

**Minutes of Belmont Parish Council held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

**DUE TO THE CURRENT SITUATION, THERE WAS NO ACTUAL PHYSICAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2021 COUNCILLORS RESPONDED TO AGENDA ITEMS BY TELEPHONE AT THE REQUEST OF THE CHAIRMAN.**

20.135 To Receive Apologies for Absence.

**Received.**

20.136 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.**

20.137 To Receive Miscellaneous Reports.

(a) Police.

(b) Community Warden.

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

A list of Weekly Planning Applications and Countywide Delegated for the month of December was e- mailed to members for information – see attached \*

**Received and Agreed.**

20.139 To Confirm and sign as a correct record of the Minutes of the meeting of Belmont Parish Council held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020 – see attached \*

**Agreed.**

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

**Received.**

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

1. Letter has been forwarded to Planning Officer, Durham County Council, regarding Planning Application DM/20/03558/OUT: Banks Property Ltd, Land to East of Regents Court, Sherburn Road, Durham – Proposed residential development of up to 440 dwellings (outline including access).
2. VAT claim form has been posted.
3. Section 106 Funding Application (Public art) for replacement and new benches, has been submitted, awaiting update.
4. Neighbourhood Budget Application for security measures on the sports pavilion has been submitted, awaiting update.

5. Confirmation has been received from the Rural Payments Agency regarding our recent grant application stating that we have been offered a Countryside Stewardship agreement amounting to £4,398.40 over a 5-year period (£879.68 per annum. The Agreement start date runs from 01/01/2021 to the Agreement End date 31/12/2025. The Countryside Stewardship agreement acceptance declaration has been posted.

**Received.**

20.142 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 January meeting and has been incorporated into reports and presented to members.

**Received.**

20.143 To Consider Financial Matters\*

(a) To Receive Receipts and Payments during the month of December 2020 – see attached\*

**Received and Agreed.**

(b) To Receive Bank reconciliation during the month of December 2020 – see attached\*

**Received and Agreed.**

(c) To Receive budget summary for October/November/December 2020

**Received and Agreed.**

(d) To Consider Donation requests during the month of December 2020

The following requests to be approved by councillors.

(a) Grant for Friends of Keping Woods - £500.00 (Councillor MW declared an interest)

**Agreed.**

(b) Donation for Women's Refuge - £50.00

**Agreed.**

(c) Grant for Friends of Belmont War Memorial - £500.00 (Councillor BH declared an interest)

**Agreed.**

20.144 To Consider and make Comment on Cemetery Reports.

(a) To Receive the report of burials during the months of December 2020

(3)

**Received and Agreed.**

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

(0)

**Received and Agreed.**

- (c) To Consider Memorial Erection and Additional Inscription Applications during the month of December 2020  
(7)

**Received and Agreed.**

- (d) Ashes interred in Burial Plots during the month of December 2020  
(0)

**Received and Agreed.**

20.145 To Approve Grant for Friends of Kepier Woods

**Received and Agreed.**

20.146 To Approve Donation for Women's Refuge

**Received and Agreed.**

20.147 To Approve Grant for Friends of Belmont War Memorial

**Received and Agreed.**

20.148 To Discuss Double Taxation – see attached. \*

**Received and Agreed.**

20.149 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  
A meeting was held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at 9:45am in Belmont Community Centre – see attached notes\*
- (g) Friends of Belmont Scrambles  
No report has been received.
- (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

A site meeting was held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020 to discuss purchase of land in Brackendale Road.

A meeting was held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020 at 4.30 pm in Belmont Community Centre. See attached notes\*

A presentation from Banks Property Ltd was held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020 in Belmont Community Centre at 6.00 – 8.00 pm.

(k) Planting Scheme Working Party/The Friends of Kepier Woods group report.

No meeting was held this month.

(l) Playground Development Committee

No meeting was held this month.

(m) Public Arts Group

No meeting was held this month.

(n) Area Action Partnership (AAP)

No report received.

(o) National Association of Local Councils (NALC)

No report received.

20.150 To Receive reports from Ward Council.

Belmont

Carrville

Gilesgate Moor

A recent concern regarding a fence running alongside A690 in need of attention close to playground Kenny Place has now been resolved.

A concern was raised by a resident regarding moss growth on the basketball/tennis court near Belmont Community Centre becoming slippery to walk on, the matter has been forwarded to Durham County Council.

A concern was raised regarding a damaged lantern on the lamp post beside Post Office Willowtree Avenue, High Grange Estate, the matter has been reported to Durham County Council,

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

20.152 Date of Next Meeting Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2021.