

Minutes of the Belmont Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 4th March 2021

DUE TO THE CURRENT SITUATION, THERE WILL BE NO ACTUAL PHYSICAL MEETING TAKING PLACE ON THURSDAY 4th MARCH 2021, COUNCILLORS TO RESPOND TO AGENDA ITEMS BY E-MAIL.

20.171 To Receive Apologies for Absence.

Received.

20.172 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.

20.173 To Receive Miscellaneous Reports.

(a) Police.

(b) Community Warden.

20.174 To Consider and make Comment on Planning Matters*.

No Planning Meeting was held, but following members agreement two letters in support of the DCC Proposed Article 4 Extension to cover Carrville and Belmont were sent to the Consultation – see attached*

Received and Agreed.

20.175 To Confirm and sign as a correct record of the Minutes of the meeting of Belmont Parish Council held on 4th February 2021 - Minutes attached *

Agreed.

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

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

1. Letter sent to Durham County Council (DCC) Consultation on a Proposed Article 4 Direction for Mount Oswald, Carrville and Belmont Supplementary enquiry from Belmont Parish Council Plan.
2. Environmental Awards – Congratulations to the Friends of Keping Woods and the Friends of Pelaw Woods who both enjoyed the success of winning Highly Commended.

20.178 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 March meeting and has been incorporated into reports and presented to members.

Received.

20.179 To Consider Financial Matters*

- (a) To Receive Receipts and Payments during the month of February 2021 – see attached*
- (b) To Receive Bank reconciliation during the month of February 2021 – see attached*
- (c) To Consider Donation requests during the month of February 2021

Received and Agreed

20.180 To Consider and make Comment on Cemetery Reports.

- (a) To Receive the report of burials during the month of February 2021
(0)
- (b) To Receive the report of Grave & Ashes Purchases during the month of February 2021
(0)
- (c) To Consider Memorial Erection and Additional Inscription Applications during the month of February 2021
(0)
- (d) Ashes interred in Burial Plots during the month of February 2021
(0)

Received and Agreed

20.181 To Approve funding for Belmont and Carrville Residents Association proposal for an Easter Gift aimed at children in all primary schools in the parish and unparished area of Gilesgate,
This item was approved at the 4th February 2021 Parish Council meeting held by e-mail, Councillors were asked to approve this item and it was agreed.

20.182 Office Risk Assessment Update.

Agreed.

20.183 Code of Conduct Update

Agreed.

20.184 Model Publication Scheme Update.

Agreed.

20.185 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
Joint Planting Scheme and Cemetery Working Party site meetings were held on Friday the 5th February at 9:45am and on 1st March 2021 at 2:00pm, in Belmont Cemetery to discuss planting a tree and erecting a plaque in memory of victims of COVID-19 - see attached *
- (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 – see attached *
- (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/The Friends of Keping Woods group report.
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- (l) Playground Development Committee
A site meeting was held at Cheveley Park Play area with Playdale on 16th February at 1.00 pm.
- (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.

20.186 To Receive reports from Ward Councillors.

Belmont

A concern was raised regarding potholes, in particular two potholes near The Links which leads on to Thorndale Road Belmont DH1 2AJ . The matter has been forwarded to Durham County Council.

A request by residents for Durham County Council to reinstate the missing rubbish bin that was outside Bainbridge’s shop, Cheverly Park shops, Belmont to alleviate recent litter problems.

A request has been made to Durham County Council for a dog bin to be placed at the bottom of Birkdale Gardens which leads onto the little field at the Scrambles.

A recent issue regarding an overgrown tree near to Hampshire Road, Belmont has now been resolved.

Carrville

An issue with dog fouling near Pickering Place, Carrville on the grass verge adjacent to the car park at the Spar at Blue House Farm has been reported to Durham County Council.

A request has been forwarded to Durham County Council for a dog bin to be installed in the car park at the shops Blue House Farm Carrville after recent issues with litter were reported.

A request has been made for a dog bin at Grange Road has been forwarded to Durham County Council.

Gilesgate Moor

A broken light in Rennys Lane underpass along with issues regarding graffiti and litter have been reported to Durham County Council.

Residents have raised issues with landscaping next to the new fence that has been erected along Belmont Road at the back of the bungalows, opposite Hornbeam Close. Contractors have not landscaped the grassed verge on the public side, rutted mud tracks, rubble, wood and its messy.

A concern has been raised regarding the vast amount of rubbish in the bushes down the side of Tesco's car park opposite, Pet and Pony retail unit which is blowing onto the adjacent highway.

A concern was raised regarding potholes in High Grange estate the matter has been reported to Durham County Council.

A footpath issue at Kepier Woods has been reported to Durham County Council.

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

20.188 Date of Next Meeting Thursday 1st April 2021.