

Minutes for the Belmont Parish Council Meeting 1st April 2021.

DUE TO THE CURRENT SITUATION, THERE WAS NO ACTUAL PHYSICAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 1st APRIL 2021, COUNCILLORS TO RESPOND TO AGENDA ITEMS BY E-MAIL.

20.189 To Receive Apologies for Absence.

None.

Received and Agreed.

20.190 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.

20.191 To Receive Miscellaneous Reports.

(a) Police.

(b) Community Warden.

(c) Members of the Public

20.192 To Consider and make Comment on Planning Matters*.

A list of Weekly Planning Applications and Countywide Delegated for the month of March 2021 was e- mailed to members for information – see attached *

A Planning report has been received from the Chair of the Planning Committee Councillor BH – see attached *

A letter has been sent to Durham County Council Planning Officer with regards to Planning Application DM/21/00732 - see attached *

A letter has been sent to Durham County Council Planning Development Manager concerning disregard of Planning Approval Conditions relating to preservation of trees and hedging along the south facing boundary of the SG Petch on Belmont Road - see attached *

Received.

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

Agreed.

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

There were no matters arising.

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

The Parish Councils bid for a grant has been approved regarding Tree Week 20 - Plant Them, the monies to go towards planting a cherry tree in Belmont Cemetery in memory of those who have died due to COVID-19.

For information, a temporary public footpath closure order to commence 17/3/21 for a period of up to 6 months, extending the emergency closure notice detailed below owing to riverbank erosion resulting in the use of Footpath no.1 to be considered unsafe.

For information we have received confirmation from Durham County Council regarding our P3 budget for 2021-22 stating they will be able to allocate £1000 to Belmont Parish for parish path work.

Received.

20.196 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 April meeting and has been incorporated into reports and presented to members.

Received.

20.197 To Consider Financial Matters*

(a) To Receive Receipts and Payments during the month of March 2021 – see attached*

Received and Agreed.

(b) To Receive Bank reconciliation during the month of March 2021 – see attached*

Received and Agreed.

(c) To Receive budget summary for January, February, March 2021 – see attached*

Received and Agreed.

(d) To Consider Donation requests during the month of March 2021 – see attached*

Received and Agreed.

20.198 To Consider and make Comment on Cemetery Reports during the month of March 2021- see attached*

Received and Agreed.

- (a) To Receive the report of burials during the month of March 2021
(5)

Received and Agreed.

- (b) To Receive the report of Grave & Ashes Purchases during the month of March 2021
(3)

Received and Agreed.

- (c) To Consider Memorial Erection and Additional Inscription Applications during the month of March 2021
(1)

Received and Agreed.

- (d) Ashes interred in Burial Plots during the month of March 2021
(0)

Received and Agreed.

20.199 To Support our sub-Planning Committee regarding boundary at SG Petch.

Agreed.

20.200 To Approve Budget 2021-2022 – see attached*

Agreed.

20.201 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.

The Roots of Remembrance Plaque memorial plaque for the Cemetery has now been ordered in memory of victims of COVID-19 and will be installed over the coming weeks.

(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

(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 Kepier Woods group report.
Notes from the Planting Scheme Working Party Monday 29th March 2021 from Chair Councillor BH

The Annual Northumbria in Bloom Spring Meeting was held virtually by Zoom on March 17th at 10.00 a.m, notes from Councillor RM included in the body of the Planting Scheme Working Party notes.

A report has been received from Councillor MW, Chair of Friends of Kepier Woods*

(l) Playground Development Committee
No meeting was held this month.

(m) Public Arts Group
A report has been received from joint chairs Councillors RM AND MW *

(n) Area Action Partnership (AAP)
No report received.

(o) National Association of Local Councils (NALC)

No report received.

20.202 To Receive reports from Ward Councillors.

Belmont

A request for a new dog bin to be installed near Birkdale Gardens has been approved by Durham Council.

A request was received from residents for a Boxed Junction at the junction of Broomside and Buckinghamshire road as it is becoming increasingly difficult to exit and enter Buckinghamshire road due to traffic blocking the road. The matter has been reported to the Durham County Councillor.

A concern was raised regarding fly-tipping near Ramside Hall golf course footpath from Broomside Lane to scrambles near railway bridge, the matter has been reported to Durham County Council.

A concern was raised regarding Cheveley Park play area where someone had spilt a blue coloured liquid down the toddler slide, the matter was reported to Durham County Council and has now been resolved.

Carrville

A concern was raised regarding several large pot-holes on Carville High Street, the matter has been reported to Durham County Council.

A concern has been raised regarding issues with overflowing bins at Pickering Place the matter has been reported to Durham County Council.

A concern was raised regarding a bus shelter on Broomside Lane needing cleaning and also the bin next to it in need of repair the matter has been reported to Durham County Council.

Gilesgate Moor

A concern was raised by residents who are concerned about the busy road opposite Belmont Community Centre and Eden Terrace also further down at Sunderland Road, near the mini- roundabout crossing the matter has been reported to Durham County Council.

A site meeting took place with members of the Parish Council at Rennys Lane on Thursday at 9:30am, to discuss various issues with graffiti and a broken wall light, also present an Officer from Durham County Council

A concern was raised regarding several large potholes at Mill lane, from St. Josephs school to junction at Sherburn Road this has been reported to Durham County Council.

A concern was raised from residents in Sharp Crescent regarding vans and large vehicles.

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

20.204 Date of Next Meeting Friday 21st May 2021.