

## **Belton with Browston Parish Council Meeting**

**CHAIR: KEN BOTWRIGHT      VICE CHAIR: NIGEL LIGHT**

**Minutes from the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022  
At New Road Sport & Leisure Centre**

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

K. Botwright (Chair), N. Light (Vice Chair), N. Brown, S. Bridges, T. Cameron, M. Greenacre, H. Williams, G. Searby, L. Staff, K. Ruddock (Clerk) and Borough Cllr Myers

### **PUBLIC SECTION**

There was no public section.

*The main meeting commenced at 7.28pm*

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

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Hillier, Mills and Walpole. To accept the apologies proposed Cllr Brown, seconded Cllr Staff. All in Favour.

#### **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 01/02/22 had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting. To accept the minutes as a true and accurate record, proposed Cllr Greenacre, seconded Cllr Staff. All in Favour.

#### **4. MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

#### **5. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT**

Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated hire purchase quotations obtained by the Chairman to acquire equipment from Ben Burgess to undertake the grass cutting in house.

The grass cutting would initially be for Bell lane Field, New Road Field and the Church Yard. It is hoped in the future the Parish Council may be awarded the budget from NCC to undertake the urban grass cutting contract which would include all the grass verges and green spaces in the village.

After some discussion it was generally agreed more investigation is needed into the type of equipment that would be purchased to undertake the grass cutting. Cllr Brown agreed to make enquires into this.

Due to the lack of time currently available to investigate the different options further, it was agreed by all members to accept the grass cutting quotation provided by Garden Guardian which totals £7866 for one year only, along with recommended fertilising, weed killing and verti-drain treatments. Proposed Cllr Brown, Seconded Cllr Bridges. All in Favour.

It was agreed to look into the in-house grass cutting contract again in August ahead of the 2023 contract.

#### **6. NEW ROAD OVER SPILL CAR PARK**

Cllr Light reported, to install rail and posts to outline the overspill car park will cost in the region of £10 per post and rail. Approximately 50 posts would be needed therefore at a cost

of £500.

After some discussion, it was agreed to use steel fencing pins with rope instead, to mark out the overspill car park. These will cost much less to purchase, and can be easily removed. It was also agreed to install some small wooden posts on the grass verge the other side of the fence to prevent cars parking on it, and to purchase some “overspill car park” signs. Cllr Light reported the new fire assembly point sign is in place.

#### **7. TIME & DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022, 7.30pm at the New Road Sport & Leisure Centre

*With no further business the main meeting was closed and the in-camera item commenced at 7.39pm*

#### **8. 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.s 1, in order to discuss small claims court- white plastic chairs.

#### **9. SMALL CLAIMS COURT- WHITE PLASTIC CHAIRS**

After discussion it was agreed to reply to the small claims court letter regarding the white plastic chairs that had been donated to the Parish Council in 2017 by St Faiths Crematorium in Norwich. A reply to the freedom of information act request concerning the plastic white chairs will also be sent in due course.

With no further business the meeting was closed at 8.20pm.