

Belton with Browston Parish Council Meeting
CHAIR: KEN BOTWRIGHT VICE CHAIR: NIGEL LIGHT
Minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 14th June 2022
at New Road Sport & Leisure Centre

IN ATTENDANCE

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

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

PUBLIC SECTION

There was no public section.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Burgh Castle Parish Council – Cllr Greenacre. Cllr Brown – Belton FC. Also note all Parish Councillors are Trustees of Belton Playing Field Charity. Agenda item 11, Planning – Cllr Barber. Agenda item 16, July Music Event – Cllr Botwright

3. MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

Minutes from the meeting held on 03/06/22 had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting. To accept the minutes as a true and accurate record. Proposed Cllr Williams, seconded Cllr Searby. All in Favour.

4. COUNCILLOR CO-OPTION

The Clerk had circulated to all members prior to the meeting a summary from Mr Barber outlining why he would like to be co-opted onto The Parish Council. To co-opt Mr Barber onto the Parish Council proposed Cllr Botwright, seconded Cllr Brown. All in Favour. Acceptance of office form was duly signed.

5. MATTERS ARISING

Cllr Greenacre stated she would make enquiries on how much it would be to purchase a new dog foul bin. Cllr Brown confirmed he will provide a COSHH template for the storage of petrol.

6. BOROUGH & COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

The Chairman reported he had tried to assist a resident to renew the payment for their brown bin by telephone and online using the GYBC website, however this was not able to be completed because the resident did not have an email address. The process seems to be overly complicated. Borough Cllr Myers confirmed he will contact GYB Services to try and resolve the matter.

The Chairman stated he had reported the missing “Hobland Road” road sign to GYBC but had not received confirmation that it will be replaced. Borough Cllr Myers confirmed he will also check this with GYB Services.

7. ADMINISTRATION & FINANCIAL MATTERS

BACS	Gallagher Insurance – Parish Council & New Rd Policy		£2307.78
BACS	Employment		£5385.93
BACS	M. Graystone – refund for gardening receipts		£53.76
BACS	D. Skipper – refund for work boots		£39.99
BACS	K. Ruddock – refund for stationary 24.40, postage £3.45	£4.06	£27.85
BACS	K. Gipson – refund for grass cutting items inc petrol 142.11 container paint 69.95	£18.68	£212.06
BACS	K. Botwright – refund for ink	£7.31	£43.83
BACS	N. Light – Refund for poo picker		£18.89
BACS	GYB Services – repair to trampoline (Bell Lane)	£7.74	£46.44
BACS	Village Voice – March & April adverts		£80.00
BACS	Heart 2 Heart Norfolk defibrillator replacement battery & pads		£240.00
DD	BT	£17.52	£105.13
DD	ESPO - Gas	£74.59	£447.52
DD	M. Snell – DJ services		£150.00
		Total	£129.90 £9159.18

	Council A/C	New Road A/C	Ring fenced Balance
Bank Balance	£86,292.47	£311.52	£40,994.00
Bank Balance After Meeting	£79,661.28	£185.50	£40,994.00

Payments into New Road: £1510

Judo £242

Fit2help £198

Up4fitness £66

Pilates (Monday) £165

Parties x6 £344

Community Choir £33

Training £200

ABC Life Support £38.50

Pilates (Wednesday) £203.50

Otium Centre Archery £20

To propose payment for the above sheet Cllr Greenacre, seconded Cllr Bridges. All in Favour.

The Clerk reported she and the Chairman had attended an online meeting with a representative from the Gallagher Company to discuss combining the Parish Council and New Road insurance policies. This has now been completed and has saved approximately £350 on this year's premium which totals £2307.78. The representative stated Gallagher now only uses one insurance company and can no longer provide three quotations, therefore next year two alternative insurance companies will have to be contacted to provide quotations.

The Chairman reported the donated mower has now been serviced by GDC however they are still waiting for a part to arrive. In the meantime, to ensure grass cutting continues, a second-hand mower has been purchased which cost £80. It was agreed to purchase two new second hand commercial trimmers from the same company in Lowestoft for the cost of £40 as the original trimmer has had to be sent back to the manufacturer to be repaired. Proposed Cllr Cameron, seconded Cllr Bridges. All in Favour.

8. EVENTS WORKING PARTY

Minutes from the working party meetings held on the 21st April and 19th May were noted. It was reported the Jubilee event on the 3rd June was well attended, however there was disappointment voiced that some stall holders that were expected did not attend the event and there were no entries for the 'bake off' and children's fancy dress competition. Cllr Williams reported she had received good feedback from all the people she had spoken to that attended the event.

9. VILLAGE FLOWERBEDS – RECTORY CORNER AND THE VILLAGE SIGN

Cllr Cameron reported she had tried contacting Jane Clark to discuss helping to cut back the flowerbeds and shrubs at Rectory Corner however no progress has been made. It was generally agreed the area needs some attention as it has become overgrown. Cllr Cameron reported that she obtained £100 of funding from GYBC in bloom committee for bedding plants and a cherry tree. It had been hoped to extend the flowerbeds next to the village sign and on Waveney Drive, however, no progress has been made. The Cherry tree has now been planted on St Johns Road, near the Kings Head, to replace a tree that was previously at this location. After some discussion it was agreed to inform the community gardeners that Cllr Cameron will be over-seeing and authorising all purchases for plants purchased for village flowerbeds as she holds the village enhancements portfolio. Cllr Greenacre stated there is also a flowerbed on Church Lane that could be taken on by Cllr Cameron, it has become overgrown as there has not been a community gardener to look after it for some time. Cllr Cameron will again look to create a new flowerbed on Bland Corner as part of Belton in Bloom, Belton Pond will also be on the July agenda. Cllr Brown confirmed he will take a look at a tree on Rectory Corner that has a caged plaque on it as it has been reported it may need to be removed.

10. NEW ROAD SPORT & LEISURE CENTRE

The minutes from the working party meeting held on 12th May were noted.

Cllr Light reported he and the Clerk had met with Jayne Biggs from Heart 2 Heart Norfolk and had discussed the possibility of moving the New Road defibrillator to the outside fence. Mrs Biggs had said she would exchange the existing cabinet with a new, more durable cabinet, at no cost to The Parish Council. Cllr Cameron suggested if this is moved, the Parish Council could look to obtain grant funding to purchase a portable defibrillator which would be kept inside the building. After some discussion it was agreed to move the cabinet to the outside fence proposed Cllr Botwright, seconded Cllr Brown. All in Favour.

11. PLANNING

06/22/0259/VCF Windmill View, River Way, Belton. Variation of cond. 2 on 06/21/0115/F 06/22/0268/HH 21 Heather Rd, Belton. Single storey side/rear extension. Due to the deadline for comments to be submitted it was agreed prior to the meeting to submit no objections subject to neighbours' comments for the above applications.

06/22/0368/TRE Ashmar House, Farman Close, Belton. Proposed works to beech trees. It was agreed to submit no objections subject to neighbours' comments.

06/22/0387/HH 77 Station Rd South, Belton. First floor front extension. It was agreed to submit no objections subject to neighbours' comments.

06/22/0298/EU 37 Station Rd South, 'The Stables'. Certificate of lawfulness. No comments were submitted for the above application.

Application Withdrawn:

06/17/0748/F Wild Duck Caravan Park, Howards Common, Belton. Proposed change of use to convert existing touring and camping site to form additional 63 static caravans, relocation of existing touring site to provide 75 pitches, new touring services building on part of existing golf course, change of use existing Belton common for new golf course.

It was agreed to ask Borough Cllr Myers to contact the planning department to check the Wild Duck license to find out how many static caravans they can have on site.

Applications Approved:

06/20/0345/F Marsh Lane, Belton. Erection of wooden framed stables and a storage lean-to.

06/22/0270/F Wild Duck Caravan Park. Sub division of takeaway building; erection of extension.

06/22/0259/VCF Windmill View, River Way, Belton. Variation of condition 2 of pp

06/21/0115/F

Application Refused:

06/20/0015/F Oak Tree Barn, Hall Farm, Beccles Rd. Leisure & guest annexe.

GYBC - sites to protect consultation

It was agreed to submit the following three locations:

1. From the strip of green to the Bradwell Boundary
2. From the end of the building line on Beccles Road to the A143.
3. From the end of the building line on Browston Road to the new link road.

Neighbourhood Plan

It was agreed further discussion is needed on the possibility of creating a neighbourhood plan. It was suggested Belton with Browston, Burgh Castle and Fritton with St Olaves Parish Councils could work together to produce one plan for the whole area. Borough Cllr Myers reported he will provide a copy of a plan that has been created by a number of small parishes in the Borough this could act as a template if the Parishes agree to proceed. A Neighbourhood Plan gives Parish Councils greater weight when it comes to planning applications/decisions in their Parish in terms of which sites parishioners allocate for development and which sites they would prefer to stay green and undeveloped. It was agreed for the Clerk to arrange a meeting of the Chairmen of the three Parish Councils to discuss this further.

12. TIME & DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 5th July, 7.30 at New Road Sport & Leisure Centre.

With no further business the main meeting was closed and the in-camera section commenced at 8.35pm

13. 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, Belton Pit and the July music event.

14. SMALL CLAIMS COURT – WHITE PLASTIC CHAIRS

It was reported all relevant paperwork has been sent to small claims court as instructed and paperwork from the claimant has been received.

15. BELTON PIT

The Chairman reported there have been ongoing talks concerning a possible land swap and other options to possibly buy a new piece of land in the village. It was agreed the next step will be to arrange for a formal valuation of Belton Pit.

16. JULY MUSIC EVENT

Due to the very disappointing amount of tickets that have been sold for the July music event a vote was taken to decide whether to cancel the event. Proposed to cancel the event Cllr Staff, seconded Cllr Bridges Yes: 10, No: 1. Carried. The Chairman and the Clerk will contact all relevant parties after the meeting to inform them the event will no longer take place on the 16th July.

With no further business the meeting was closed at 9.10pm