

# **BELTON WITH BROWSTON**

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

**CHAIR : PETER NICHOLS      VICE CHAIR : MICHAEL GRAYSTONE**  
**MINUTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16<sup>th</sup> JULY 2019**  
**AT THE NEW ROAD SPORT AND LEISURE CENTRE, BELTON**

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

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

*The meeting commenced at 7.30pm.*

### **PUBLIC SECTION**

-Concern was voiced about the proposed Church Farm/New Road Bradwell development, and it was hoped the Parish Council will submit objections to the application.

-Borough Cllr Myers reported he is looking at possible grounds to object to the Bradwell application. Due to his position on the Development Control Committee he has to remain neutral, however is happy to assist any group wishing to voice objections.

Borough Cllr Myers reported at the bottom of New Road there is a dropped curb which is a potential hazard as it is on a bend. After speaking to County Cllr Grant he is looking to install a new warning sign to read "Slow down children crossing". The sign will be funded out of County Cllr Grants ward budget. After attending a coffee morning at the JGI a number of issues were raised. One issue being a property that has been turned into two flats has highlighted a problem with the order of the house numbers on some roads in the village. The house numbers need reviewing as they do not run in any order, GYBC has been contacted to look into this matter.

*With the public section closed at 7.38pm the main meeting then commenced.*

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Burgh Castle Parish Council – Cllr Nichols and Greenacre, Bohemains FC – Cllr Buckworth, Belton FC – Cllr Brown. Also note all Parish Councillors are Trustees of Belton Playing Field Charity. Cllr Brown – Agenda item 13 and 15.

### **3. MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING**

Minutes from the meeting held on 18/06/19 had been prior circulated by the Clerk. To accept as a true and accurate record Proposed Cllr Graystone, Seconded Cllr Walpole. All In Favour.

### **4. MATTERS ARISING**

-A thank you card had been received from the Stoke Group following the donation made to the group.

-An update had been received from GYBC stating they have contacted the Wild Duck Holiday village concerning the Japanese Knotweed. They are currently waiting to speak to the sites Grounds Maintenance Manager to find out what treatment is being undertaken to tackle the two problem areas.

-Following contacting NCC Highways to ask for confirmation as to who owns the sloping sides of the ex-railway, New Road, the following reply had been received.

“The majority of the verge along New Road is maintained by NCC. However, we receive complaints every year about the existing trees, overhanging the adjacent properties, dropping leaves and seeds. With this in mind, it would be appropriate to survey the area where you wish to plant the additional trees and supply NCC a clear location plan of every individual tree and carryout a consultation with the properties / landowners that may be affected by your future plans. I feel I must also point out that the parish council will be required to maintain any trees, which are planted under an agreement, to standards as recommended by NCC’s Arboriculturist. This obligation will be required throughout the life of the tree/s and at the cost to the parish. Concerning the ownership of area stated, yes N.C.C. do own a large portion of the cutting (most of it). However, there are sections that are not maintained by us, odds and sods really – it differs at the rear of most of the properties backing onto New Road. Unfortunately, I cannot provide a definitive answer but if you send in the locations of the trees that you wish to plant I will check each one as required.”

It was agreed for Cllr Botwright to send in the locations as requested, and before any new trees are planted neighbouring properties will be consulted.

-A request had been received for the Bell Lane skate park to be up graded/increased in size. After some discussion it was agreed at the current time there are no plans to install any new equipment. However in the long term a supplier could be consulted to find out how much it would cost to add a new small piece of equipment to the area. The point was made before any new equipment was considered the neighbouring properties would have to be consulted.

-After contacting Highways about the new Parish Partnership funded slope on Bell Lane a reply has been received stating they are aware extra materials are needed to complete the project. The Engineer will chase the works team so it is finished off as soon as possible.

-Cllr Williams reported there is another tree that has been debarked on Bell Lane field. Cllr Graystone confirmed he would take a look at this.

-Deben Drive/Bell Lane parking has been reported to the Enforcement Officers.

-No reply has as yet been received from the land owner of 1 Rosedale Gardens.

-The corner of St Johns Road (Waveney Drive junction) is now very overgrown. It was agreed to report this again to NCC Highways.

## **5. BELTON SCOUT GROUP**

A request for a donation had been received from Belton Scout Group. The monies would be spent on making repairs to the track that leads to the Scout hut which is now in such a bad state of repair other Scout groups and members are not prepared to use the track incase their vehicle gets stuck or damaged. It was noted the track in question, Marsh Lane is classified as a public footpath/private right of way.

To undertake the repair the group have stated they would need to purchase approximately 40 tons of hardcore at £18.60 per ton would cost the group £892 to undertake the repairs needed (plus any labour charge). To Propose a donation is made to the group Cllr Nichols. Seconded Cllr Brown.

Yes:7, Abstain:2. Carried.

After some discussion Cllr Graystone proposed £250 is granted. Cllr Hillier Proposed £1000. Cllr Nichols Proposed £400, Seconded Cllr Brown. Cllr Buckworth Proposed £500, Seconded Cllr Walpole. Cllr Brown withdrew his previous notion. Therefore the vote was taken to award the group a grant of £500. Yes:7, Abstain:2. Carried.

## **6. SANDY LANE TRIANGLE – ROAD SIGN**

Cllr Botwright reported after meeting with the Community Caretaker there are three options available to tackle the area.

- a) To cut back vegetation a couple of times a year.
- b) To pull out all bushes and roots, take away and level ground ready for seeding.
- c) To move the Sandy Lane sign.

It was agreed to proceed with the quote from D. Skipper to undertake the second option. To clear the area and make ready for seeding totalling £185 (plus vat).

## 7. PARISH PARTNERSHIP SCHEME

Notification had been received N.C.C will be once again running the Parish Partnership Scheme. Projects that will be considered includes small lengths or formal footway, trods, improved crossing facilities, improvements to public rights of way, SAM2 machines, School warning signs with lights, keep clear carriageway markings outside schools.

It was agreed to make this an agenda item for the September meeting so members can report any schemes that may be considered.

## 8. ADMINISTRATION/FINANCIAL MATTERS

-The Clerk reported the quarterly VAT repayment is due totalling £622.13

### PARISH COUNCIL CURRENT ACCOUNT

<b>CQ</b>	<b>INV</b>	<b>PAYEE/DETAIL</b>	<b>V.A.T</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
SO		K. Palmer 1284.61 less pension 74.51 nic 67.87, tax 33.40		£1108.83
2065		HMRC K. Palmer tax 33.40, nic 67.87 , employer nic 78.05 D. Skipper tax 41.80 K. Gipson nic 4.83, employee nic 5.56		£231.51
2066		D. Skipper wage 663.04, less pension 36.46 tax 41.80 plus mileage 12.15		£596.93
2067		Norfolk Pension Fund K. Palmer cont 74.51 council cont 289.03 D. Skipper cont 36.46 council cont 149.18		£549.18
2068		Garden Guardian	£166.13	£996.78
2069		Mrs S. Evenden – gardening receipts		£11.14
2070		Mrs B. Fotheringham – gardening receipts		£59.96
2071		K. Palmer – refund for ink and envelopes		£30.00
2072		Norton Peskett – first registration A143 Old Gravel Pit	£113.00	£718.00
		Total for meeting	£279.13	£4302.33

### PAVILION ACCOUNT

<b>CQ</b>	<b>INV</b>	<b>PAYEE/DETAIL</b>	<b>V.A.T</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
718		K. Gipson wage (inc extra hours for pipe lagging)		£759.28
DD		BT	£9.97	£59.82
719		Belton Pet and Hardware	£10.75	£66.37
720		K. Gipson – refund for pipe lagging materials	£14.77	£88.60
721		Mr R Appleton - plumber		£110.00
722		Police – keyholder service	£4.17	£25.00
723		BwB Parish Council – vat contra		£291.45
724		K. Gipson – refund for pipe lagging material	£2.27	£13.56
		Total for meeting	£41.93	£1414.08

	LTSB 1 Year (06-09-19)	LTSB 1 Year (12-02-20)	Council A/C	New Road A/C	Ring fenced Balance
Bank Bal B/F	£30,000.00	£20,000.00	£34,778.15	£14,616.82	£51,262.00
Bank Bal After	£30,000.00	£20,000.00	£30,475.82	£14,315.67	£51,262.00

**Paid into New Road £994**

Beebops £98                      Magical Movers £42                      Belton Bowman £100  
 Go Geronimo £120              Jollytots £132                              Up 4 Fitness £70  
 Pilates £76                        Parties x2 £151                              Stroke Group £120  
 Funday £85

To Propose payment for above sheet Cllr Hillier, Seconded Cllr Williams. All In Favour.

**9. SWAN RISE CARE HOME**

Following a meeting held with local residents a number of concerns were raised concerning the standard of care the residents are receiving at the home. Residents have reported the problems to the Police, C.Q.C., and Norfolk County Council who have all replied the matter is in hand, however the same problems have been reoccurring over the last 5 months. Neighbouring residents are being effected and it was questioned as to whether Norfolk County Council are allocating inappropriate placements into the home.

After some discussion Borough Cllr Myers stated he has received over twenty emails from residents detailing the incidents and when they occurred. He will be putting together a dossier of the complaints and will arrange to meet with the Care Home Manager when he has all the information to hand. Cllr Myers stated he will continue to meet with the residents and will report back to the Parish Council once he has met with the Care Home Manager.

**10. DISABLED PARKING BAY AT THE SHOPS**

A request has been received on the Parish Council Facebook page asking would it be possible to have a dropped curb and two disabled parking bays at the shops.

It was generally agreed two disabled parking bays would not be possible due to the car park being to small. However Cllr Botwright has spoken to the Manager of Tesco's who will speak to his head office to enquire about having a dropped curb, and if two parking bays could be designated with a sign stating they are for the elderly and disabled.

**11. SANDY LANE DYKE CLEARANCE**

The dyke to the right hand side of Sandy Lane has become very overgrown with vegetation and two trees which are slowly falling down into it. Cllr Botwright reported he had tried to contact Anglian Water but has had no reply. After making enquiries the land owner who would be responsible to clear the area is now deceased. So to try and find the land owners next of kin it was agreed to submit an advert onto the relevant Facebook group page with the clerks contact details in case any information comes forward.

**12. PLANNING**

06/19/0086/F Fairview Farm, Stepshort, Belton      Agricultural store

It was agreed to submit no objections subject to neighbours comments for the application above.

06/19/0339/F 131 Station Rd North, Belton              Steel framed building in rear garden

It was agreed to object to the application above due to a industrial building should not be built in a residential back garden.

06/19/0336/O Church Farm, New Rd, Bradwell      150 dwellings plus outline planning for 450

It was agreed to object to the application above.

- The development is outside the Borough Councils Development Plan.
- No roundabouts have been included at both access points on the plans.
- The site is on grade two agricultural land
- Before any new dwellings are built new infrastructure/services must be in place first.
- Local roads will not be able to handle such an increase in traffic.
- The strategic gap must be maintained between Belton and Bradwell

Planning applications granted:

06/19/0288/F	33 Amhurst Gardens, Belton	Single storey extension
06/19/0293/F	12 Rosedale Gardens, Belton	Ground floor additions to front of dwelling
06/19/0291/F	15 Heather Road, Belton	Single storey front & rear extension
06/19/0100/F	Acorn Meadows, Browston	Static caravan for shelter

### **13. NEW ROAD SPORT & LEISURE CENTRE**

Cllr Brown reported the following works the club would like to undertake at New Road.

- Two steel rails have been donated to the club. We would like to get some sockets made to concrete them into the ground and place these inbetween the dugouts.
- The club would like to put a post and rail wooden fence around the entire perimeter of the pitch starting initially with the side that the dugouts are located. This fence would include a section to allow the tractor in for cutting the grass, but would enable us to sell pitch side advertising boards and raise some more funds for the club/facility.
- We would like to get a fixture board placed near the entrance to new road, I think this would require planning permission. The board would be 1500mm x 400mm aluminium coated rigid board that would read “New Road home of Belton F.C.” and then details of the next first team fixture. We would either write or get a board made to insert the times and dates of each game.
- We would plan to look to raise funds so that during the off season at the end of next season we would astroturf in front and slightly to the side of the dugouts, an area approximating 50 feet by 20 feet, this would keep the whole area clean and tidy and then grass burns wouldn’t make the area look bad during the season.

It was agreed the Clerk would need to contact G.Y.B.C. To make sure they would permit the works to be undertaken as the Parish Council leases the field from them. It was also agreed concerning the second point that a removable A framed fence would be a better option to keep the field fully open to be used by other user groups when necessary, plus they would require very little maintenance. Lastly the position of the steel storage container was discussed. The club would like it to be located further down the field, hidden between two trees. This would make the moving of equipment much easier. To propose this location of the storage container subject to it being painted green and planting some trees around. Cllr Botwright, Seconded Cllr Hillier. Yes: 6, No: 2, Abstain: 1. Carried.

### **14. INCAMERA RESOLUTION**

To consider a resolution to exclude the press and public from the meeting in accordance with the public bodies (admissions to meetings) Act 1960.s1 in order to discuss the following agenda item.

### **15. BELTON F.C.**

After some discussion it was agreed to loan the club £2000 to be repaid back at £100 per month for twenty months at 0% interest. Proposed Cllr Buckworth, Seconded Cllr Graystone. All In Favour.

*With no further business the meeting was closed at 9.51pm*