

Minutes for the Belmont Parish Council meeting held on Thursday July 15th 2021
at 6.30 pm in Belmont Community School Performing Arts Centre.

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

Also Present: Parish Clerk S. Overton

21.43 To Receive Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors L. Mavin and S.C. White
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21.44 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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21.45 To Receive Miscellaneous Reports.

(a) Police

A report has been circulated to all councillors for information.

(b) Community Warden.

No report has been received.

(c) Members of the Public

There were no members of the public present.

21.46 To Consider and make Comment on Planning Matters*

A list of of Weekly Planning Applications for the month of June was e- mailed to members for information.
AGREED.

21.47 To Confirm and sign as a correct record of the Minutes of the meeting of Belmont Parish Council held on 17th June 2021 – Minutes attached*

With amendments.

AGREED.

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

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

The Litter Pick Project held on Sunday 4th July had been well supported and had received positive feedback.

- 21.50 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 July meeting and has been incorporated into reports and presented to members.
AGREED.
- 21.51 To Consider Financial Matters*
- (a) To Receive Receipts and Payments during the month of June 2021
RECEIVED AND AGREED.
 - (b) To Receive Bank reconciliation during the month of June 2021
RECEIVED AND AGREED.
 - (c) To Receive three monthly Budget for April/May/June 2021
RECEIVED AND AGREED.
 - (d) To Consider Donation requests during the month of June 2021
RECEIVED AND AGREED.
- 21.52 To Consider and make Comment on Cemetery Reports.
- (a) To Receive the report of burials during the month of June 2021
(2)
 - (b) To Receive the report of Grave & Ashes Purchases during the month of June 2021
(2)
 - (c) To Consider Memorial Erection and Additional Inscription Applications during the month of June 2021.
(1)
 - (d) Ashes interred in Burial Plots during the month of June 2021
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- RECEIVED AND AGREED.
- 21.53 To Approve lock for Pavilion Fire Escape.
APPROVED.
- 21.54 To Discuss Electoral Commission proposals to change the parliamentary constituency boundaries.
AGREED: Chair of the Planning Committee, Councillor Conway to write a letter opposing the idea before the closing date of 2nd August 2021.
- 21.55 To Discuss Defibrillator being placed at the Bowls/Cricket/Football Pavilion.
A discussion took place and it was agreed that due to the close proximity of the one situated outside Belmont Community Centre that the request be DECLINED.
- 21.56 To Discuss gate at Cheveley Park Play Area.
The Chairman is looking into this.
- 21.57 To Discuss Cleansing of Cheveley Park Shops and Play Area
RESOLVED.
- 21.58 To Approve Mayors Appeal Charitable donation to the NHS
AGREED: - £100.00

21.59 To Approve reimbursement to the Clerk undertaking extra work load such as taking minutes for out of hours meetings.

AGREED and approved.

21.60 To Receive Committee Reports
Communication Committee.

There was no meeting held this month.

Environment Committee.

A meeting was held on Thursday 1st July, a report was given by Councillor M. Watson, Chair of the Environment Committee and Councillor M.P. Bennett gave a summary of his findings after his recent visit to the five parish play areas.

Finance and Assets Committee.

A meeting took place between the Chairman, Councillor E.S. Mavin the Chair of Finance and Assets, Councillor M.P. Bennett and Clerk, Mrs S. Overton, Councillor L. Mavin was also present to discuss reimbursement for extra hours due to an increase of evening meetings.

Planning Committee

A meeting was held on Tuesday 6th July 2021 a report was given to members by the Chair of the Planning Committee, Councillor P.S. Conway.

21.61 To Receive reports from Ward Councillors.

Belmont

Durham County Council are chasing up what progress is being made for with a replacement for the recently removed 'teacup' in Cheveley Park Play area.

Durham County Councils Clean and Green team are working in the area to get rid of weeds.

Carrville

A concern was raised regarding a deep manhole close to the pit tub.

A request from a resident for a 'no parking sign' to be placed opposite Belmont Cemetery to deter visitors from parking their cars causing problems for prams and mobility users getting past on the path.

Councillor J. Appleby raised concerns regarding speeding traffic on Carrville High Street Councillor E.S. Mavin chasing up deterrents.

A concern was raised regarding untidy hedges belonging to Believe Housing in need of attention.

A concern was raised regarding several dilapidated garages on Broom Road, the Chair County Councillor E.S. Mavin to look into the matter.

Gilesgate Moor

Councillor M. Watson informed councillors that a 'kissing gate' is being looked at to deter quad bike users after an incident occurred at Willowtree Shops, School View Lane.

A concern was raised regarding bollards that had been knocked over at trumpet roundabout, Belmont Road, the matter to be forwarded to Durham County Council.

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

21.63 Date of next meeting 9th September 2021.