

Belton with Browston Parish Council Meeting

CHAIR : PETER NICHOLS VICE CHAIR : MICHAEL GRAYSTONE

Minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 4th August 2020

Remotely using Zoom

IN ATTENDANCE

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

The meeting commenced at 7.05pm

PUBLIC SECTION

Two members of the public attended the meeting to voice their objections concerning planning application 06/20/0276/F.

The objections included the proposed dwelling would be sited very close next to their property boundary, this would then cause an issue with privacy and noise.

Cllr Greenacre explained the Council can not object to an application based on these concerns, but if the Council did object to the application it would be because it is outside the development area, loss of agricultural land and is not located in a sustainable area ,i.e. there are no footpaths or access to public transport.

Borough Cllr Myers reported both The Wild Duck Holiday Park and Caldecott Hall planning applications were approved at the recent Development Control Committee Meeting, Cllr Myers was the only Councillor that objected to both applications.

Borough Cllr Myers will be forwarding a letter of request onto the Clerk asking if an area of Bland Corner can be left uncut so it creates a wild life habitat.

With no further business the public section was closed and The main meeting commenced at 7.15pm.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

3. MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

Minutes from the meeting held on 7th July 2020 had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting, with one minor amendment to accept The minutes as a true and accurate record Proposed Cllr Brown, Seconded Cllr Staff. All In Favour.

4. MATTERS ARISING

The following update had been received from County Cllr Grant.

Compass Centre- Cutting back of hedge on Bell Lane

The compass centre management have been contacted by NCC property services manager I'm hoping they get this work done or appoint contractors. If they fail to do so I will get NPS to do the work and charge them accordingly.

Bell Lane Footpath

Bell lane as usual has become overgrown, I will utilise my highway budget to clear The maintenance backlog.

Village Drains

Drains are suppose to be cleared regularly and I'm trying to get hold of the highways diary to see why they haven't been done.

Station Road

Station Road resurfacing I will chase this up to find out why this has not been done. The yellow lines I will ask to be placed on a wish list however as in the past a TRO is needed and if one is put in the village I will try and add this onto that order.

New Road Cycle Path

The cycle way is currently on top of the list. The plan will entail the resurfacing and widening of the existing track in its entirety along with more welcoming features to highlight entering the village.

Village Hedges

The hedges situation remains the same, it is still seen to be the nesting season, landowners have failed in there obligations to cut back their hedges. I will be hiring a flayer via my highways budget to get this done.

New Village Signs

There has been no update at the current time, this will be chased up with Highways.

The Chairman reported the following:

- Highways have confirmed Stepshort will be redressed after Christmas, funding is now in place. Following on from County Cllr Grant, The New Road cycle path will also be redressed as funding is also now in place.
- The flytipping on Rosedale Gardens has been disposed of by GYBC and The overhanging brambles from land next to number 1 Rosedale Gardens has been cleared.
- The Sandy Lane Dyke is in the process of being cleared by the New Road Caretaker.
- The flytipping along Browston Road has been reported and should now have been cleared..
- All members have been informed of the vandalism that occurred on Bell Lane field at the weekend. It has been reported to the Police, a crime number issued. IQS Security are retrieving the CCTV footage which will be passed onto the Police.
- The fogger machine has now been purchased, The New Road Caretaker kindly collected it from Hugh Crane along with chemicals and protective equipment.

The following update had been received from IQS Security:

Reference to the incident which has occurred to the camera we recommend the following.

- * Anti climb strip around the lamp post approx £120
- * Vandal proof cage - custom to camera approx £280

The camera on Bell Lane has been vandalised upon our inspection. The glass lenses is going to need replacing to stop water ingress which in time will cause the camera to start steaming inside.

Following our last meeting we have been to Bell Lane twice to sort our problems with the CCTV. Our last visit which was because of direct line of sight for the repeaters had been obstructed. The repeaters have now been adjusted to get over this problem which was causing transmission issues. The camera has now been set for movement every 15 seconds and has 10 preset stops to patrol the park.

- The Clerk confirmed no further update had been received from GYBC concerning the open access land off Marsh Lane.
- Cllr Brown stated he will obtain The quotation for The new anti litter signage as was agreed at The last meeting.

5. ADMINISTRATION & FINANCIAL MATTERS

PARISH COUNCIL CURRENT ACCOUNT

CQ	PAYEE/DETAIL	V.A.T	AMOUNT
BACS	K. Palmer – salary 1310.52 less pension 76.01, tax 12.60, nic 62.22		£1159.69
BACS	HMRC K. Palmer tax 12.60 , nic 62.22 , employer nic 84.67 D. Skipper tax 34.40		£193.89
BACS	D. Skipper wage 767.07 less pension 42.18, tax 34.40 plus mileage £17.55		£708.04
BACS	Norfolk Pension Fund K. Palmer cont 76.01 council cont 301.41 D. Skipper cont 42.18, council 176.42		£596.02
BACS	Garden Guardian- grass cutting	£170.73	£1,024.36
BACS	K. Palmer Refund for stamps 31.20, ink cartridges 37.00	£6.67	£68.20
2093	Refund of allotment deposit T. Baker		£25.00
BACS	Refund – K. Gipson for strimmer attachment	£4.44	£26.62
	Total for meeting	£181.81	£3801.82

PAVILION ACCOUNT

CQ	PAYEE/DETAIL	V.A.T	AMOUNT
BACS	K. Gipson wage 484.36 less pension 26.63		£457.73
BACS	Norfolk Pension Fund K. Gipson cont 26.63 council cont 111.40		£138.03
BACS	K. Palmer – refund for covid signage	£12.28	£73.68
DD	BT	£20.42	£122.54
DD	Southern Electric	£21.15	£451.82
DD	ESPO - gas	£3.28	£68.95
BACS	K. Gipson – refund for fogger machine with chemicals and protective equipment also general cleaning supplies	£TBC	£693.00
	Total for meeting	£TBC	£2005.75

	LTSB 1 Year (08-09-20)	LTSB 1 Year (15-02-21)	Council A/C	New Road A/C	Ring fenced Balance
Bank Bal B/F	£30,000.00	£20,000.00	£32,914.66	£8,549.51	£51,262.00
Bank Bal After	£30,000.00	£20,000.00	£30,141.94	£6,386.81	£51,262.00

Payments into New Road : Beebops £72.00 Judo £40.00

To Propose payment for the sheet above Cllr Nichols, Seconded Cllr Graystone All In Favour.

6. PLANNING

The following applications were discussed prior to the meeting via email and comments sent to GYBC:

06/20/0264/O The Nurseries, Station Rd South Sub division of plot to create detached houses
It was agreed to strongly object to the application above due to over development of the plot.

06/20/0258/F 2 Sandy Lane, Belton First floor extension
06/20/0265/F 11 Rosedale Gardens, Belton Single storey extension

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

06/20/0297/F Four Winds, Stepshort, Belton Proposed construction of 1 dwelling

It was agreed to object to the application above due to it being outside of the development area, access to the site is along a private road and the plot is unsuitable for further development.

06/20/0282/PAD Plot 0642/0156 Lound Rd, Browston Prior approval for agricultural building

It was agreed to submit no objections subject to neighbours comments for the planning application above with the condition that no new housing or any type of dwellings are permitted on the land in the future.

06/20/0276/F Land West of Browston Lane, Browston Demolition of stable, erection of 1 dwelling with open cart shed garage

It was agreed to object to the planning application above due to it being outside of the development area, loss of agricultural land and is not located within a sustainable area of the village as there are no footpaths or access to public transport.

Can it also be clarified for the Parish Council do stables come under permitted development?

06/20/0305/F Empala, Sandy Lane, Belton 2 storey dwelling

It was agreed to object to the planning application above as it is outside of the development area. As the living space would be on the first floor this would be a very intrusive view for the neighbours. The development would be sited on a flood plain and access along the dyke would cause erosion.

Swallow Park Leisure, Belton New Premise License Application

During discussion some members voiced concerns that residents may also use the new facility which could cause a safety issue when accessing the site. After discussion the vote was taken, to submit no objections to the application for a new license Yes:8, No: 3. Carried.

7. PORTFOLIO REPORT

Cllr Botwright:

-The area on Station Road where there is no pavement but is marked out for pedestrian access needs to be more clearly marked out with possibly pea shingle so it is more visible. The Chairman suggested if photos of the area can be taken and passed onto Highways they may be able to suggest an alternative.

-After receiving a complaint from a resident the shrubs at the end of Deben Drive have been cut back by the Community Caretaker. However the resident is still unhappy with the visibility at the junction. After taking a look both the Clerk and Cllrs Graystone and Botwright stated visibility at the junction is now clear. The Clerk reported she had not received any other complaints from residents concerning this. Therefore it was agreed no further work is needed at the current time but the Clerk will ask PC Simmons to take a look and ask for her opinion.

-The footpath from Sandy Lane to Marsh Lane, a resident some time ago submitted a request to NCC for this footpath to be added to the definitive map. Unfortunately NCC have not agreed to this and the application has been rejected.

-Anglian Water have trimmed their piece of land next to the Sandy Lane Dyke but have left all the vegetation in the Dyke which the Caretaker is in the process of clearing. The Chairman reported he will be contacting Anglian Water about this.

Cllr Light:

-Reported he has received complaints concerning cars travelling at speed along Station Rd past The Tavern.

-Lound Road, Hobland Road, Browston Road junction road surface is now in a terrible condition.

-When the grass cutting has been undertaken on the Bradwell end of New Road it has exposed all the litter in the hedgerow which looks very unsightly.

8. NEW ROAD SPORT & LEISURE CENTRE

New Road Soakaway

The Clerk reported the Community Caretaker has produced a second quote to install a slightly larger soakaway as some members questioned if the size of the first one was adequate.

Therefore the second quote from the Community Caretaker for a larger soakaway is £965 plus vat, (the original quote being £780 plus vat)

Elm Contracts quote totalled £7930 plus vat

PJ Spillings quote totalled £6853 plus vat

After some discussion it was agreed by all members to proceed with the quote for £965 plus vat on the condition that the Caretaker confirms taram cloth will be used.

Borough Cllr Myers reported ward budgets have been paid this year so any applications for funding to go to Borough Cllrs Myers and Cameron.

With no further business the main meeting was closed at 8.10pm and the encamera item commenced.

9. IN CAMERA 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.s 1, in order to discuss matters of confidentiality.

10. MATTERS OF CONFIDENTIALITY

It was agreed by all members before any Councillor visits or passes any information onto a member of public to first speak to the Chairman or the Clerk. It was agreed all site visits must be attended by two Councillors.

With no further business the meeting was closed at 8.20pm