

Belton with Browston Parish Council Meeting

CHAIR : PETER NICHOLS VICE CHAIR : MICHAEL GRAYSTONE

Minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 3rd November 2020

Remotely using Zoom

IN ATTENDANCE

Councillors P. Nichols (Chair), K. Botwright, D. Buckworth, M. Graystone (Vice Chair), N. Light, L. Hillier, L. Staff, I. Walpole, H. Williams, K. Palmer (Clerk) and County Councillor Grant.

The meeting commenced at 7.01pm

PUBLIC SECTION

There was no public section.

The main meeting commenced at 7.01pm

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Brown and Greenacre and Borough Cllrs Cameron and Myers. To accept The apologies Proposed Cllr Staff, Seconded Cllr Buckworth. All In favour.

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 06/10/20 had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting. To accept the minutes as a true and accurate record Proposed Cllr Staff, Seconded Cllr Graystone. All In Favour.

4. MATTERS ARISING

The Chairman reported he had forwarded the New Road Pitch Report which was undertaken by the F.A. onto Garden Guardian. The contractors have look through and have confirmed the field is fit for purpose and no other maintenance is needed.

5. BOROUGH & COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

County Cllr Grant reported he had been in talks all week with Highways and there is no possibility that New Road can remain open for vehicle access during the widening and redressing of the cycle path. There will be access during the road closure for pedestrians and cyclists. They have now allocated two gangs to work on the job so it is hoped the works will be completed earlier. Highways have also confirmed that the redressing of Stepshort will not be undertaken until New Road is reopened.

County Cllr Grant reported the recycling centre will remain open during the forthcoming lockdown. GYB Services will be cutting back the hedges along Bell Lane and St Johns Road and the roads will be swept. These two areas will be done by hand, hedges at the other locations will be cut back in the next couple of weeks using a flail. Cllr Botwright stated he would send the list of all the other locations that needed doing onto County Cllr Grant. It was reported one third of the Compass Centre hedge has still not been cut back.

6. ADMINISTRATION & FINANCIAL MATTERS

PARISH COUNCIL CURRENT ACCOUNT

CQ	INV	PAYEE/DETAIL	V.A.T	AMOUNT
BACS		K. Palmer – salary 1342.42 less pension 77.86, tax 39.20, nic 66.05		£1159.31
BACS		HMRC K. Palmer tax 39.20 , nic 66.05 , employer nic 84.24 D. Skipper tax 21.80		£211.29
BACS		D. Skipper wage 700.78 less pension 38.54, tax 21.80, plus mileage 12.15		£652.59
BACS		Norfolk Pension Fund K. Palmer cont 77.86 council cont 308.75 plus underpayment from last month 58.21 D. Skipper cont 38.54 Council cont 161.17		£644.53
BACS		Garden Guardian- grass cutting	£170.73	£1024.36
BACS		K. Palmer refund expenses stationary 8.47 and postage stamps 23.40	£1.41	£31.87
DD		Wave – allotment water		£186.53
		Total for meeting	£172.14	£3910.48

PAVILION ACCOUNT

CQ	INV	PAYEE/DETAIL	V.A.T	AMOUNT
BACS		K. Gipson wage 618.93 , less pension 34.04		£584.89
BACS		Norfolk Pension Fund K. Gipson cont 34.04 , council cont 142.35		£176.39
BACS		K. Gipson refund for cleaning materials	£21.05	£126.28
DD		ESPO - gas	£4.59	£96.33
DD		BT	£20.03	£120.18
DD		Southern Electric	£21.57	£453.12
DD		Burrell Pest Control – moles on New Rd Field		£200.00
		Total for meeting	£67.24	£1757.19

	LTSB 1 Year (07-09-21)	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	£50,727.94	£11,623.20	£51,262.00
Bank Bal After	£30,000.00	£20,000.00	£ 48,142.05	£11,240.97	£51,262.00

Payments into New Road: £752

Pilates £88

Musical Movers £120

Yoga £32

Belton FC £300

L & H Fish & Chips £150

Bohemian FC £14

Up 4 Fitness £48

To propose the above sheet for payment Cllr Graystone, seconded Cllr Nichols. All In Favour.

7. FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The date of The meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 17th November at 7pm via zoom to discuss the 2021/22 precept.

8. BLAND CORNER DYKE CLEARANCE

The Clerk reported she had obtained one quotation from Folkes to undertake the dyke clearance which came to £1650 plus vat. She had also written to Mr Tim Groome to obtain a

second quotation but as yet has not had a reply. The Chairman proposed to accept the quotation provided by Folkes, Seconded Cllr Hillier. Yes: 4, No: 5. Carried.

It was then agreed for the Clerk to write to Mr Groome one more time to try and obtain a second quotation. Cllr Light stated he would contact another company to find out if they could also supply a quote.

9. NCC 2020/2021 PARISH PARTNERSHIP SCHEME

The Clerk confirmed she had not had any update from the Highways Engineer as to whether they can widen the footpath on Bell Lane field that runs next to the Compass Centre under the scheme. County Cllr Grant stated he will find out from Paul Sellick tomorrow if this project could be undertaken and will inform the Clerk of the outcome.

10. NEW ROAD CYCLE PATH/FOOTPATH REDRESSING & WIDENING

This item was covered under agenda item 5.

11. NEW ROAD SPORT & LEISURE CENTRE

A quote to repair the chain link fence had been provided by Waveney Fencing which has come to £400 plus vat. To install two new steel gates to access the field behind New Road came to £900 plus vat, total for all works being £1300 plus vat. A second quote from Clarkes Fencing to include all the works above came to £2995 plus vat. Cllr Light stated he will contact Contract Fencing and will arrange to meet the contractor at New Road with the Caretaker to obtain the third quote.

During the second lockdown which is to start on Thursday the only hirer that will continue to use New Road will be the mobile fish and chip shop take away unit in the car park. After making enquiries with GYBC it may be possible for the baby group Musical Movers to continue as they would be classified as a support group, but this will be confirmed on Thursday when the new legislation is published. All members were in agreement to allow Musical Movers to continue to meet at New Road Centre so long as they are allowed to do so under the governments lockdown rules.

12. PLANNING

06/20/0406/F 7 Amhurst Gardens, Belton Two metre high fence removal of hedge
It was agreed to submit no objections subject to neighbours comments for the above application.

06/20/0468/F Farewell Hales, Stepshort, Belton 2 Bedroom bungalow
It was agreed to object to The application above due to over development of The plot, it being outside of The borough wide plan and access is onto a private road

06/20/0486/CU 15 Amhurst Gardens, Belton Change of use sui generis land to garden curtilage
It was agreed to object to The planning application above. It was felt The community can not afford to lose any green space from within The village no matter The size.

06/20/0515/PAD Land off New Road, Belton Agricultural building
It was agreed to submit no objections subject to neighbours comments for the application above with the condition the building is to remain an agricultural building with no change of use permitted in the future.

The following applications have been approved:

06/20/0265/F 11 Rosedale Gardens, Belton Single story front extension
06/02/0409/F Woodland Lodge, The Loke Two story extension, swimming pool, garden room

13. INTERNAL CONTROL OFFICER REPORT

This item was deferred until The next meeting.

14. ALLOTMENTS A.G.M.

The Clerk reported due to covid 19 restrictions the allotments AGM has been postponed until next year. The Committee have agreed to keep The annual rents the same as last years this being £15 for a half size plot and £25 for a full size plot. Cash and CQ payments are being delivered to The Clerk and Cllr Graystones home address or payments can be made online by bacs.

15. BELTON PIT SURVEYORS ALLOTMENT

Prior to the meeting Cllr Botwright reported he had circulated information to all members concerning setting up a scheme with the Charity Commission for the Belton Pit Surveyors Allotment.

The Charity Commission stated in their correspondence that all councillors, who, as trustees, are required to formally authorise the formal application for a scheme for the 'Belton Pit' old surveyor's allotment site, adjacent to the A143 and the parish boundary with Fritton. Having received consent from eight out of the eleven Parish Councillors to authorise the application for the scheme the application has now been made. The Parish Council will receive an update from the Charity Commission in due course once the application has been finalised.

The Clerk reported she had been contacted by a resident asking for permission to metal detect on this of land. All members were in agreement this would be ok so long as a letter is signed stating if anything of value is found on site it would be declared and shared with the land owner.

16. BELL LANE PLAYING FIELD

Cllrs Graystone and Light reported they had spoken to all neighbouring property owners near to Bell Lane field, and generally most of them were happy to have the blue play equipment remain in place. Following the article that was placed in the Village Voice there had been two replies from residents, both of which have requested the item is disposed of.

After some discussion the vote was taken to either get the item removed, or to leave it in place but to also tidy the area up where it is situated. To remove Yes: 4, No: 5. Carried. It was therefore agreed to keep it in place but to arrange for the hedges/shrubs to be cut back so the area is opened up.

Cllrs Light and Graystone stated they felt after lockdown a separate meeting with the village maintenance portfolio holders is needed. They would like to find out can the Parish Council take on more responsibility of undertaking hedge cutting and other works if funding is released to the Parish Council from GYBC.

County Cllr Grant stated he had tried to organise this for Hopton Parish Council but it had not been possible as GYB Services would not break down the Parish budgets for them to then fund the Parish Council.

At 8.23pm the zoom meeting ran out of time therefore the following item, portfolio report, was not discussed.

17. PORTFOLIO REPORT

The meeting was closed at 8.23pm