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BELTON WITH BROWSTON

PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIR : PETER NICHOLS

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

HELD ON TUESDAY 17th APRIL 2018

AT THE NEW ROAD SPORT AND LEISURE CENTRE, BELTON

IN ATTENDANCE

Parish Councillors P. Nichols (Chair), M. Graystone (Vice), N. Brown, D. Buckworth, M. Greenacre, N. Light, G. Newman, L. Staff, I. Walpole, K. Palmer (Clerk), Borough Cllrs Myers and Lawn and 7 members of the public representing various local organisations.

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Parish Council Chairman opened the meeting by thanking everyone for coming.

Apologies for absence had been received from Parish Cllrs Barbara Clark, Matt Dinsdale, Lin Hillier, County Cllr Grant, Reverend Rosie Bunn, Bill and Sue Richmond, Sallyann Up 4 Fitness, and Alex Hemp- Friends of Moorlands.

2. MINUTES

The minutes from the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 18th April 2017 had been prior circulated. To accept the minutes as a true and accurate record. Proposed Cllr Newman, Seconded Cllr Greencre. All In Favour.

3. ANNUAL REPORT

The Parish Council Chairman Peter Nichols gave the following report, please note a full copy of this report is appended to and does for part of the minutes.

The Chairman gave thanks to all organisations and persons that helped following the break in of the New Road Centre just before Christmas, the incident was dealt with quickly and the centre was up and running again within a couple of days.

The Chairman gave thanks to the Parish Councils Finance Committee along with the Clerk who have worked hard to keep the village rates to a minimum this year without a loss or cut to any services are provided.

There are a vast number of very popular community groups and clubs that are run in the village based from the Church, JGI and New Road Centre. Plus other groups such as the Scouts, Beavers and Guides that are all very well attended. Thank you to all the volunteers that help to run the groups which offer such a wide choice of activities within the community.

The newly returned "Christmas Tree Light Switch On" which was organised by a new group called Aventus was a great success. The event was followed by a "Pets Corner" afternoon held on Bell Lane Field on Easter Sunday which was also well attended.

Borough Cllr Myers and County Cllr Grant have been extremely busy in setting up the new Lothingland Community Land Trust whose remit is to build local housing for local people. As a resident of the Southern Villages you can become a Trust member and help to keep your community together. For further information or if interested in becoming a member please contact Borough Cllr Myers on 07824313792.

I would like to thank all my fellow Parish Councillors and the Clerk for their help and assistance throughout the past year, together we strive to make Belton and Browston a better, safer and more pleasant place for the whole community.

4. CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

The Parish Council Chairman reported this years Citizen Of The Year was awarded to Mrs Sue Casey for her involvement with the Great Yarmouth Stroke Group which is a huge success and offers a lifeline to many people, and also in recognition for many years involvement with the Bownie and Girl Guides groups.

5. VILLAGE VOICE

The report for Village Voice was presented by Mr Swan, the report is appended to and does form part of these minutes.

Following another very successful year the Village Voice were able to distribute over £3000 in grants to local groups and clubs in the area. Thanks was given to the many contributors providing regular news items, and to all of the board members and volunteers. The Village Voice are in the process of organising a major Village event which will be held on Norfolk Day on the 27th July which will bring some very high profile speakers and guests to the village in the mental health field. Thanks to Rosie Bunn and the Parish council for supporting this.

6. BELTON POORS ALLOTMENT

Mr Dick Utting read through the annual report. Please note a copy of this report and the annual accounts are appended to and both form part of the minutes. It was reported that Mrs Jennifer Utting has now retired as a Trustee but will continue in the background to assist with the post of Treasurer/Secretary. Mr Utting reported he is happy to continue as a Trustee until 2020 but will then also be retiring. Therefore if anybody would be willing to step into the position please contact Mr Utting.

Following the report the annual accounts were duly signed by the Chairman. The Chairman thanked all Trustees for all their work over the last year.

7. VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

-Belton Beat Manager Natalie Simmons introduced herself and briefed the meeting concerning the changes to the SNAP meetings, how priorities are set at the new meetings and change to the contact email address that will be issued shortly.

-Cllr Myers added to the Chairman's report concerning the CLT that it is set up to build rental housing at Council rents. Depending on the developments some properties may be sold to finance rented properties.

Reports were given on behalf of the following organisations(Please note copies of all reports are appended to and do form part of the minutes)

Friends Of Moorlands	Belton and District Historical Society
Up 4 Fitness	Wednesday Morning Drop In JGI
Art Group	Digital Camera Club
Belton Scouts	New Road Sport & Leisure Centre
Belton Charity Fund Raisers	Community Car Scheme
Belton W.I.	

10. OPEN FORUM

-It was agreed that the Parish Council would write to both NHS England and Jhoots head office complaining about the current level of service. Prescriptions not being available, the shop being shut during advertised opening and the condition of its frontage.

It was stated it would also help for all individuals that face similar problems to complain to NHS England by telephone and to obtain a case number.

With no further business the meeting was closed at 8.16pm