

## **Minutes of the Belmont Parish Council held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020**

DUE TO THE CURRENT SITUATION THERE WAS NO ACTUAL PHYSICAL MEETING HELD  
COUNCILLORS RESPONDED TO AGENDA BY E-MAIL.

20.76 To Receive Apologies for Absence.

**Received.**

20.77 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.**

20.78 To Receive Miscellaneous Reports.

(a) Police.

A Crime/PACT Report has been received and forwarded to Councillors – please see attached\*

(b) Community Warden.

No report received.

20.79 To Consider and make Comment on Planning Matters\*.

Weekly Planning Applications for the month of September 2020 - see attached\*  
Planning report for October 1<sup>st</sup> 2020 – please see attached\*

**Received and Agreed.**

20.80 To Confirm and sign as a correct record of the Minutes of the meeting of Belmont Parish Council held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Minutes attached \*

**Agreed.**

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

There were no Matters Arising.

**Received and Agreed.**

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

1) For information plans have been approved for a dynamic Heritage Hub in Durham City to restore Grade 2 Listed Mount Oswald Manor House.

**Received.**

20.83 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.

**Received.**

20.84 To Consider Financial Matters\*

(a) To Receive Receipts and Payments during the month of September 2020.

**Received and Agreed.**

(b) To Receive bank reconciliation during the month of September 2020.

**Received and Agreed.**

(c) To Receive budget summary for July/August/September 2020

**Received and Agreed.**

(d) To Consider Donation requests for September 2020.

Great North Air Ambulance - £50.00

MacMillan Cancer Support Charity Run (Councillor JA) - £50.00

(2)

**Received and Agreed.**

20.85 To Consider and make Comment on Cemetery Reports.

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

(1)

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

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

(3)

(d) Ashes interred in Burial Plots during the month of September 2020

(2)

**Received and Agreed.**

20.86 To Discuss Senior Citizens Christmas Party 2020

Due to COVID 19 restrictions our annual Christmas event will sadly not be taking place this year, please see attached report from Councillor BH\*

**Received and Agreed.**

20.87 To Discuss Remembrance Sunday Service 2020

Due to COVID 19 restrictions please see updated information for Remembrance Day Sunday Service 2020 received from Councillor BH.\*

Could members please confirm their agreement to the following items:

- a) the purchasing of a wreath from the Royal British Legion (previously this has cost £25.00 including a small donation).

**Agreed.**

- b) that the Chairman Councillor DJS to lay the wreath on behalf of Belmont Parish Council

**Agreed.**

20.88 Update on tree issues in Carrville.

A site meeting took place on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 8.30 am with the Chairman of Belmont Parish Council DJS, a representative from Durham County Council, SC (Head of Tree matters) and Councillor JA to discuss ongoing and long term issues with trees along with several residents expressing specific concerns.

**Received.**

20.89 Conclusion of External Audit 2020.

The audit has been concluded and approved, the statement of accounts has been published on the parish website.

**Received.**

20.90 To Discuss anti-social behaviour at the Cricket Pavilion on Moorfield.

A site meeting took place on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September with the Chairman DJS, Councillor MW, representative from Belmont United and resident RC to discuss recent antisocial behaviour issues amongst youths gathering at the cricket pavilion.

**Agreed:** to install shuttering to deter ongoing antisocial behaviour issues.

20.91 Update on Scrambles S106 application

The Scrambles 106 Application is to be discussed at the September Planning meeting by Durham County Council.

20.92 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  
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  
Notes for 10<sup>th</sup> September – please see attached\*  
Update on Notes for 10<sup>th</sup> September – please see attached\*  
A ‘Walk in the Woods’ was held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 9.30 am Spring/Summer 2020  
please see attached report from Councillor MW\*
- (l) Playground Development Committee  
No meeting was held this month.  
A burnt-out basket swing in Moorfield has been removed by Durham County Council due to a recent issue with vandalism. The Police were informed and a claim has been submitted to Zurich Insurance to replace and make good.
- (m) Public Arts Group  
Update on Public Arts Group 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020 - please see attached report\*
- (n) Area Action Partnership (AAP)  
There was nothing to report.
- (o) National Association of Local Councils (NALC)  
There was nothing to report.

20.93 To Receive reports from Ward Councillors.

Belmont

Update on school crossing patrol site near Cheveley Park School at present still remains unmanned, a job advert is in place and hopefully be filled shortly.

Carrville

No concerns were raised.

### Gilesgate Moor

A concern was raised regarding damage to wooden footbridge in Kepier woods and dangerous tarmacked path.

A 'No parking' sign has been requested to Durham County Council for placing on grassed area in front of Belmont Community Centre to deter illegal parking.

Issues with antisocial behaviour related to alcohol, drug abuse, untidy gardens, overgrown bushes and dog fouling were also raised in the area.

A concern was raised regarding residents gardens in Hornbeam Close a site meeting will take place on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020 with representatives from Northumbria Water, Avant Homes and residents.

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

There were no other issues for approval or otherwise.

20.95 Next Meeting

5<sup>th</sup> November 2020