

Minutes of the Belmont Parish Council held on Thursday 3rd October 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, P.T. Finley, C.A. Fletcher, B. Howarth, S. Inglis, M. Watson,
S. Lowes, C.A. Lattin, E. Mavin and L. Mavin.

Also present: Mrs. S. Overton (Parish Clerk)
Wardens (Durham County Council) (2)
Principal Private Secretary (Police Crime Commissioner)
Police Inspector (Durham Police)
Traffic & Streetworks Manager plus officer (Durham County Council)
Members of the Public (4)

19.85 To Receive Apologies for Absence.

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

19.86 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.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders.

19.87 Questions and answers from the Police, Police Crime Commissioner and Durham County Council regarding Police and speeding issues in the Parish of Belmont.

Various questions were raised by members of the public to representatives present regarding speeding cars from the motorway bridge down to Belmont Road towards the A690, not having a 30 m.p.h. speed limit, instead of 60 m.p.h. as at present.

On Belmont Road where the traffic emerges from Belmont Industrial Estate should be re-signed for turning left and turning right only.

Speeding concerns regarding the A690 from Gilesgate to Carrville why was it not 50 m.p.h. A member of the public raised a concern about the visibility of the bollards being inadequate.

A request to place stop look right signage on the A690 was discussed at the exit of the electricity board land, response given it wont happen as it is private land.

The Chairman thanked the officers for their time the officers said they would look into the concerns raised.

The Durham County representatives left at 7.00 pm.

A concern was raised regarding recent police reports being inadequate, the Police Inspector apologised and will look at issues raised saying the new version of the report was still work in progress.

A concern was raised regarding poor attendance at PACT meetings and for meetings to be more transparent.

The Police representatives left at 7:45pm.

19.88 To Receive Miscellaneous Reports.

(a) Police.

See above.

(b) Community Warden.

The wardens gave a report regarding various issues in the area which included drug abuse, dog fouling anti-social behaviour at cricket pavilion, and Cheveley Park Shops.

The Chairman thanked the Wardens for their report.

The wardens left at 6:40pm

(c) Members of the Public.

A concern was raised regarding a car still parked on Broomside Lane land

Member of the public left at 8:00pm.

The Chairman re-imposed Standing Orders.

19.89 To Consider and Make Comment on Planning Matters*.

Tabled at the meeting were the Planning Lists for September 2019 and the Countywide List of Delegated Decisions for September 2019.

The Chairman of the Planning Committee drew attention to relevant applications and delegated approvals and invited comments.

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

19.90 To Confirm and Sign as a Correct Record of the Minutes of the Meeting of Belmont Parish Council held on 5th September 2019 - Minutes attached *.
Agreed.

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

19.68 Members of the Public PG 2 – Durham County Council wont tarmac back of Teasdale Terrace,(unadopted) the Chairman advised looking at 106 monies as a possible solution.

19.78 To Discuss Durham AAP ‘its up to you 2019’ PG 4 – The Cheesy Waffle Group have completed their application for funding.

19.80 To Discuss company advertising in the Parish Newsletter PG 4 – The Vice-Chair reported no other Parish Councils advertised local businesses.

19.82 Ward Reports Belmont – PG 6 – A concern regarding cars parking on the junction coming out of Grange Road to be considered by Durham County Council for single white lines.

19.82 Ward Reports Carrville PG 6 - Durham County Council have responded to a request for a box junction to be placed at the exit of Carrsdale, saying that it doesn't meet the criteria but will repaint the lines there.

19.82 Ward Reports Gilesgate Moor PG 6 – It was reported that white lines have only been placed on one side.

19.82 Ward Reports Gilesgate Moor PG 6 – The Chairman suggested placing official letters from Durham County Council on the front of parked cars at the top of the entrance to Belmont Community Centre saying that they are parking on private property.

Received.

19.92 To Receive Matters of Information, Clerk's Report, Correspondence Tabled Items, letters/ e-mails received -

1. The Annual Northumbria in Bloom Awards Ceremony was held on Wednesday 25th September at the Lancastrian Suite Gateshead (this will be reported under Planting Scheme Working Party.)
2. The Beautiful Durham Ceremony was held on Wednesday 2nd October 2019 at County Hall.
3. Thank you letter to the Parish Council from Durham Alliance for Community Care Ltd (DACC) for our support regarding the purchase from the NHS of the Community Health Clinic at KEPIER on September 19th 2019.

Received.

19.93 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 meeting and has been incorporated into reports and presented to members.

Agreed.

19.94 To Consider Financial Matters*

(a) To Receive Receipts and Payments during the months of September 2019.

Received and Agreed.

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

Received and Agreed.

(c) To Receive budget summary for July/August/September 2019.

Received and Agreed.

(d) To Consider donation Request during the month of September 2019.

Belmont Baby and Toddler Group
Sherburn United FC.
Great North Air Ambulance GNAB

Received and Agreed.

A meeting to be arranged with surveyor from Durham County Council to look at tarmacking of path on Moorfield with the possibility of a short footpath on Moorfield onto Belmont Road.

Agreed.

For information repairs to the fence on Broomside Lane land (owned by the Parish Council) the cost will be met by the parish council.

Agreed.

19.95 To Consider and Make Comment on Cemetery Reports.

(a) To Receive the report of burials during the month of September 2019.

(4)

(b) To Receive the report of Grave & Ashes Purchases during the month of September 2019
(4)

(c) To Consider Memorial Erection and Additional Inscription Applications during the month of September 2019
(1)

(d) Ashes interred in Burial Plots during the month of September 2019
(0)

Agreed.

19.96 To Appoint representatives to attend the County Durham Association of Local Councils Annual General Meeting (CDALC AGM) *

The Chairman asked if anyone would like to attend the Annual General Meeting of County Durham Local Councils (CDALC) on Saturday 12th October at 10:00am in County Hall
Councillor E.B. Finlay to attend.

Agreed:

19.97 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.
Tree work in the cemetery will take place on Friday 11th October, a meeting to take place with a local wood carver and members of the Planting Scheme Working Party to discuss possible designs for wood stump in the cemetery.

(d) Christmas Tree Working Party.
A meeting was held on Monday 23rd September 2019 - see attached *

(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 and circulated to Councillors.

(h) Parish Newsletter Working Party
A meeting was held on Monday 16th September 2019.
The Chair of the Parish Newsletter Working Party informed Councillors the first draft of the Parish Newsletter had been completed.

(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 6th September 2019 at 9:30am in Belmont Community - see attached notes*

The Annual Northumbria in Bloom Awards Ceremony was held on Wednesday 25th September at the Lancastrian Suite Gateshead with the parish doing exceptionally well in all areas.

Belmont Allotments – Gold

Durham Gilesgate Primary School - Gold

Belmont Cemetery - Gold

Belmont Scrambles - Gold (also won best in category)

Ramside Hall Hotel - Gold (also won best in category)

Belmont Parish - Gold Urban Community Section (also won best in category)

At the first time of entering, our Cemetery Contractor won a Community Champion award and there were two other winners.

Cheesy Waffle Group received Level Two (improving) It's your Neighbourhood.

(l) Playground Development Committee

No meeting was held this month.

A playground inspection meeting was arranged for Saturday 14th September meeting at 10:00am outside Belmont Community Centre due to low attendance a further meeting to be arranged shortly.

(m) Public Arts Group

A Public Arts Group meeting was held on Wednesday 18th September 2019 – see attached*

A report was given by the Chair of the Public Arts Group.

A suggestion to put 'please drive carefully' signs when entering Belmont from Broomside Lane and also Gilesgate Moor was raised.

Agreed: to identify suitable areas for signs.

(n) Area Action Partnership (AAP)

There was nothing to report.

(o) National Association of Local Councils (NALC)

There was nothing to report.

19.98 To Receive Reports from Ward Councillors.

Belmont

Carrville

A concern was raised regarding overgrown trees in Carrsway the Chairman to look at the problem.

Gilesgate Moor.

A concern was raised regarding cars parking on either side of the road at the entrance to Belmont Community Centre causing problems for visitors. A suggestion was made to place single white lines on either side of the road to alleviate the problem. Cars also parking on

grass at exit the county councillor to look into cost of putting bollards there to block drivers parking.

A concern was raised regarding broken street light near BMX Track which needs replacing.
A concern was raised regarding parking issues at the zebra crossing at Marshall Terrace on Sunderland Road.

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

A discussion took place regarding this years annual Remembrance Day 2019 arrangements and the following agreed:-

Contribution towards refreshments at the Parochial Church Council £100.00 - Agreed.

Wreath £25.00 - Agreed.

It was proposed the Chairman would lay the wreath on Sunday 10th November 2019

Agreed.

19.100 Date of Next Meeting Thursday 7th November 2019

The date of the next meeting will be Thursday November 7th 2019 at 6:30pm in Belmont Community Centre