

Minutes of the Belmont Parish Council held on Thursday 5th December 2019
at 6:30pm in Belmont Community Centre.

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

Also Present Mrs S. Overton (Parish Clerk)
Members of the Public (5)
Neighbourhood Wardens (2)

19.120 To Receive Apologies for Absence.

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

Received.

19.121 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.

There were no Declarations of Interest.

Received.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders.

19.122 To Receive Miscellaneous Reports.

(a) Police.

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

(b) Community Warden.

The warden gave a report regarding various issues in the area which included gate has
now been secured at back of Frank Street, abandoned trolleys reported, is the
supermarkets responsibility to put back and a dog fouling sign has been put up outside
a residents property following a recent persistent dog fouling issue.

A concern was raised regarding a recent spat of vandalism to plants at Belmont
Allotments, the Warden to arrange regular patrols.

The Chairman thanked the Wardens for their report.

The Neighbourhood Warden left at 6:45pm

(c) Members of the Public.

Application refused put forward their comments to Councillors. The Chair
responded saying the Planning Committee will arrange a meeting with the Planning
Officer (DCC) and make a fair judgement, the outcome to be sent to the Inspectorate
of Planning.

The representatives left at 7:00pm

A concern was raised regarding parking issues at Teasdale Terrace (Dragon Lane) parking spaces have been given to residents however shoppers are regularly parking here. It was agreed to contact the Planning Department to say it is not clearly marked for residents.

A concern was raised regarding issues with pedestrians crossing the road coming from Tesco over to Lidl as there are no pedestrian traffic lights in place. A meeting to be arranged with the appropriate Officer, Chair, Councillor DJS, Vice-Chair, Councillor RM, BH, EM, LM and CAL to be included.

The Chairman re-imposed Standing Orders.

19.123 To Consider and Make Comment on Planning Matters*.

Councillor BH gave a report to Councillors regarding weekly Planning Applications during the month of November. She also drew attention to application DM/19/03651/FPA: Perfect care Residential Care Home – single storey extension to eastern elevation. After discussion it was **Agreed:**

- Not to object to the building extension but to support DCC inspection of the numerous trees surrounding the building. There is a group TPO on the trees which will be re-imposed following any DCC approved work.
- That a letter to the above effect should be sent to the delegated planning officer.

The Chairman thanked BH for her report.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders.

A resident informed Councillors that anyone undertaking defibrillator training could be liable to be sued if an incident occurred where they were involved.

The Chairman re-imposed Standing Orders.

19.124 To Confirm and Sign as a Correct Record of the Minutes of the Meeting of Belmont Parish Council held on 7th November 2019 - minutes attached *. **Agreed.**

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

19.107 -5 PG 2 – Work will start on the Pavillion shortly as volunteers have been unable to commence work due to sickness.

19.113- PG 5 – It was reported this years Remembrance Service had gone well and had been well attended.

19.126 To Receive Matters of Information, Clerk's Report, Correspondence Tabled items – for information.

(a) VAT form has been completed.

(b) Application for Section 106 Funding regarding three tier planters has been Approved.

(c) County Durham Association of Local Councils CDALC have been informed of the two names put forward (if successful) to attend the Royal Garden Party 2020

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

Agreed.

19.128 To Consider Financial Matters*

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

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

(c) To Consider donation Request during the month of November 2019
(1) Age UK - £50.00 **Agreed.**
(2) NEPACS £50.00 **Agreed.**
(3) Tree Tops £50.00 **Agreed.**

19.129 To Consider and Make Comment on Cemetery Reports.

(a) To Receive the report of burials during the month of November 2019
(0)

(b) To Receive the report of Grave & Ashes Purchases during the month of November 2019
(0)

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

(d) Ashes interred in Burial Plots during the month of November 2019
(0)
Agreed.

19.130 To Discuss Northumbria In Bloom 2020.

Councillors were in agreement that entry into the Northumbria in Bloom annual competition gets recognition for the Parish and provides good value for money.

Agreed: for the entry form to be completed and the fee of £200.00 be paid immediately.

19.131 To Discuss free defibrillator awareness training from the North East Ambulance Service.

Councillors were asked if they would like to attend a free defibrillator awareness training from the North East Ambulance Service in the New Year.

Agreed: Councillors wishing to attend, to contact the Parish Office who will forward their names onto the appropriate people.

19.132 Update on Senior Citizens Christmas Party.

The Clerk reported arrangements for the Christmas party were in hand and that attendance was up on last year.

19.133 Precept 2020

The Chairman was pleased to report there would be no increase in the precept for 2020.

Agreed: to complete and sign the precept form and return to Durham County Council.

19.134 To Discuss Beautiful Durham Sponsorship.

It was agreed to support the Beautiful Durham Competition by giving a donation .

Agreed:£50.00

19.135 To Receive Working Party Reports.

(a) Appeals Committee

No meeting was held this month.

(b) Asset Task Group

A meeting was held on Monday 2nd December 2019 at 10:00am in Belmont Community Centre

(c) Cemetery Working Party

No meeting was held this month.

A concern was raised by a grave owner regarding flooding on relatives grave, the Chairman, Chairman of the Cemetery Working Party and Cemetery Contractor met with the owner to discuss the issue. A depression was found on the grave and it was agreed to place top soil over it to alleviate the problem and re-turf the area.

A meeting to be arranged in the New Year to discuss cutting down of hedges in the Cemetery, Chair of Cemetery Working Party Councillor SI and Vice-Chair RM to be involved.

(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 Monday 2nd December 2019 at 9:30am in Belmont Community Centre

(g) Friends of Belmont Scrambles

A report has been received and circulated to Councillors*

(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.

Agreed: a Special Planning Committee meeting be arranged to discuss Application DM/19/01160/FPA.

(k) Planting Scheme Working Party

A meeting was held on Friday 8th November 2019 at 9:30am in Belmont Community Centre - see attached notes*

(l) Playground Development Committee

No meeting was held this month.

(m) Public Arts Group

No meeting was held this month.

It was reported that the first Pop Up Poetry session had been well attended and that further sessions were scheduled for the New Year.

(n) Area Action Partnership (AAP)

No report was given.

(o) National Association of Local Councils (NALC)

No report was given.

19.136 To Receive Reports from Ward Councillors.

Belmont

A concern was raised regarding drivers parking on the double yellow lines in Buckinghamshire Road the Chairman advised Councillors to contact the Parish Office with details of Registration Number, colour and make of car where details will be forwarded onto the Neighbourhood Warden.

Carrville

Councillor JA thanked the Chairman for his response with the trees in Carrsway and Carrsdale.

A request was made for a box junction at the exit from Denes Drive as leaving the exit is hazardous particularly at peak times. A query was also made regarding the clarity of the KEEP CLEAR sign not being visible. The Chairman to look into the matter further in the New Year and to work with the three County Councillor and Durham County Council Officer.

Gilesgate Moor.

Residents from Eden Terrace were pleased that a recent concern regarding boy racers in the B&Q carpark had quietened down.

After an approach by the Parish Council for a donation for the Womens Refuge it was kindly approved by Tesco Extra and it was reported that toys had been received.

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A concern was raised regarding delivery vans parking on the footpath at Willowtree shops and also cars parking when a weekly keep fit class takes place, if times were identified the Parish Council would contact the Neighbourhood Warden to resolve this issue.

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

There was no other business.

19.138 Date of Next Meeting Thursday 9th January 2020 at 6:30pm in Belmont Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 8:30pm

Agreed.