

Belton with Browston Parish Council Meeting

CHAIR: KEN BOTWRIGHT VICE CHAIR: NIGEL LIGHT
Minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 7th December 2021
At New Road Sport & Leisure Centre

IN ATTENDANCE

K. Botwright (Chair), N. Light (Vice Chair), S. Bridges, N. Brown, G. Searby, T. Cameron, M. Greenacre, L. Hillier, H. Williams, I. Walpole, L. Staff, D. Mills, K. Ruddock (Clerk) and two members of the public including County Cllr Annison.

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

PUBLIC SECTION

- A member of the public asked, would The Parish Council consider installing a piece of artwork next to the village sign in Belton? A sketch of the proposed artwork was circulated to all members. The proposed artwork is of a heron standing in a pool which could be made from shatterproof partly coloured glass. A parishioner in Belton has been approached to make the artwork and they have agreed to this. The only cost involved would be for the glass itself, there would not be any labour costs to pay for. It was agreed the Parish Council will contact NCC to find out if it would be permitted to install the artwork at this location. Mr Graystone confirmed that he would find out how much the glass would cost, this will then be an agenda item at the next Parish Council meeting.

- It was agreed Cllr Cameron and Mr Graystone will meet to discuss the 2022 Belton in Bloom, Cllr Cameron will place an advert about this in the Village Voice.

- It was reported rubbish has been spilled over onto Belton Fen which has come from the new dwelling which is being built on the St Johns Road/Waveney Drive junction. Cllr Cameron confirmed she will speak to the land owner about this. If the matter is not resolved she will report it to the Environmental Service Dept at GYBC.

With no further business the main meeting commenced at 7.37pm

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Borough Cllr Myers.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

3. MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

Minutes from the meeting held on 02/11/21 had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting. To accept the minutes as a true and accurate record, proposed Cllr Bridges, seconded Cllr Staff. All in Favour.

4. MATTERS ARISING

- Cllr Greenacre confirmed she will speak to Revd Bunn again about the allotment hedge, she will also contact GYBC to obtain the relevant paperwork to apply for planning permission to remove the old dead hedge and to replace with new hedging.

- The Chairman reported Bohemians FC have stated Mr A. Simm, Mr M. Simm and one other member all have keys to the gate and their container. There is one set of keys to the building kept in the container.

- It was agreed to ask the Village Voice to include in the next Parish Council report, “The Parish Council would like to thank Mr Searby for undertaking the trench excavation, free of charge, to accommodate the soil pipe, water supply and electricity supply to the toilet/container.”

- Cllr Cameron reported there is no update regarding the fly tipping at The Loke in Belton. The Environment Agency have not undertaken their second visit to the site despite the issue of a ‘cease and desist letter’. County Cllr Annison confirmed he will contact Paul Shucksmith about this, and will find out if it should be reported to the Broads Authority.

5. BOROUGH & COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

-County Cllr Annison stated the Parish Council have done well in obtaining so many trees from the Norfolk County Council Million Trees Scheme.

The Chairman reported the trees are due to be delivered by the end of this week, volunteers will be needed to help plant them in The New Year. More trees are due to arrive in March from the Woodland Trust.

- The Chairman stated the following issues, reported months ago, are as yet to be resolved by NCC Highways:

New Road Cycle Path

No work has been undertaken to as yet to repair sections of the cycle path which have broken up due to weeds growing through the tarmac.

Cherry Lane Junction in Browston

The stones on the road have not been removed.

Back Lane in Belton / Fritton

An NCC maintained unsurfaced road running from Beccles Road, Belton to New Road, Fritton.

There are trees growing on the road, restricting its width to less than a metre in places. If Sandy Lane is blocked due to flooding, fire, an accident or a problem with the bridge, the residents of the 50+ properties of Sandy Lane would have no way of accessing or leaving.

Village Signs

County Cllr Annison stated he could fund the new signs from his Highways budget. This item will be on the agenda at the next meeting to agree the wording on the signs.

6. ADMINISTRATION & FINANCIAL MATTERS

PARISH COUNCIL CURRENT ACCOUNT

CQ	INV	PAYEE/DETAIL	V.A.T	AMOUNT
BACS		K. Ruddock 1423.24 less pension 82.54 , less tax 53.20 , less nic 75.15 plus mileage 18.90		£1,231.25
BACS		D. Skipper 743.82 less pension 40.91, plus mileage 27.90		£730.81
BACS		HMRC K. Ruddock tax 53.20 , nic 75.15, employer nic 95.20 K. Gipson nic 40.93 employer nic 55.79		£320.27
BACS		Norfolk Pension Fund K. Ruddock cont 82.54 Council cont 334.46 D. Skipper cont 40.91 Council cont 174.79		£632.70
BACS		K. Botright – Refund for keys cut		£17.60
BACS		K. Ruddock – Refund for ink & paper	£6.08	£36.50
BACS		Village Voice - advert		£40.00
BACS		Global Signs – memorial plaque	£34.50	£207.00
BACS		R & R Services – removal of 2021 Christmas tree		£50.00
BACS		Donation to Community Choir for Christmas event- Eventus money (M. Graystone)		£50.00
BACS		Garden Guardian – grass cutting	£174.54	£1,047.24
BACS		Garden Guardian – Bland Corner ½ work completed due to contract ending	£77.26	£463.57
		Total for meeting	£292.38	£4,826.94

PAVILION ACCOUNT

CQ	INV	PAYEE/DETAIL	V.A.T	AMOUNT
BACS		A M Road Markings Ltd	£60.00	£360.00
BACS		Mr Plummer – plumb in Toilet Block	£25.20	£151.20
BACS		K. Gipson 1138.13 less pension 62.59, nic 40.93		£1,034.61
BACS		Norfolk Pension Fund K. Gipson Cont 62.59 , council cont 267.46		£330.05
BACS		K. Gipson refund for cleaning items £100.40	£79.19	£549.30

		Toilet Block items £448.90		
BACS		Electrical Systems & Design – toilet block electrical connection		£475.00
DD		ESPO - gas	£5.92	£124.41
DD		BT – tele/Broadband	£18.93	£113.34
		Total for meeting	£189.24	£3,137.91

	Council A/C	New Road A/C	Ring fenced Balance
Bank Bal B/F	£86,846.40	£9,061.18	£58,374.00
Bank Bal After	£82,987.46	£8,570.31	£46,262.00

Payments into New Road: £1428

Up 4 Fitness £112

Parties x6 £394

Beebops £144

Craft Group £192

Musical Movers £336

Pilates £15

Deaf Connections £96

To propose payment for the above sheet Cllr Hillier, Seconded Cllr Greenacre. All in Favour.

7. 2022/23 PRECEPT

Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated to all members a copy of the draft 2022/23 precept, and a copy of the minutes from the Finance Working Party Meeting which was held on 23rd November 2021. After some discussion it was agreed by all members to accept the draft precept which includes an increase of 4.9% from the following year. Proposed Cllr Mills, Seconded Cllr Botwright. All in Favour.

8. NEW ROAD SPORT & LEISURE CENTRE

Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated to all members, minutes from the Events Working Party Meeting which was held on 4th December 2021, and the minutes from the New Road Management Working Party Meeting which was held on the 30th November 2021.

Cllr Greenacre reported the 26th November Street Food Market had been cancelled due to the lack of availability of stall holders. The Events Working Party are looking to hold two events in 2022. One being on the 3rd June to celebrate The Queens Platinum Jubilee and the second will be a large music event in July, the date to be confirmed. The Clerk confirmed she has contacted NALC to find out if there any regulations concerning funding such an event, and is currently waiting for a reply.

Cllr Light reported that he, along with Cllrs Botwright and Staff, had a very productive meeting with Bohemians FC on Saturday. The over flow car park was discussed and everyone was in agreement this would be a good solution to the problem when there are many vehicles on site during the weekend. They were in agreement the club should be helping to keep the changing rooms clean and the path free of mud. Cllr Light reported he had spoken with Paul Kelf from GYBC who will now be contacting him directly when it is advised that Council pitches should not be played on due to bad weather. After some discussion it was agreed to monitor the situation for the time being. If any changes need to be put in place regarding calling off matches due to bad weather, this should be revisited when both club contracts are up for renewal.

9. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

The Clerk reported Garden Guardian will be sending in a quotation for the grounds maintenance contract but requires some further information.

New Rd Playing Field

It was agreed all elements on the contract should be priced separately which will include verti-draining. The quote will include Belton FC pitch as they are not currently undertaking their own maintenance.

Bell Lane

Most of the shrubs that used to be cut have now been removed, therefore are not on the job

specification. The Clerk reported there had been no response from the adverts placed in the EDP and Village Voice asking for tenders for the grounds maintenance contracts. Therefore it was agreed to write to GYB Services and GDC to request quotations.

10. PLANNING

06/21/0848/F 8 Berry Close, Belton Erection of shed/hobby room in rear garden.

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

06/21/0910/F Land West of Browston Lane Conversion of stables to a single storey dwelling.

It was agreed to object to the planning application above. The site is outside of the Great Yarmouth Local Plan. Its designation is equine and not agricultural, therefore permitted development is not applicable. The previous application 06/20/0276/F was refused, then went to appeal which was dismissed. The planning application incorrectly designates Browston as a village, it is in fact a rural hamlet. The site has a lack of safe pedestrian and cycle routes, and there is no public transport in the hamlet, and therefore would be wholly reliant on private car use. The development will have a detrimental effect on the setting of Browston Manor, a Grade II Listed Building.

Applications Approved:

06/21/0862/TRE	14 Station Road South	T.P.O.17 canopy to be reduced in width & height
06/21/0822/F	The Nurseries, Stations Rd South	Construction of bungalow, 2 bedrooms in roof
06/21/0824/F	Pinecott, Sandy Lane, Belton	Raise roof by 1.5m
06/21/0825/F	7 Beccles Rd, Belton	Single & 2 storey extensions
06/21/0739/TRE	Ashmar House, Farman Close	G1 reduce height, remove dead lumber

Applications Refused:

06/21/0811/PDE 12 Waveney Drive, Belton Notification- larger home extension 6.4x6.2m

County Cllr Annison confirmed he will find out if there is a limit on the number of amendments that can be made to any approved planning applications.

11. PORTFOLIO REPORT

- The Chairman reported he had contacted Paul Sellick to make enquires regarding the Parish Council taking over grass cutting in the village and maintaining the public rights of way. There has not been any information as yet concerning the urban grass cutting however, he and the Clerk had had a meeting with Mr Grapes from NCC concerning taking over the maintenance of the PROWS (this does not include the urban public rights of way). This would include grass cutting on River Way from the pump station to the river wall and footpaths in Browston. The total funding available is £148. After some discussion it was agreed by all members to proceed with taking over this maintenance.

- The Chairman reported there will be a presentation this Friday 10th December at 3pm with Lanpro concerning the proposed development at Browston Hall, this will be followed by a drop in session for those unable to attend which will be from 4pm to 6pm.

12. TIME & DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 11th January 2021, 7.30pm at the New Road Sport & Leisure Centre

With no further business the meeting was closed at 8.45pm