

Belton with Browston Parish Council Meeting
CHAIR: KEN BOTWRIGHT VICE CHAIR: NIGEL LIGHT
Minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 5th July 2022
at New Road Sport & Leisure Centre

IN ATTENDANCE

K. Botwright (Chairman), N. Light (Vice Chair), K. Barber, N. Brown, T. Cameron, M. Greenacre, L. Hillier, D. Mills, G. Searby, H. Williams, K. Ruddock (Clerk), and four members of the public.

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

PUBLIC SECTION

Members of the public were present at the meeting to voice concerns about Great Yarmouth Borough Council using herbicides to kill weeds in the Borough.

Large areas are being sprayed which not only kills weeds, but also all of the wild flowers. There is also concern that certain chemicals may also have a detrimental effect to public health.

Pesticide Action Network UK is a charity that has been set up to try to tackle problems caused by using pesticides and to find alternatives, however no Council in Norfolk is mentioned on the list. Suffolk County Council have now designated 40 sites for rewilding, it is not known if Great Yarmouth Borough Council have allocated any.

Cllr Cameron reported she is a member of the Environment Committee at GYBC. The committee are now talking about possible rewilding schemes for the Borough, however nothing has been confirmed as yet. Cllr Cameron advised the members of public to attend the next Environment Committee meeting at the Town Hall as it is open to members of the public, also to contact the Chairman for the Committee Borough Cllr Paul Wells, to ask that this item is added to the agenda. It was advised they should also contact County Cllr Carl Annison to discuss their concerns.

The Chairman added NCC are looking to leave more areas uncut, or only to cut them twice a year which will not only be good for the environment but will also save money. Belton with Browston Parish Council made the decision some time ago to not cut Bland Corner and will be adding wild flower seeds to the area. Over the last three years the Parish Council have planted approximately 500-600 trees at various locations in the village including on Bell Lane playing field and New Road sports field.

With no further business the main meeting commenced at 7.50pm

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Staff, Bridges, Walpole, Borough Cllr Myers and County Cllr Annison. To accept the apologies proposed Cllr Greenacre, seconded Cllr Botwright. All in Favour.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Burgh Castle Parish Council – Cllr Greenacre. Cllr Brown – Belton FC. Cllr Barber – agenda item 11 ref 06/22/0489/F and agenda item 7.

Also note all Parish Councillors are Trustees of Belton Playing Field Charity.

3. MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

Minutes from the meeting held on 14/07/22 had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting. To accept the minutes as a true and accurate record, proposed Cllr Searby, seconded Cllr Greenacre. All in Favour.

4. MATTERS ARISING

- Cllr Brown confirmed he will forward the COSHH template onto the Clerk, he will also visit Rectory Corner and take a photo of the cage around the tree.
- The Chairman reported the storage container for the grass cutters petrol has now been ordered.
- To purchase three new dog foul bins will cost in the region of £600. Borough Cllr Myers had previously reported the annual charge to empty the three bins will cost £154. After some discussion it was agreed to purchase two new bins to be installed in Browston, one opposite the junction to Hobland Hill and one on Lound Road. It was agreed to ask the Caretakers to map the location of all existing litter/dog foul bins in Belton before any more are purchased. It was agreed to place an article in the Village Voice to let residents know the new bins have been purchased and there locations. Proposed Cllr Mills, seconded Cllr Cameron. All in Favour.
- The Chairman reported he had recently attended a meeting with PC Mark Saggars. PC Saggars is hoping to start a new Parish Surgery which will be held at New Road Centre, the Police bicycle will be stored in the New Road container when not in use.

5. BOROUGH & COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

There were no Borough or County Council reports.

The Chairman reported NCC have published their Road Safety Scheme for the next year. County Cllr Annison will be contacted to find out if a traffic survey can be undertaken at Belton cross roads, it was generally agreed there either needs to be a speed reduction or a mini roundabout installed at this location to prevent future accidents.

6. ADMINISTRATION & FINANCIAL MATTERS

	PAYEE/DETAIL	V.A.T	AMOUNT
BACS	Employment		£5610.97
BACS	K. Botwright – refund for mower		£80.00
BACS	K. Ruddock – refund for security box for petrol 225.53, batteries 7.35 , postage 15.81, stationary 20.00	£37.59	£268.69
BACS	K. Gipson – refund for strimmers 40.00 grass cutting items inc petrol GDC service 446.73, New Rd cleaning items 14.22	£73.49	£497.95
BACS	SPP Digital signs and banners	£36.00	£216.00
DD	BT	£17.96	£107.76
	Total	£165.04	£6,781.37

	Council A/C	New Road A/C	Ring fenced Balance
Bank Balance	£79,661.28	£185.50	£40,994.00
Bank Balance After Meeting	£74,957.91	£383.50	£40,994.00

Payments into New Road: £2426.00

Bohemians FC £898

Judo £247.50

Party x3 £266

Up4fitness £154

Stroke Group £265

Belton Bowman £150

Fit2help £198

Pilates £247.50

To propose payment for the above sheet Cllr Mills, seconded Cllr Searby. All in Favour.

Cllr Light reported having installed the temporary overspill car park at New Road, the time has now come to make the car park permanent before the new football season starts.

Weekends continue to be extremely busy with party bookings and football hire, the extra car

parking spaces are urgently needed.

The initial budget to purchase the timber was £500, however after making enquiries this price has risen to as much as £1600. However after speaking to one firm that is due to be closing a quote has been obtained, to supply 130 posts and rails for £920 (exc vat).

It was agreed taking into account how much nationally timber prices have risen this is a very good quotation. Therefore Cllr Botwright proposed to proceed and purchase of the fencing, seconded Cllr Cameron. All in Favour.

It was suggested both football clubs should be asked to make a contribution towards the new fencing at the next management meeting.

7. BELTON POND

Cllr Cameron asked should the Parish Council consider registering Belton Pond with the land registry and the charity commission as has been done for Belton Pit, as it is also one of the Highway Surveyors sites in Belton and is therefore Parish land.

The cost to do so and then to maintain the area was generally discussed. It was agreed for Cllr Cameron to place an article in the Village Voice to find out from residents would they like to see the land registered, and also who would volunteer to help maintain the site.

8. CONFIRMATION OF COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIOS

The following portfolios were confirmed:

KEN BOTWRIGHT

Community Engagement
Social Media
Environmental Issues

DAVID MILLS

Village Facilities
Recreational Assets
Health & Safety

STUART BRIDGES

Community Engagement
Data Protection
Freedom of Information

GEMMA SEARBY

Browston Representative
Natural Amenities

NATHAN BROWN

Allotments
Youth Facilities

LEE STAFF

Youth Facilities
Roads
Finance

TRACIE CAMERON

Village Enhancement

IAN WALPOLE

Bell Lane Field

MARGARET GREENACRE

Planning
Transport
Church

HILARY WILIAMS

Parishioner Involvement

LIN HILLIER

Standards
Inclusiveness

KIEL BARBER

TBC

NIGEL LIGHT

New Road Pavilion & Field
Events
Social Media

9. NCC COST OF LIVING SUPPORT SCHEME

The Chairman reported information had been received from NALC detailing support that is available in Norfolk for parish councils to help residents in need. Town and Parish councils can apply to the Norfolk Community Foundation for grants of up to £50 per household to help older people, disabled people and carers with the cost of household energy bills and other regular utility bills. It was suggested an advert could be placed within The Village Voice to try to reach those residents that may benefit from this funding. The Chairman stated he would check the deadline to apply for this funding after the meeting.

10. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Chairman reported he and the Clerk will be attending a meeting to discuss a neighbourhood plan on the 19th July with the Chairman of Burgh Castle and Fritton with St Olaves Parish Councils, and Borough Cllr Myers. Borough Cllr Myers will be providing a completed plan at the meeting. Funding is available from GYBC to undertake the work as it will be a lengthy process and will be fairly involved. However once completed it will give Parish Council's a greater voice when it comes to any future development in the Parishes. Cllr Botwright proposed to agree in principle to get started with producing a neighbourhood plan, seconded Cllr Light. All in Favour.

11. PLANNING

06/22/0461/F Hall Farm, Pipistrelle Barn, Beccles Rd Annexe including swimming pool
Following discussion the vote was taken to object or to submit no objections to the application above. Cllr Botwright Proposed to object, seconded Cllr Greenacre. Yes: 5, No: 5. The Chairman then used his casting vote to object to the application, the following comments below will be submitted to GYBC.

It was agreed to strongly object to the above application. The 'annexe', with the swimming pool, sauna, gym, jacuzzi and specifically changing rooms, suggests this could be used for commercial use, not personal. There is great concern if this is approved it could set a precedent for this type of development which is also outside of the Borough Wide Plan. There is archaeological evidence at this location, which was the centre and origin of the medieval village of Belton. It is not in-keeping and is totally out of character with the old barns at this location, including the 16th century (possibly older) Belton Hall. There is the potential for noise pollution emanating from this complex. The sewerage treatment plant and emptying of the pool so close to one of the two main watercourses in the village is also of great concern regarding its effect on the biodiversity of the area.

06/22/0489/F Acorn Meadows, Cherry Lane, Browston Retention of static caravan for shelter

It was agreed to object the above application due to there being no live stock on the site.

Applications Approved:

06/22/0368/TRE Ashmar House, Farman Close, Belton. Works to beech trees

12. TIME & DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 6th September 2022, 7.30pm at New Road Sport & Leisure Centre.

With no further business the meeting was closed at 9.03pm