BELTON WITH BROWSTON
PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN : JOHN RUDRUM  VICE CHAIRMAN : PETER NICHOLS
MINUTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1st DECEMBER 2015
AT THE NEW ROAD SPORT AND LEISURE CENTRE, BELTON

IN ATTENDANCE
J. Rudrum (Chair), Councillors R. Brotherton, N. Brown, B. Clark, M. Dinsdale, M. Greenacre,
M. Graystone, L. Staff, B. Swan, I. Walpole, P. Nichols, K. Palmer (Clerk) and twenty one members
of the public including County Cllr Aldred and Borough Cllr Myers.

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

1. PLANNING APPLICATION – NEW ROAD DEVELOPMENT

There were many residents present during this section of the meeting to voice various objections to
the planning application:

06/15/0622/F Land off New Road, Belton. Dawson Brown Ltd.
Erection of 64 residential dwellings along with associated highway and landscape works.

Also present at the meeting was a representative from Planning Consultants Ingleton Wood to
answer any questions concerning the application. Areas of concern voiced included:

- **Capacity of the local school** - will it be able to accommodate a large increase of intake of children
  in the village?
- **Tesco Express** - There are already many existing problems with parking and deliveries to the store.
- **Stepshort** - Lack of pavement on the frontage. Access to the site from this point should be removed
deue to an already heavy volume of traffic travelling at speed long the road. A designated crossing
  point is needed.
- **New Roundabout** - Concerns about it's location.
- **Pavement to Burgh Castle** - The existing pavement is too narrow.
- **Sewage and Drainage Infrastructure** - A major concern shared by all members of the Council is
  that of the potential impact of the proposed development on the existing sewage and drainage
  infrastructure.

All residents were reminded they must submit their objections in writing to GYBC.
Please refer to agenda item 13 for the full list of comments that will be sent to the Planning
department at GYBC.

2. GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

Mr Steve Carter gave a brief report on the Good Neighbour Scheme which has been set up with
Community Action Norfolk in Bradwell. The scheme launched in January and will cover Bradwell,
Belton, Browston and Burgh Castle. It is there to assist vulnerable people with everyday jobs such
as shopping, picking up prescriptions etc. It will be self funding for the first two years, thereafter
funding will need to be sought from various organisations including Parish Council's for it to
continue. There will be no conflict with any schemes already up and running, any new volunteers
would be welcome to join.

PUBLIC SECTION

-An incident concerning the lack of pavement at Stepshort was reported. It involved one of the
many lorries which uses the route nearly clipped a mother with her two young children as they
where walking down the stretch of road. This incident again proves there is a great need for
improvements to be carried out.

-County Cllr Aldred reported he is still chasing NPS to get the old caretaker's bungalow site tidied.

-Borough Cllr Myers stated he will obtain clarification as to whether the council can apply for part
of the ward budget grant.

*With no further business the main meeting commenced at 8.20pm*
3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Apologies had been received from Cllr Chalmers and Borough Cllrs Lawn. To accept the apologies Proposed Cllr Swan Seconded Cllr Greenacre. All In Favour.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

5. MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING
The minutes from the meeting held on 17-11-15 had been prior circulated by the Clerk. To accept as a true and accurate record Proposed Cllr Greenacre, Seconded Cllr Nichols. All In Favour.

6. MATTERS ARISING
-Permission has not been granted by NCC Highways for a flower bed license for Fern Gardens.

7. CHAIR/CLERK REPORT
There was nothing to report.

8. REINVESTMENT OF FUNDS
Cllr Staff Proposed to reinvest the £20,000 for 12 months at 1.15%, Seconded Cllr Dinsdale. All In Favour.

9. GRASS CUTTING QUOTATIONS
The Chairman thanked Cllrs Greenacre, Swan and Nichols for attending the site meeting with himself and Simon Mutton from GYB Services. At the site meeting all areas of the job specification were discussed, both Cllrs Greenacre and Swan were happy with the response from Mr Mutton concerning the contract. After discussion Cllr Swan Proposed to offer a one year contract to GYBS with the option of an extra year, but also to include a get out clause which would allow either party to end the contract by the 15th November 2016. Seconded Cllr Greenacre. For: 6 Against: 4 Abstain: 1. Carried. It was noted by the Chairman that the GYB Services tendered price being £3000 less than the Garden Guardian quotation could not be ignored, however the quality of service would need to be monitored. It was agreed a letter of thanks to be sent to Garden Guardian for all their hard work over the years.

10. CITIZEN OF THE YEAR
The vote was taken on whether to continue with the award for another year. Proposed Cllr Swan, Seconded Cllr Rudrum. Yes: 9 No: 1 Abstain: 1. Carried. The deadline for nominations is 8th February 2016.

11. ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCIAL MATTERS
-It has been confirmed by GYBC that the Council can now co opt to fill the member vacancy. The item will be on the agenda at the next meeting.
-Information concerning the new audit regime had been distributed to all members prior to the meeting. The item will be on the next agenda to be discussed.
-A letter from the Young at Heart group had been received thanking the Council for their donation.

12. PORTFOLIOS
Cllr Staff- There will be Messy Church taking place tomorrow and the Youth Group are taking bookings for their camping trip. It was agreed village footpaths will be an agenda item in January.
Cllr Brotherton- Enquired into would it be possible to make some areas in the village 20mph. It was reported this would not be possible as the legislation process that would be needed would be too lengthy and expensive.

Cllr Greenacre – The Community Car Scheme is doing very well with 41 trips taken in November. They have a new driver and will be applying for Borough Council ward budget grants this year.

Cllr Swan- There has been new interest with the Village Voice which may lead to the magazine being able to continue, more details to follow in the New Year.

13. PLANNING

06/15/0602/F  St Johns Rd Pharmacy, Belton. Broughton
Notification has been received that the planning application above has been withdrawn.

06/15/0574/F  High House, Lound Rd, Browston. MacCreadie  Double garage
The above application has been approved.

A vote was taken to submit no objection in principle to the application detailed below, however including all areas of concern that are needed to be addressed. Yes:6 No:5. Carried. Therefore the comments below will be submitted to GYBC. It was requested Borough Cllr Myers to call the application into the Planning Committee.

06/15/0622/F  Land off New Road, Belton. Dawson Brown Ltd.
Erection of 64 residential dwellings along with associated highway and landscape works.

There is no objection in principle to the planning application, however there are a number of areas of concern that the Parish Council would like to see addressed.

- The access to the development site from Stepshort should be removed from the plan altogether. This area already has an existing problem with vehicles travelling along the stretch of road at speed, it is felt an access into the development at this point could cause many future accidents. Stepshort is used continually by heavy goods vehicles accessing the Folkes gravel pits/recycling centre/ Hooks hatcheries/ Brooke Marine and numerous caravan camps. The Stepshort route is used as a short cut to Great Yarmouth by the majority of vehicular traffic from Belton.

- There is currently no pavement on the Stepshort frontage, the developers have offered path for part of the distance on their plans, however a full length is needed from Belton New Road as far as the entrance to The Loke (also known as Edwards Loke), to link with the existing footpath, which faces Farman Close - this point was made to the developers agents at the first local consultation and they agreed to review this point. There are also problems with the path being narrow the whole length to Burgh Castle.

Further to this a designated crossing point of "Stepshort is required, both for adults and children on the way to Moorlands School or accessing the main village in general.

- There are many concerns over whether the current infrastructure can cope with such a large new development. Will the local school be able to accommodate all the new children that will live in the village? We believe it is already at capacity and therefore would not be able to cope alongside the future development. The nearest doctors surgery has closed it's books.

- The only general goods shop in the village is the Tesco Express. Local residents already experience a great deal of problems with deliveries to the store. Parking outside residential properties at anti social hours waiting to deliver. Blocking access to neighbouring properties, and causing a great deal of congestion during school pick up and drop off times. It is felt this store is already not big enough to service the local community effectively.

- A major concern shared by all members of the Council is that of the potential impact of the proposed development on the existing sewage and drainage infrastructure. There have been numerous concerns from residents regards to the pumping station. The Council has noted the report provided by Ingleton Wood that states the response from Anglian Water. Within the report Anglian Water have stated that the foul system at this location currently has the capacity to treat the flows
from the proposed development site, furthermore it will not exacerbate the flooding experienced at the pumping station.

Generally the Parish Council feel certain that this will not be the case, there are already general under capacities reported by Anglian Water within the system for other local developments and any increase in "load" on the Stepshort pumping station can do nothing apart from increase further flooding into and pollution issues within Stepshort Dyke, a freshwater watercourse which is polluted every time there is a problem with the pumping station. There are regular occurrences of flooding at the pumping station at peak holiday times when the Burgh Castle Holiday Camps are at capacity.

While the Parish Council recognise that there will be further development in Belton they feel that the infrastructure must be improved to accommodate this.

N.B.

Please note all points above are of a serious nature and not to be taken lightly. Can you please take all into consideration before the final decision is made.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

ENTUA – December newsletter

With no further business the meeting was closed at 9.20pm