

Belton with Browston Parish Council Meeting

CHAIR: KEN BOTWRIGHT VICE CHAIR: NIGEL LIGHT

Minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 10th January 2023

At New Road Sport & Leisure Centre

IN ATTENDANCE

K. Botwright (Chairman), N. Light (Vice Chair), K. Barber, N. Brown, M. Greenacre, D. Mills, G. Searby, H. Williams, K. Ruddock (Clerk) and two members of the public including 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, Staff, Walpole, Bridges and Cameron. To accept the apologies proposed Cllr Greenacre, seconded Cllr Brown. All in Favour.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

3. MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

Minutes from the meeting held on 06/12/22 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 Light. All in Favour.

4. MATTERS ARISING

- Cllr Brown reported he had emailed both Borough Cllr Myers and Cameron concerning the ward budget funding to purchase a new defibrillator. It was confirmed both Cllrs will now need to complete the relevant paperwork for GYBC.
- The Chairman thanked Cllr Mills for completing the COSHH paperwork, further training for both caretakers will take place in due course.
- The Clerk confirmed no funding had been received from NCC for the heritage fruit trees.
- The Chairman reported Mr Riches has made a very good job of cutting back the hedge next to the allotments.

5. BOROUGH & COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Borough Cllr Myers reported he had sent a complaint to NCC concerning the amount of time the traffic lights had been installed on New Road before any works to repair the trench had been started.

6. ADMINISTRATION & FINANCIAL MATTERS

	PAYEE/DETAIL	V.A.T	AMOUNT
BACS	K. Ruddock – Refund for play mat, storage buckets, foam mats for warm hub	£9.99	£59.93

BACS	Employment		£3,905.71
BACS	K. Gipson refund - warm hub 148.46, Christmas tree 34.68, maintenance 53.78	£24.95	£236.92
BACS	N. Light – refund warm hub party items		£42.32
BACS	CPS Cleaning Equipment – hire of scrubber drier Nov/Dec	£16.00	£96.00
BACS	CPS Cleaning Equipment – hire of scrubber drier Dec/Jan	£20.09	£120.54
BACS	K. Gipson – refund for radiator thermostat	£	£57.14
BACS	K. Ruddock – refund for Currys laptop	£64.83	£389.00
DD	Southern Electric	£84.65	£615.58
DD	BT	£19.39	£116.34
DD	TV Licensing		£39.75
	Total	£239.90	£5,679.23

	Council A/C	Ring fenced Balance
Bank Balance after meeting payments	£115,291.63	£40,994.00

Income - New Road Hire: £2972.50

Party x3 £160 Pilates £110 Musical Movers £385 Judo £236.50
Bohemian FC £1606 Up4fitness £110 Craft Group £165 Training £200

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

Additional Income: Neighbourhood Plan Grant Funding £5059 & Historical Society – donation towards warm hub £100

Debit Card. It was agreed to complete the application for Lloyds bank to obtain a Parish Council debit card which will enable purchases to be paid directly from the Parish Council bank account. Proposed Cllr Searby, seconded Cllr Greenacre. All in Favour.

Internal Control Officer Report. Cllr Greenacre reported she had completed the ICO checks with the Clerk. All payments checked matched with corresponding invoices and payment sheet entries with no problems found. Cllr Greenacre stated it is good to see all payments now coming from one bank account, and the new scribe accounting software is working well.

7. 2023-2024 PRECEPT

The Clerk reported GYBC have confirmed the council tax support grant will no longer be passed onto Parish Council's as from the next financial year. This is because the funding is no longer being passed onto the Borough Council from Central Government.

The concurrent function grant has been reviewed and the bus shelter element has also been withdrawn however the latter does not affect Belton with Browston Parish Council. It has also been confirmed that during the 2023-24 financial year a Working Party at the Borough Council will be looking into the other elements of the grant funding which includes open spaces and burial grounds, therefore it is likely the Parish Council will see reductions to these in coming years.

Therefore with the council tax support grant being removed from the precept there is now a deficit of £2672. If this is therefore added onto the 2023-24 precept the increase will rise from 22% to 28%.

After some discussion it was agreed to the precept will have to be increased to cover the withdrawn funding. Therefore the total precept will now be £57338, which is a rise of 28%. Proposed Cllr Greenacre, seconded Cllr Botwright. All in Favour. Please note a copy of this precept is appended to and does form part of the minutes.

8. NEW ROAD SPORT & LEISURE CENTRE

Cllr Light reported the following:

Warm Hub. The amount of people attending the warm hub has continued to remain disappointing. Having attended a meeting with NALC and also discussing this issue with the GYBC Rangers, it has been reported 90% of the warm hubs that are being run in the Borough are experiencing the same problem. The hub will continue to remain open, but may be rebranded as a community hub, it has been suggested the name warm hub may be put people off from using it. However the free Christmas children's party was very well attended.

Hot Water Boiler. Over the Christmas period there had been problems with the water coming from the hot taps. An engineer from Proheat has been on site to look at the boiler and has confirmed the boiler will now need to be replaced. Due to the capacity needed to run all the showers the price to replace the boiler like for like, purchased directly from the manufacturer will be £12,000. The price to purchase and fit will be in the region of £20,000. Due to these costs other options are now being explored which may mean a reduction in the amount of showers in the changing room area and a possible conversion of part of the changing rooms into a second function room. There will be discussions with the Football Foundation about this before any decision is made. This item will be on the agenda at the next meeting for discussion.

9. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Chairman reported the designated area plan has now been approved and the £5059 of grant funding has been received. CCP Consultants have been engaged and two more public meetings have been scheduled for 25th January at Burgh Castle Village Hall and the 21st January at St Olaves Village Hall. The evidence based report has been sent to CCP which is the first of 8 reports to be completed.

10. PLANNING

06/22/0192/HH 3 Amhurst Gardens, Belton Extension to garage and front porch works. It was agreed to submit no objections subject to neighbours' comments for the above application.

06/22/0603/F 29 St James Crescent, Belton 2 storey side and front single storey extension. It was agreed to submit no objections subject to neighbours' comments for the above application.

06/22/1046/HH 8 Beccles Road, Belton Single storey rear extension. It was agreed to submit no objections subject to neighbours' comments for the above application.

06/22/1104/F Rose Farm Touring Park, Stepshort, Belton. Regularise holiday accommodation as residential with 12 month occupancy. It was agreed to object to the above planning application. There are concerns with access to the site, the increased volume of traffic through the village and its impact on local services, the site is also within a flood zone.

06/22/0846/CU The Pastures, Cherry Lane, Browston. Permanent change of use of domestic swimming pool to public swimming pool. It was agreed to object to the above application. It was agreed by all members there is no need for a public swimming pool in the village. However, if the application is approved the Parish Council would like the condition added that all vehicles of visitors to the property must be parked within the property curtilage, no vehicles must be parked along Cherry Lane.

06/22/1040/HH The Pines, Beccles Road, Belton 2 storey rear extension. It was agreed to submit no objections subject to neighbours' comments for the above application.

06/22/0900/F Land South of Short Rd, Browston Conversion of stable block to C3 residential use. Belton with Browston Parish Council objects to the above application. The proposal introduces development outside the settlement limits defined in the Local Plan Part 2. It is therefore considered contrary to adopted policy GSP1 and Core Strategy policies CS1 E, CS2 which seek to direct housing development to sustainable locations and with suitable connections to public footpath networks, shops and services, and public transport connections. In this location the site is removed from both development limit boundaries, and much further from local centres and amenities, creating a reliance on the private car to meet the day-to-day needs of future occupants. This reasoning endures.

In a previous application Highways were concerned about the increase in traffic entering and accessing the Short Road via the dangerous staggered Browston Cross Roads with deceptive bends restricting vision.

Applications approved:

06/22/0963/TRE Compass Centre, Bell Lane, Belton. TPO no2 2018 works to oak tree.

06/22/0948/F Plot PT 0642 0156 Lound Rd, Browston. Conversion of part of ex farm building to office.

06/22/0933/CD Carvedras, Lound Rd, Browston. Discharge of cond 7 pp 06/21 0465

6/22/0615/F Wild Duck Holiday Park, Belton. Demolition of maintenance building and installation of 7 static caravan bases.

Applications withdrawn:

06/21/0696/F 35 Fern Gardens, Belton. Retrospective app to position metal container at rear of property.

Tree Preservation Orders Approved:

No.3 of 2022 Trees on land at Moorlands Church Academy School, Belton

The Chairman reported he had sent Cllrs a link containing the map which shows all the locations that have been submitted by land owners to be considered for development within the emerging GYBC Local Plan. This item will be on the agenda at the next meeting to agree comments for each location.

11. TIME & DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 7th February 2023, 7.30pm at New Road Sport & Leisure Centre.

With no further business the main meeting closed at 8.26pm and the incamera items commenced.

12. 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.

13. COUNTY COURT – WHITE PLASTIC CHAIRS

The Clerk reported the notice of trial date has been received.

With no further business the meeting was closed at 8.34pm