

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

Present: Chairman, Councillor D.J. Southwell, Councillors J. Appleby, P.T. Finley, C.A. Fletcher, B. Howarth, S. Inglis, E.S. Mavin, L. Mavin, E.B. Finlay, C.A. Lattin and M. Watson.

Members of the Public (1)

Representative from Gilesgate Residents Association (1)

Representative from Belmont Community Association (1)

19.35 To Receive Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for Absence were received from Vice-Chair, Councillor R. Murphy, Councillors T.A. Lemmon, S. Lowes and J.J. Wildheart.

Received.

19.36 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

19.37 To Receive Miscellaneous Reports.

(a) Police.

A Police report has been received and circulated to Councillors for information.

(b) Community Warden.

There was no Community Warden present.

(c) Members of the Public.

A concern was raised regarding anti-social behaviour from youths kicking residents' doors, the matter has been reported to the Police but to date there has been no follow-up.

A representative from Belmont Community Association asked the Parish Council for financial support regarding the possibility of placing a defibrillator outside the Community Centre housed in a cabinet for safety. CPR Training would be given to anyone wishing to be involved. The representative asked if the Parish Council would be in agreement for it to be placed outside the building and help with funding for the power supply.

Councillors EF and BH Declared an Interest because they are Belmont Community Centre trustees (BCA)

The Chairman re-imposed Standing Orders

The Chairman looked for support from Councillors to support the venture.

Agreed

Unanimous

The County Councillors agreed to give some of their Neighbourhood Budget to the proposal. Councillors JA and MW volunteered to maintain it.

The representative left the meeting at 18:40pm

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders.

A representative from Gilesgate Residents Association (unparished area) introduced himself to Councillors and said he would like to work with the Parish Council regarding advertising future events on the website and notice boards

Councillor CL praised County Councillors EM and LM for their prompt response regarding a recent concern of fly tipping involving asbestos.

A member of the public raised a concern that there had been a 38% reduction in Public Health money which the public should be aware of.

It was reported that a new service was in operation to self- refer to their local opticians who get paid to take people with minor eye problems. The scheme has been running since 1st April 2019 and people don't have to be registered with the optician to take advantage.

The Chairman thanked the member of public for the information and asked if he could forward information to the Parish Office to put on the Parish website.

The Chairman re-imposed Standing Orders.

19.38 To Consider and Make Comment on Planning Matters*.

The list of Planning Applications for May 2019.

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

No applications were thought to require the Parish Council to take action.

The Chairman thanked Councillor BH for her report.

Agreed.

19.39 To Confirm and Sign as a Correct Record of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Belmont Parish Council held on 2nd May 2019 see attached Minutes *.

Agreed.

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

Ward Reports

19.33 Belmont – A concern regarding poor grass cutting in the area was taken on board by Durham County Council.

19.33 Belmont – A concern regarding the footpath onto the large meadow at the Scrambles will be repaired within two weeks.

19.33 A request for an additional litter bin on Moorfield, Durham County Council has responded saying there are enough litter bins on Moorfield.

19.33 Gilesgate Moor

The broken plank on the wooden footbridge at Kepier Woods has now been repaired.

The rotten wooden fence on Parish Land at Broomside Lane has now been replaced with bird mouth fencing.

Received.

19.41 Any other Business, Date and Time of Next meeting 6th June 2019

A meeting took place regarding the Chairman, Manager of Ramside Estates and Councillor CF to discuss a former 106 Agreement regarding free golf lessons for primary school

children in the parish. It was agreed to include usage of the Putting Green, Driving Range. Professional coaching, access to changing rooms and provide snacks. Two schools are working with the offer at present and sources of publicity regarding the scheme via AGE UK, schools and website were discussed.

Received and Agreed.

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

1. The Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 2018/2019 has been hand delivered to Mazars LLP at Aykley Heads and the Public Excise of Rights has been displayed on the Parish Website commencing 3rd June until July 12th.
2. A concern was raised from a Durham County Council worker regarding the increasing amount of cars parking in the car park and on each side of the entrance making it difficult to get past with his van.
3. The Zurich Insurance Renewal Documents have been received regarding 5-year Long Term Agreement.

Received.

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

Agreed.

19.44 To Consider Financial Matters*.

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

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

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

(1) Haswell & District Mencap

Agreed: £50.00

Received and Agreed.

19.45 To Consider and Make Comment on Cemetery Reports.

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

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

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

(2)

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

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Received and Agreed.

19.46 To Discuss sale of Community Health Clinic, Kepier, Gilesgate.

The Chairman looked to Councillors to support Durham Alliance for Community Care Ltd DACC venture to purchase the NHS community building at Kepier currently up for sale. This would provide essential services for Adult Social care and accommodation in the area and would remain a community asset.

Agreed.

Unanimous

A letter of support to be sent to be sent to Company Secretary.

19.47 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

The Chair of the Cemetery Working Party gave a report to Councillors which included a site meeting held in Belmont Cemetery on Tuesday 7th May 2019 with a resident who would like to place a memorial seat in the cemetery in memory of her late husband - see attached notes*

A Cemetery Working Party has been arranged for Thursday 13th June 2019 at 9:30am in Belmont Community Centre to review the current Cemetery Rules and Regulations.

(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.

(g) Friends of Belmont Scrambles

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

(h) Parish Newsletter Working Party

A meeting was held on Wednesday 29th May at 4:00pm in Belmont Community Centre. It was reported that the Parish Newsletter would be completed by the weekend.

(I) Personnel and Training Advisory Panel

No meeting was held this month.

(j) Planning Committee

A Special Planning Meeting was held on Wednesday 8th May at 5.30 pm in Belmont Community Centre.

(k) Planting Scheme Working Party

A Planting Scheme Working Party meeting was held on Friday 3rd May 2019 at 9.30 am in Belmont Community Centre - see attached notes*

Councillor BH (Chair) gave a report to Councillors and said that preparations for the Childrens Art Competition were in the process of being finalised. The Presentations for the Children's Art Competition will be held on Thursday 20th June at 10.00 pm in Belmont Library, the Mayor has confirmed her attendance.

(l) Playground Development Committee

No meeting was held this month.

(m) Public Arts Group

No meeting was held this month.

A meeting to be arranged to discuss the re-painting of mural in the Skate Bowl, a suggestion was made by Councillor EM to get all schools in the parish involved to do a past, present and future theme. The meeting to also include replacing of parish seats in the parish and un-parished areas. The Chairman advised getting quotes for supply, fixing and removal from three Company's and to work with the County Councillors, also to enquire where other parishes purchased their seats.

(n) Area Action Partnership (AAP)

There was nothing to report.

(o) National Association of Local Councils (NALC)

There was nothing to report.

The member of the public left at 8.00 pm.

19.48 To Receive Reports from Ward Councillors.

Belmont

A concern regarding an overgrown tree in Brackendale Road has now been resolved.

A concern regarding weeds in gutters has been reported.

It was agreed to look at the path from Moorfield to Belmont Road for the next financial year.

A concern was raised regarding ongoing parking issues at Scardale Way, Cheveley Park a solution to the problem maybe bollards.

Carrville

A concern was raised regarding parking issues at Carrsdale/Dene Drive a solution to the problem may be a box junction.

The double yellow lines have been completed in Wantage Road (Carrville) and Willowtree Avenue (Gilesgate Moor), Gilesgate Moor will be completed within the next two weeks.

Gilesgate Moor.

A concern was raised regarding bogus callers in the area knocking on residents' doors enquiring if they were interested in a free boiler Councillor CF advised contacting AGE UK for advice and support.

At a recent meeting held by local businesses on Sunderland Road , Councillor CL reported that concerns were raised regarding dog fouling, speeding cars and the location of the crossing causing restricted visibility for pedestrians as on-coming cars have limited view.

A further concern was raised regarding the turning onto Sunderland Road from Mill Lane causing problems due to parked vans. The matter to be reported to Durham County Council.

Received.

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

Councillor LM left at 8.10 am

19.50 Date of Next Meeting Thursday 4th July 2019 at 6.30 pm in Belmont Community Centre.

Agreed.

The meeting closed at 8:25pm

Chairman's Signature: _____

Date: _____