

MINUTES OF THE BELMONT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON JUNE 17th 2021

AT 6:30 P.M. IN BELMONT COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Present: Chairman E.S. Mavin, Vice-Chairman C.A. Fletcher, Councillors L. Mavin, P.S. Conway, Mrs P.J. Conway, M. Watson, M. P. Bennett, C.A. Lattin, J. Knight, K. Noble, V. Hawes, A.P. Watkins and S.C. White.

Also Present: Parish Clerk S. Overton

21.23 To Receive Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillors J. Appleby and A.C. Walker.

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21.24 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.

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21.25 To Receive Miscellaneous Reports.

(a) Police.

A PACT report has been circulated to all councillors.

Councillor Watson forwarded an update on the PACT Project – regarding residents who have CCTV etc. registering with Police so that footage can be used to identify criminal acts or identify missing persons whereabouts event to promote the website In The Know to be arranged in the near future this has been delayed by recent Local Elections.

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(b) Community Warden.

There has been no report received.

(c) Members of the Public

There were no members of the public present.

21.26 To Consider and make Comment on Planning Matters*.

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

Nominations were requested for Chairman of the Planning Committee.

Councillor P.S. Conway was moved and seconded.

RESOLVED: That Councillor P.S. Conway be elected as Chairman for the Planning Committee for the ensuing year.

21.27 To Confirm and sign as a correct record of the Minutes of the meeting of Belmont Parish Council held on 21st May 2021 – Minutes attached*

AGREED.

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

There were no matters arising.

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

(a) Good Councillor Guides have been received and circulated to all councillors.

(b) The Belmont and Gilesgate Community Litter Pick Project will take place on Sunday 4th July at 2pm – see attached notes*

(c) A list has been received regarding the removal of poles by Netomnia – see attached information*

(d) The Northumbria in Bloom summer judging is confirmed for Wednesday 14th July further details to be finalised.

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21.30 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 June meeting and has been incorporated into reports and presented to members.

AGREED.

21.31 To Consider Financial Matters*

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

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(e) Change of signatories

A discussion took place regarding change of signatories for signing of cheques and removal of previous names.

AGREED: that Councillors M.P. Bennett, Mrs P.J. Conway, Mrs L. Mavin, M. Watson and Mrs S. Overton (Clerk) be made signatories. The Clerk to contact Barclays Bank to request Change of Mandate Form.

(f) On-line Banking

AGREED: Councillor White to look into on-line banking with regards to updating the councils present financial system.

21.32 To Consider and make Comment on Cemetery Reports.

(a) To Receive the report of burials during the month of May 2021

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(b) To Receive the report of Grave & Ashes Purchases during the month of May 2021

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

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(d) Ashes interred in Burial Plots during the month of May 2021

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21.33 Renewal of Zurich Insurance 2021 – 2022.

The annual renewal of £3,711.95 has been paid and confirmation from Zurich Municipal has been received, this is a long term agreement active until 1st June 2024.

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21.34 Update on identity badges.

Councillor Watson to take lanyards and id photos of those councillors requiring badges to Belmont Community School who are happy to assist.

AGREED.

21.35 To Receive and Approve Summer and Winter Planting 2021.

Summer costings

Planting £2, 550.00 minus £150.00 sponsorship which includes:-

Plant beds	£1,150.00	
Empty beds	280.00	
Empty/plant containers	580.00	
Maintain beds	<u>540.00</u>	
	<u>£2,550.00</u>	
Less sponsorship	<u>150.00 -</u>	
	<u>£2,400.00</u>	TOTAL

Cost of summer plants is £1,417.32 includes VAT

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Winter costings

Planting £2,370.00 minus £150.00 sponsorship which includes:-

Plant beds	£1,150.00	
Remove plants	280.00	
Plant containers	580.00	
Maintain beds	360.00	
Total	<u>£2,370.00</u>	
Less sponsorship	<u>150.00 -</u>	
	<u>£2,220.00</u>	TOTAL

Cost of winter plants is £1,088.47 includes VAT

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21.36 To Approve repairs to fence at Broomside Lane near the Pit Tub.

The fence in question is in need of two new posts and slat.

APPROVED: the Chairman to contact Durham County Council to look at the issue.

21.37 To Discuss recognition of long serving ex-councillors.

A discussion took place regarding recognition of long serving ex councillors.

AGREED: to be consistent with the number of years a councillor has served on the council and to implement it as from now not historically.

AGREED: that the four long serving ex councillors from the previous council be given a token of recognition of their service to the parish.

21.38 To Discuss calendar of meetings.

Councillors agreed that from September 9th, future parish council meetings would be held on the second Thursday of the month.

AGREED:

21.39 To Receive Committee Reports.

(a) Communications Committee

A report to be given by the Chair.

(b) Environment Committee

A report to be given by the Chair.

(c) Finance and Assets Committee

A report to be given by the Chair.

(d) Planning Committee

A report to be given by the Chair.

AGREED: to send **all** councillors notification of future committee meetings, please note only **members** of that Committee group will be able to have a say on decision making.

21.40 To Receive reports from Ward Councillors.

Belmont

A concern was raised regarding piles of tree cuttings on either side of the track that runs all the way down to the motorway from the Scrambles the matter has now been resolved.

A concern was raised regarding the increasing amount of litter at Cheveley Park shops and play area the matter to be reported to Durham County Council.

Carrville

There has been multiple complaints regarding the Public Rights of Way that runs alongside Ramside Golf Course and Leamside Line being overgrown with nettles and thistles, the matter has been reported to Durham County Council. Other issues raised in the same area is the amount of dog fouling, the matter has been reported to Durham County Council with a request for a dog bin to be placed at the start of the path near the bridge.

A request has been made to Durham County Council for double yellow lines to be placed at the entrance to Wantage Road onto Carrville High Street to deter cars parking there making it dangerous for motorists to get past.

A request has been made to Durham County Council to replace the bus shelter on Carrville High Street opposite the shops at Blue House Farm.

A concern was raised by a resident regarding ongoing parking issues at the entrance to Bells Estate next to Shell Garage on Carrville High Street and also at the bottom of the High Street near the car showroom.

Gilesgate Moor

Councillor Lattin reported that a resident from Mill House Court has requested that the large trees in the centre of the court, be trimmed.

He also expresses concern about the dilapidated fence around Mill House Court, between it and Mill Lane in need of repair and and repaint.

Councillor Watson reported the following concerns:-

Monks Crescent, Gilesgate Moor.

Residents report that the public path outside of their home is in a poor state due to internet cabling works by BT, Maps/Netomnia. Resident reports that they wish for the path to be returned to the state before the works commenced. The path appears to have deep grooves or cut marks, is pitted and resident is stating the footpath basically needs resurfacing again also there is a loose looking manhole cover surround.

Peel Avenue:

Residents reported non-residents car parking issues: blocking residents drives & taking up parking space on the street also stopping children from playing in the street. Solution, DCC can issue parking permits to residents for one hour in the morning to stop the non-residents from parking in Peel Avenue.

Follow up visit to residents - Noise issue reported by residents regarding loud music and a deep bass tone from RT Fitness Gym adjacent to Peel Avenue – I contacted the RT Fitness Gym and they have turned their volume down & reduced the bass tone, residents are delighted and the matter is now **RESOLVED**.

Moorfield Park:

Pavilion security shuttering – contractor has been delayed with steel order, (Brexit & lock downs) but thinks shuttering should be installed early June

The litter bin on Moorfield has been replaced.

A resident from McNally Place, Gilesgate reported students were parking in the cul-de-sac making it difficult for refuse wagons, grass-cutters to cut the lawns, ambulances, delivery vans and doctors to get through. A suggestion by the resident to make the area a permit parking only zone has been forwarded to Durham County Council.

A concern was raised regarding missing red bollards at trumpet junction, allegedly caused by motorists negotiating u-turns. The bollards are in need of repair but ideally new sturdier black ones would be a better option. The matter to be forwarded to Durham County Council.

A concern was raised regarding cyclists using the path from Willowtree to School View, causing safety problems for buggies etc. A suggestion of two way mirrors could be a solution or a notice asking cyclists to dismount.

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

21.42 Date of next meeting to be arranged.

The date of the next meeting is Thursday 15th July 2021 at 6:30pm in Belmont Community School.