

**Minutes of the Belmont Parish Council held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020**  
**at 6:30pm in Belmont Community Centre.**

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

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

19.156 To Receive Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillors J. Appleby, T.A. Lemmon, J.J. Wildheart and C.A. Fletcher.

**Received.**

19.157 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.**

19.158 To Receive Miscellaneous Reports.

(a) Police.

A report was circulated to Councillors for information.

It was agreed to look into collating the total number of crime incidences in the parish over the past year up to the end of January 2020.

(b) Community Warden.

The Community Warden gave a report to Councillors which included abandoned trolleys, untidy areas, in the parish and also dog fouling issues on the Scrambles.

The Chairman thanked the Warden for their report.

(c) Members of the Public, (to include presentation from Belmont United Football Club)

A concern was raised regarding the residents car park at LIDL, the developers are asking residents to pay a fee. The resident to be invited to a future planning meeting to discuss the concern further.

For information, The County Councillor reported that a site visit had taken place with the appropriate officer (Durham County Council) regarding crossing difficulties from Tesco to LIDL for pedestrians, the officer said it would be prudent to delay survey.

Three representatives from Belmont United Football Club are looking to build a sports community hub in the area and enquired if the Parish Council would be interested in

leasing the Parish Council owned land beside Belmont Community Centre. The scheme would help young people in the area have somewhere safe they can go to and use regularly. Various points were raised which included issues regarding lighting, parking, security cameras and facilities for users.

**Agreed:** the Chairman to arrange a Special Meeting with Parish Councillors to discuss the proposal further and report back to Belmont United Football Club with the outcome.

County Councillor EM to Chair the meeting in his capacity as Chairman of the Play Areas committee.

Councillor CL suggested a site visit with the representatives to look at two unused pieces of land behind Sherburn Road which could be another option.

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

The three representatives left the meeting at 7.30 pm

#### **19.159 To Consider and make comment on Planning Matters\***

A report was given by the Chairman of the Planning Committee Councillor BH.regarding Weekly Planning Applications for the month of January 2020.

#### **19.160 To Confirm and Sign as a Correct Record of the Minutes of the Meeting of Belmont Parish Council held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020\***

**Agreed.**

#### **19.161 To Receive Matters Arising from the Minutes not on the Agenda.**

19.155 PG 6 – Carrville – A resident has written privately to Durham County Council regarding problems when crossing over to LIDL from Tesco.

For information the gap in white lines on Willowtree Avenue has been resolved.

#### **19.162 To Receive Matters of Information, Clerk's Report, Correspondence Tabled Items – for information.**

1. Belmont Parish Council was unsuccessful in the draw to attend this year's Royal Garden Party 2020.
2. An overgrown grave in the cemetery has been cleared and turfed, the matter is now resolved.
3. Two defibrillator signs are now in place one in the Community Centre at the top of the car park on lamp -post next to bin and the other near the BMX Track.
4. The total for the Children's Art Calendars is currently £128.50 the proceeds will go the Great North Air Ambulance.

**Received.**

#### **19.163 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 February 2020 meeting and has been incorporated into reports and presented to members.

**Received.**

19.164 To Consider Financial Matters\*

(a) To Receive Receipts and Payments during the months of January 2020

**Received.**

(b) To Receive Bank reconciliation to end of January 2020

**Received.**

(c) To Consider donation Request during the month of January 2020

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**Received.**

19.165 To Consider and make Comment on Cemetery Reports.

(a) To Receive the report of burials during the month of January 2020

(4)

**Received.**

(b) To Receive the report of Grave & Ashes Purchases during the month of January 2020

(2)

**Received.**

(c) To Consider Memorial Erection and Additional Inscription Applications during the month of January 2020

(3)

**Received and Agreed.**

**Agreed:** A Cemetery Working Party site meeting to be arranged for Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 9:30am.

19.166 To Discuss Speed Restrictions on A690 and Belmont Road.

The Chairman informed members that he had met with the appropriate officer at Durham County Council to discuss speeding concerns on the A690 and Belmont Road.

**Agreed:** to await response from Durham County Council, if nothing is done Belmont Parish Council will be appealing.

19.167 To Discuss un-parished area of Gilesgate.

A discussion took place amongst councillors and various points were raised.

**Agreed.**

19.168 To Approve Summer Planting.

The summer planting costs were Approved by Councillors.

**Agreed.**

19.169 To Discuss 'in house Planning Applications Training'

The Chairman to look at arranging a Planning Training session for Councillors mid March, date and time to be confirmed.

**Agreed.**

19.170 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

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 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 5:00pm in the Parish Office.

(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 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 9:30am in Belmont Community Centre - see attached notes\*

A site meeting was held on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 9:30am starting at Cheveley Park shopping centre to discuss locations of three tier planters.

(l) Playground Development Committee

No meeting was held this month.

(m) Public Arts Group

No meeting was held this month.

**Agreed:** a meeting to be arranged for Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 5:00pm in Belmont Community Centre to progress with the parish seating.

The Vice-Chair praised the Admin/IT Support Assistant for his excellent work collating information with regards to public seating in the parish and un-parished area.

(n) Area Action Partnership (AAP)

A report was given to Councillors which included new plans for new bus station, buses would be stopping on the front street whilst works were in progress.

(o) National Association of Local Councils (NALC)

No report given.

19.171 To Receive Reports from Ward Councillors.

Belmont

The KEEP CLEAR signage at Shell Garage has now been repainted.  
County Councillor to look at joining lines at Shell garage.

Carrville

A concern was raised regarding repair works to a path in the area by Durham County Council where a stop cock had been accidentally covered, over, Northumbria Water Limited were contacted and the matter was resolved.

Gilesgate Moor

It was reported all white lines have now been completed apart from one area to the entrance at Belmont Community Centre.

It was reported that a hot air balloon had come down in a nearby field recently.

19.172 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.

19.173 Date of Next Meeting Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 6:30pm in Belmont Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 8:50pm