

BELTON WITH BROWSTON
PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIR : PETER NICHOLS VICE CHAIR : MICHAEL GRAYSTONE
MINUTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 15th JANUARY 2019
AT THE NEW ROAD SPORT AND LEISURE CENTRE, BELTON

IN ATTENDANCE

P. Nichols (Chair), Councillors N. Brown, K. Botwright, D. Buckworth, M. Greenacre, M. Graystone (Vice), N. Light, I. Walpole, H. Williams, K. Palmer (Clerk), and two members of the public including Borough Cllr Lawn.

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

PUBLIC SECTION

Borough Cllr Lawn reported he had received a complaint about the amount of dog mess in the village. He did state that if a date, time and location could be provided arrangements can be made for the Borough Councils Dog Warden to visit the village however the complaint was not taken any further. It was agreed for an article be placed in the Village Voice too encourage members of public to clear up after their dog.

With the public section closed at 7.34pm the main meeting then commenced.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Staff and Hillier, Borough Cllr Drewitt and County Cllr Grant. To accept the apologies Proposed Cllr Brown, Seconded Cllr Greenacre. All In Favour.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Burgh Castle Parish Council – Cllr Nichols, Bohemains FC – Cllr Buckworth. Also note all Parish Councillors are Trustees of Belton Playing Field Charity.

3. MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

Minutes from the meeting held on 18th December 2018 has been prior circulated to all members by the Clerk. To accept the minutes as a true and accurate record Proposed Cllr Greenacres, Seconded Botwright. All In Favour.

4. COUNCILLOR RESIGNATION

The Chairman reported he had received a letter of resignation from Cllr Newman. It was agreed for the Clerk to write a letter of thanks to Cllr Newman.

5. MATTERS ARISING

-The Clerk read through the following report from County Cllr Grant.

After meeting with the Great Yarmouth Sustainable Transport Fund Managers, and a NCC Officer they have agreed the New Road cycle path is not wide enough and in need of resurfacing. The Officers are going to draw up a feasibility study to find out what options are available and what bids can be submitted. The potential schemes will be shared with the Council within three months. The New Road trod was also looked at possibly applying for a bid to resurface with tarmac, as was the option of adding a footpath under the footbridge, however this was felt to be unlikely.

-It was suggested to ask the NCC designer that is looking at low cost pedestrian/bus items in the area connected to holiday parks for the Yarmouth Initiative Funding to also consider funding this.

-Mark Bernstein has agreed to price match the quote to repaint the village sign totalling £325.

-It was reported a hedge is in need of being cut back on a piece of land next to 1 Rosedale Gardens. It was agreed to ask the Community Caretaker to cut it back on this occasion, then to try and establish who the land belongs to for future reference.

-The Chairman reported after contacting NCC Highways, Essex and Suffolk Water and Anglian Water it has now been stated the leak on Stepshort is an environmental issue, and after promising at the site meeting to follow up with Anglian Water, Paul Sellick still has not done so.

6. PURCHASE OF COUNCIL VAN

Cllr Graystone reported after having spoken to the Community Caretaker it has been highlighted the amount of waste being collected on a weekly basis from litter picking has greatly increased over the years. After some discussion concerning purchasing or leasing a Council van it was agreed this would not be financially viable. Cllr Graystone then Proposed the Council to pay the annual car tax on the caretakers van. Seconded Cllr Botwright. The vote was then taken Yes: 3, No: 6. Carried. However it was agreed that if there is a difference in the Caretaker insurance which needs to be covered for business is a higher than normal rate the Parish Council would pay the difference, and he must record all mileage so he is reimbursed the correct amount each month.

7. ADMINISTRATION/FINANCIAL MATTERS

PARISH COUNCIL CURRENT ACCOUNT

CQ	PAYEE/DETAIL	V.A.T	AMOUNT
SO	K. Palmer 1196.91 plus 2 hours Bell Lane Charity 24.02 less pension 70.81 less tax 32.40 less nic 62.27 plus plus election mileage 4.05		£1059.50
2017	HMRC K. Palmer tax 32.40, nic 62.27, employer nic 71.61 D. Skipper tax 53		£219.28
2018	D. Skipper wage 633.08 less pension 34.81 less tax 53.00 plus mileage 9.45		£554.72
2019	Norfolk Pension Fund K. Palmer cont 70.81 council cont 268.60 D. Skipper cont 34.81 council cont 139.27		£513.49
2020	Pink Office- stationary	£10.82	£64.90
2021	Mr K. Wood – plumbing repairs to allotment taps		£164.50
	Total for meeting	£10.82	£2576.39

PAVILION ACCOUNT

CQ	PAYEE/DETAIL	V.A.T	AMOUNT
687	K. Gipson Caretaker wage		£606.83
DD	BT	£10.10	£60.60
688	Refund D. Skipper – Travis Perkins	£2.47	£14.83
689	BwB Parish Council VAT contra		£164.95
	Total for meeting	£12.57	£847.21
690	Replacement for lost CQ Riverside Environmental	£40	£240

	LTSB 1 Year (06-09-19)	LTSB 1 Year (19-01-19)	Council A/C	New Road A/C	Ring fenced Balance
Bank Bal B/F	£30,000.00	£20,000.00	£41,951.29	£8,911.19	£51,262.00
Bank Bal After	£30,000.00	£20,000.00	£39,724.40	£8,598.14	£51,262.00

Paid into New Road £362

Up 4 Fitness £140

Parties x3 £140

Stroke Group £40

Beebops £42

-To propose the above payment sheet Cllr Nichols, Seconded Cllr Greenacre. All In Favour.

-The latest quarterly VAT repayment has come to £619.19

8. VILLAGE FOOTPATHS

Cllr Botwright reported the closing date to register any historic Public Rights of Way (pre 1949) with Norfolk County Council will be in 2026. Even though the deadline seems a long way off any areas that need to be registered should be started sooner rather than later as the process may take some time. The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.55pm to allow Mr Swan to add that he currently holds some old maps that may be of interest. It was agreed for Mr Swan to liaise with Cllrs Botwright and Light to copy the maps and to investigate further.

It was also agreed to add an article into the Village Voice incase any Parishioners are aware of any potential areas.

9. SOCIAL MEDIA

General discussion took place on creating a Council Facebook page. It was generally agreed if a page is created it would advertise meeting agenda's, planning applications and any other informative notices the Council would like to advertise. It was suggested the page would have closed comments so that any comment sent to the Parish Council would only be viewed by the administrator. It was agreed for the Clerk to contact Nalc for any guidelines and report back to Council at the next meeting. The Clerk to also circulate Cllr Botwrights informaiton sheet on what could be added to the home page.

10. PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS FOR BROWSTON

Cllr Light stated his concern on the amount of permitted development within Browston, and in particular along Cherry Lane. After discussion the following was agreed for the application below:

REF 06/18/0661/PAD Greenfields Nursey, Browston Agricultural building to residential dwelling
It was agreed to object to the application due to over development of the site. It would set a precedent in the area. The development is unsustainable due to a lack of services in the village, and the Parish Council being in agreement with the objection from NCC Highways due to Cherry Lane being a single track road.

11. PLANNING

REF 06/18/0712/F Barn 1, Beccles Rd, Belton Variation- condition 2 amendments to layout
REF 06/18/0696/O Brentwood, St Johns Rd, Belton Replace bungalow -2 chalet style dwellings
It was agreed to submit no objections subject to neighbours comments for the above applications.

The following application has been granted:

06/18/0610/F 11 Berry Close, Belton Single storey extension

It was agreed it may be a good idea to request one of the planning Officers attend a future Council meeting to explain general regulations surrounding the planning process.

12. PORTFOLIOS

Cllr Botwright – Reported a problem with dog muck along Station Rd & Sandy Lane. Borough Cllr Lawn stated he will request the GYBC Dog Warden visit the village.

It was agreed to ask the Community Caretaker to clear the branches that have been discarded on the dog run on Bell Lane Playing field.

There is litter that needs clearing from under the footbridge. It was agreed to report this to GYB Services.

Cllr Graystone – Asked Borough Cllr Lawn to find out if some of the trees in the village can be trimmed back by GYBC as they are top heavy and this may prevent losing any more during high winds. NCC Highways have sent a letter to 30 Orwell Crescent requesting they cut back their hedge.

With no further business the meeting was closed at 8.55pm