application DM/19/00426/FPA:13 Bevan Grove Change of Use from C3 to C4 property.

18.196 To confirm and sign as a Correct Record of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019. \*

**Agreed.**

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

There were no matters arising.

**Received.**

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

1. An invitation to the Mayor of Durham to attend this year's children's award ceremony in Belmont Library, Thursday June 20<sup>th</sup> at 10.00am has been sent and provisionally confirmed.

2. The mini-bus and light refreshments at the Beefeater Inn have been booked for Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April regarding this year's Northumbria in Bloom judging day.

3. The Beautiful Durham Competition application form has been received and will be discussed at the Planting Scheme Working Party meeting on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April.

**Received and Agreed.**

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

**Agreed.**

18.200 To consider Financial Matters. \*

(a) To Receive Receipts and Payments during the month of March 2019.

(b) To Receive Bank reconciliation to end of March 2019.

(c) To Consider Donation Requests during the month of March 2019.

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**Received and Agreed.**

18.201 To consider and make comment on Cemetery Reports.

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

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

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(c) To Consider Memorial Erection and Additional Inscription Applications during the month of March 2019.

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(d) Ashes interred in Burial Plots during the month of March 2019.

(1)

**Received and Agreed.**

18.202 To discuss Personal Liability Claim

The Chairman informed members of a Personal Liability Claim which Belmont Community Centre had received but has subsequently been passed to the Parish Council as the land in question is owned by the Parish Council. A visitor to the area had allegedly injured herself whilst riding her bike on the field which resulted in a hospital visit and time off work. The matter has been referred to our insurers.

**Agreed.**

18.203 To discuss amendment item 18.170 Update on Councils Vacancies 7<sup>th</sup> February 2019 regarding discussion of not issuing Polling Cards.

It was omitted from this reference that a unanimous decision was made after discussion regarding Polling Cards for the By-election – not to issue Polling Cards.

**Agreed:** to record this retrospectively.

18.204 To discuss 106 Application regarding Gilesgate Junior School.

The Chair informed members that 106 Arts monies were available for Gilesgate Primary School to apply for much needed play equipment. The Chair looked for support from members for an application to go ahead by the school.

**Agreed unanimously.**

18.205 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.

(e) Complaints Procedure Committee

No meeting was held this month.

(f) Finance Working Party

A meeting was held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 10.30 am - see attached \*

(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 8<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 9.30 am in Belmont Community Centre. see attached\*

The Chair of the Planting Scheme Working Party gave a report to Councillors.

The Chair thanked Councillor BH for her report.

(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 report has been received and circulated to members.

The Chairman thanked Councillor PF for his report.

18.206 To receive Reports from Ward Councillors.

Belmont

It was reported that work is being carried out on the premises of the recently closed Barclays Bank no further details known.

It was reported that yellow lines in the area were in progress where required.

The bollards at the mini roundabout near Bannatynes are continually getting knocked over, the matter to be reported to Durham County Council to request sturdier ones.

Belmont Library have a new bike rack in place.

The gully sucker has been out in the Belmont area.

Carrville

It was reported that drug use was rife in the area, the problem has been logged. The Chair man to speak with the appropriate people to highlight the problem.

Gilesgate Moor.

A concern regarding abandoned trolleys to be reported to Durham County Council.

A concern regarding cleaning of gulleys to be reported to Durham County Council.

A recent concern regarding litter on the motorway has been resolved.

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

18.208 Date of Next Meeting Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019.

The meeting closed at 8.30 am.