

Belton with Browston Parish Council Meeting

CHAIR: KEN BOTWRIGHT, VICE CHAIR: NIGEL LIGHT

Minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 7th March 2023

At New Road Sport & Leisure Centre

IN ATTENDANCE K. Botwright (Chairman), N. Light (Vice Chair), K. Barber, N. Brown, M. Greenacre, G. Searby, H. Williams, K. Ruddock (Clerk) and three 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, Walpole, Bridges, Staff, Cameron and Mills and County Cllr Annison. To accept the apologies, proposed Cllr Greenacre, seconded Cllr Searby. 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. All Parish Councillors are Trustees of Belton Poor's Allotment Charity.

3. MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

Minutes from the meeting held on 07/02/23 had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting. Cllr Light stated he would like one amendment made to agenda item 8 – Kings Coronation. Cllr Light proposed to add at the beginning of the paragraph "Due to Parish Councillors not being prepared to run an event." There was no seconder. After some discussion Cllr Greenacre proposed the statement "Due to the Parish Councillors being unable to run an event." Seconded Cllr Williams. The vote was then taken to add Cllr Greenacre's amendment to the minutes. Yes: 6, No: 1. Carried. With this amendment made the minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

4. MATTERS ARISING

JGI Coffee Mornings

Cllr Greenacre stated it had been noted in the Village Voice under a report by the JGI that Parish Councillors had not attended the weekly Wednesday coffee mornings for some time. Cllr Williams reported she had attended some coffee mornings but had not been able to go to any so far this year. The Clerk confirmed she will circulate an email to all Councillors to find out who would be able to attend a future coffee morning and on what date. Cllrs Searby and Light both stated they may be able to attend depending on the date.

Defibrillator

Cllr Brown reported the funding has been received to purchase the new defibrillator. The Clerk confirmed she has placed the order with Heart 2 Heart Norfolk. It was agreed to ask Mrs Biggs for

advice on where would be the best location in the Dashwood close/Berry Close area to have the machine installed. Cllr Searby reported defibrillators can be linked to the electric supply from a nearby lamp post, however permission will need to be obtained from GYBC.

Changing Rooms Modifications

The Chairman reported the latest response from the Football Foundation, concerning the proposed changes to the layout of the changing rooms, was positive.

5. BOROUGH & COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Borough Cllr Myers reported:

- The Parish Precepts were addressed and discussed during the recent GYBC meeting.
- The Church is holding an event at the Rectory for the Kings Coronation which is being funded by the Village Voice. There will be a small charge to attend the event, everyone is welcome and volunteers are needed.
- A complaint has been sent to NCC Highways about the condition of the road surface on New Road heading to the Bracon Rd junction. Cllr Myers confirmed he will also chase up Highways to find out what the updates are on the number of issues reported to them by the Chairman.

6. ADMINISTRATION & FINANCIAL MATTERS

	PAYEE/DETAIL	V.A.T	AMOUNT
BACS	Employment		£4,140.57
BACS	CPS Cleaning Equipment	£5.18	£31.05
BACS	M. Riches – allotment hedge maintenance	£48.00	£288.00
BACS	*Paid from Neighbourhood Plan Grant* Village Voice questionnaire distribution		£250.00
BACS	*Paid from Neighbourhood Plan Grant* CCP Planning Consultancy	£360.00	£2,160.00
BACS	K. Botwright – mileage to Hornsea meeting £8.10 & car parking £1.50		£9.60
BACS	K. Gipson – refund petrol 57.75, village maint items 29.21, cleaning items 82.91	£22.19	£169.87
DCARD	Amazon – ink cartridges	£12.81	£76.89
DD	EDF – electric DD	£205.36	£1,232.18
DD	ESPO – gas Oct, Nov, Dec 2022	£131.96	£925.51
DD	BT	£20.60	£123.58
DD	TV Licensing		£39.75
BACS	Gallagher – vehicle insurance for grass cutter		£142.78
DD	Wave – allotments water		£155.13
DD	Wave New Road Water		£172.29
DC	Nalc – VAT training		£10.00
DD	ICO subs		£35.00

DD	BT	£13.41	£80.44
DD	ESPO	£73.13	£438.77
DC	GYBC – renewal of New Rd licensing		£180.00
	Total	£892.64	£10,661.41

	Council A/C
Bank Balance BF	£107,630.18
Bank Balance after meeting payments	£99,957.58

Income - New Road Hire: £1147

Pilates £275 Stroke Group £90 Up4fitness £88 Musical Movers £165
 Craft Group £132 Pilates £88 Parties x3 £199 Judo £110

To propose the above sheet for payment Cllr Barber, seconded Cllr Williams. All in Favour.

Rose Farm Advertising Boards

The Chairman reported Rose Farm Touring Park have asked permission to site an advertising banner (12ft by 3ft) to the outside of the fence that runs next to New Road. Concern was voiced that this would set a precedent, also taking into account information obtained from the completed Neighbourhood Plan survey, the majority of respondents were against further development of the holiday parks in the village. Cllr Botwright proposed to decline the request for the advertising board, seconded Cllr Greenacre. All in Favour.

Electric Car Charging

Norfolk County Council have recently had confirmation of £1.1million of funding from central government for the purpose of increasing electric vehicle charging infrastructure across the county. Belton has been identified as eligible to participate in the scheme. However there is some criteria such as the host premises would have to have 24/7 access to the parking places. It was generally agreed by all members to register a non-committal interest at the current time to obtain more information before a final decision is made.

Renewal of New Road Premises License - £180

It was agreed by all members to renew the premises license for one year. Proposed Cllr Light, seconded Cllr Botwright. All in Favour.

7. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Chairman reported 347 surveys have now been completed which is an excellent response, equating to 14% of household's, 10% is deemed as a normal response so this exceeded expectations. A grant has been applied for and will be used to fund AECOM to work on and to create the Design Codes and Housing Need for the area. CCP will be generating a report from the comments made on the completed surveys.

8. WEEDKILLER QUOTATIONS Cllr Light reported he had met with two contractors to obtain quotations to undertake weed killing on the required areas on Bell Lane, the Churchyard and at New Road. The quotes being: Darren Mace £460 – For all 3 sites, 2 doses per year, and Native Landscapes - £600 – For all 3 sites, 2 doses per year. One of the contractors also advised that

some chemical weed killers are going to be banned due to being hazardous, eco-friendly alternatives such as salt, water and vinegar solutions are being looked at. Therefore the Caretaker has trialled this alternative on an area at New Road and the results have been positive. It was agreed by all members to trial the eco-friendly alternative at the Churchyard, and also on the Heather Gardens/Station Rd passage. Proposed Cllr Light, seconded Cllr Botwright. All in Favour.

9. PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

To confirm that Parish Council election nomination papers must be submitted to GYBC from March 27th and no later than 4.00pm on the 4th April. Papers must be checked (by appointment) by a members of the Elections Team, telephone 01493 846327.

10. HORNSEA THREE – COMMUNITY FUND

The Chairman reported he had attended a recent meeting to obtain further information on the Hornsea Community Fund which is providing £700,000 of funding per year over a ten year period from its offshore wind farm development. Grant applications should be available from the summer of 2023. Applications can be made to fund community buildings and facilities, sports and recreation activities, environmental projects and public open spaces.

11. BELL LANE PLAYING FIELD

The Chairman reported he had received feedback from parents concerning the condition of some of the play equipment on Bell Lane playing field. Before funding options are looked into, and before further consultation is undertaken to find out what Parishioners would like to see. It was agreed Borough Cllr Myers will first find out from GYBC if they are intending on updating any equipment on the field following their open spaces consultations that was undertaken last year. Cllr Light added he will speak to a members of the Bohemians FC concerning spare goal posts and sockets which the club said some time ago they would donate to be installed on Bell Lane field.

12. PLANNING

06/23/0103/HH. Brentwood, St Johns Rd, Belton. Conversion & extension of garage to create family room and construction of new detached garage. It was agreed to submit no objections subject to neighbours comments for the above application. However one concern being will the erection of a garage in the front drive still enable parking to accommodate the household's cars, to prevent any of their cars being parked on St Johns Road?

06/23/0761/HH. 9 St James Crescent, Belton. Demolition of conservatory, erection of 2 storey side extension and internal alterations. It was agreed to submit no objections subject to neighbours comments for the above application.

06/23/0144/HH. Holly Trace, Church Lane, Belton. Ground floor extension, link to extend garage, loft conversion including roof lights and solar panels. It was agreed to submit no objections subject to neighbours' comments for the above application.

06/23/0018/O Land South Manor Farm Cottage, Browston. Outline plan for erection of 3no. Four bed dwellings & relocation of stables. It was agreed to object to the above application. Browston is outside of the development area and has been classified as a Tertiary settlement by GYBC as it has a total lack of infrastructure, services and facilities i.e. it has narrow single lane roads, with no employment provision, school, shops, post office, bank, healthcare, dentist, pharmacy, church, community hall/leisure facilities, playing field, play area, library, public house, cycle ways,

footpaths, street lighting, sewerage, gas and public transport, and is therefore unsustainable, with all occupants of the proposed houses wholly reliant on car ownership. The closest Doctors Surgery is not accessible via public transport and it has 19,900 patients, the median patients per practice in England is 8539. The generation of traffic from development of the site is not conducive to the road infrastructure of the Hamlet of Browston whose roads are either unnumbered, unclassified or minor roads. The current situation of already congested vehicle routes into Great Yarmouth; the congestion bottle neck of the A143 Bradwell 5-way traffic lights; the dangerous A143 Belton cross roads; the oversubscription of the primary school, no secondary school, and pupils cycling to school having to cross the very busy A143, it is therefore totally unsuitable to add more traffic to this congestion hotspot. Access to and exit from the site is via a long single lane track with no passing places, and exit from the track is on to a bend in the road and hampered by very poor visibility with no splay, on to Browston Lane.

Applications Approved:

06/22/0603/HH 29 St James Crescent, Belton. 2 storey side & single front extension
06/22/1046/HH 8 Beccles Rd, Belton. Single storey rear extension
06/22/1092/HH 3 Amhurst Gardens, Belton. Extension to garage & porch alterations
06/22/0894/NMA. Beech Farm, Beccles Rd, Belton. Non material amendments, minor alterations to the internal layout of plots.

It was reported someone has created a three tier raised flower bed on the grass verge on Church Lane. Borough Cllr Myers confirmed he will report this NCC Highways Dept.

12. TIME & DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 4th April 2023, 7.30pm at New Road Sport & Leisure Centre.

With no further business the meeting was closed at 8.23pm