

Belton with Browston Parish Council Meeting

CHAIR: KEN BOTWRIGHT, VICE CHAIR: NIGEL LIGHT

Minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 6th June 2023

At New Road Sport & Leisure Centre

IN ATTENDANCE K. Botwright (Chairman), N. Light (Vice Chair), K. Barber, M. Greenacre, J. Riseborough, C. Gay, G. Searby, K. Ruddock (Clerk) and two members of the public.

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

PUBLIC SECTION

There was no public section.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Mills, Borough Cllr Carpenter and County Cllr Annison. To accept the apologies proposed Cllr Botwright, seconded Cllr Barber. All in Favour.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Greenacre – Burgh Castle Parish Council. All Parish Councillors are Trustees of Belton Playing Field Charity. All Parish Councillors are Trustees of Belton Poor's Allotment Charity.

3. COUNCILLOR CO-OPTION

The Clerk had circulated to all members prior to the meeting a letter from Cheryl Gay and Gemma Searby requesting to be co-opted onto the Parish Council. To co-opt both Cheryl Gay and Gemma Searby onto the Parish Council proposed Cllr Botwright, seconded Cllr Barber. All in Favour Yes: 3, No: 2. Carried.

4. MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

Minutes from the meeting held on 16/05/23 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 Riseborough. All in Favour.

5. MATTERS ARISING

Electric Vehicle Charging Points

Cllr Light reported he had attended an online meeting with NALC which outlined the proposals. The next stage will be attending a site meeting to discuss the proposals further.

JGI Coffee Morning

Cllr Barber reported he had attended one of the Wednesday morning coffee mornings at the JGI, various issues had been raised by residents including:

- Can there be a new bus route from the village to the Gapton Hall retail park?
- Can there be a roundabout installed at the Belton cross roads, or if this is not possible can any other traffic calming measures be put in place such as a speed restriction on the A143.
- Who will maintain the Nursery Close play area when the play equipment is removed by GYBC?
- Can the Parish Council hold the occasional meeting at the JGI instead of New Road?
- What can be done about the motor bike regularly doing wheelies on Rosedale Gardens?
- Can there be a new tarmac footpath installed along New Road?

6. BOROUGH & COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

There were no Borough or County Councillor reports.

7. ADMINISTRATION & FINANCIAL MATTERS

	PAYEE/DETAIL	V.A.T	AMOUNT
BACS	BHIB – Parish Council insurance policy		£2,135.01
BACS	Crown - gas	£17.54	£368.37
BACS	GYBC – planning permission change of use		£231.00
DC	Amazon – Accident report Book	£0.83	£4.99
DC	Amazon – ink cartridge	£5.66	£33.90
DD	EDF - Electric	£26.26	£551.54
DD	BT – clerk broadband May, cloud phone April & May	£14.08	£84.50
DC	Post Office – postage & stamps		£9.75
DC	QD - frame	£0.83	£4.99
BACS	Employment		£5,565.00
BACS	K. Gipson – refund New Road cleaning/plants 29.42, grass cutting petrol 207.13	£35.68	£236.55
BACS	Ben Burgess – 2 commercial strimmer	£200.00	£1,200.00
BACS	Ben Burgess – spare mower blades for grass cutter	£17.66	£105.98
BACS	Burrell Pest Control – Bell Lane		£220.00
BACS	CPS – Scrubber drier hire	£16.00	£96.00
DD	TV License		£13.25
DD	BT – New Road tele & broad	£10.55	£63.30
DD	Steria Consulting – consultants report for changing room alterations	£50.00	£300.00

	Total	£11,224.13
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	Council A/C
Bank Balance BF	£121,864.17
Bank Balance after meeting payments	£112,655.16

Income - New Road £752.33

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

8. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Chairman reported he is still waiting for confirmation when the 2023/24 grant funding is going to be released. He has emailed Brandon Lewis MP, Michael Gove MP and the Government Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities for a response to this situation.

9. BELTON SINGERS

The Clerk had circulated to all members prior to the meeting a request for £250 of grant funding from the Belton Singers community choir. The grant funding would be to help with room hire costs, musical director charges and print rights. After some discussion it was agreed to offer the group one free session at New Road per month for the next six months, Proposed Cllr Light, seconded Cllr Riseborough. All in Favour.

10. NEW ROAD – CHANGING ROOMS ALTERATIONS

Cllr Light explained the proposal to alter two of the player changing rooms and one referee changing room into a second function room has been explored following the water heater breaking down in the plant room. To replace the existing boiler like for like will cost in the region of £20,000. Therefore the option to make the alterations has been investigated. It is expected the whole project including a new smaller boiler would cost in the region of £20,000. Having a second function room would generate more income for the centre when it is hired out. Permission has now been obtained from the Football Foundation to proceed with the changing rooms alterations. A structural survey has been completed and has confirmed the works can proceed. A second option which is to install electric showers instead has been discussed with an electrician. They have stated this option would not be possible as it would require a very high voltage if all 22 showers on site were converted to electric ones and used simultaneously.

During some discussion it was generally agreed by the majority of Councillors that rather than altering the existing changing rooms into a function room, an extension to the main function room would be a better option in the future. This would create one big function room that could also be divided into two rooms. Also taking into consideration that the existing function room is not already fully booked, the demand for a second function room is not there. It was generally agreed that to convert some of the existing showers into electric showers must be fully investigated. A much smaller combi boiler could then also be installed which would service the function room and kitchen.

Cllr Greenacre proposed to undertake a feasibility study to look into installing two new electric showers in one of the player changing rooms and one referee changing room, the study will include all installation and running costs, Seconded Cllr Botwright. All in Favour Yes: 6, No: 1. Carried.

11. NEW ROAD SPORT & LEISURE CENTRE

Cllr Light reported:

- There is no update concerning the Belton FC new contract. Mr Brown will be informing the Parish Council by the 30th June as to whether he has a team that will be playing in the new 2023/24 football season.
- The Football Foundation have been contacted to find out what their current policy is concerning dogs on site. Spectators have again been bringing dogs onto the site when watching a football match during the weekend.
- Bohemian FC have started work to level off their full size pitch. They have had 40 tonnes of soil delivered by a local firm, however following inspection the soil delivered was contaminated with large pieces of glass and brick rubble. The Club confirmed they would be fully raking the pitch to remove all the debris however when it had been inspected today this has not been done as more glass is still in the soil. They have since added another 130 tonnes of good quality soil on top, but that does not fix the issue of the contaminated soil underneath. It was agreed the Clerk to contact the club to find out what they are planning on doing to rectify the situation before the start of the next season.

12. CONFIRMATION OF WORKING PARTIES

Due to having a number of new members on the Parish Council it was agreed to defer the allocation of working parties as listed below until the July meeting.

New Road Management
Social Media
Finance
Events
Allotments
Human Resources
Planning

In the mean time it was agreed the Clerk will set a meeting date for a New Road Management Meeting, and all Parish Councillors will be invited to attend this meeting.

13. PLANNING

06/23/0388/HH The Manor Barn, Browston Lane Single storey side extension

It was agreed to submit no objections subject to neighbours' comments for the above application, with the following conditions. The accommodation within the extension must not be used as a holiday, let such as Airbnb. The extension must not be sold separately and must be retained within the curtilage of the main dwelling.

06/23/0398/F 1st Belton Scout Group Hall, Marsh Lane, Belton Single storey side extension

It was agreed to submit no objections subject to neighbours' comments for the above application with the condition a tree survey is undertaken at the site.

06/23/0321/HH 15 Minsmere Rd, Belton Conversion & front extension of garage

It was agreed to submit no objections subject to neighbours comments for the above application, however there is concern how close the extension will be to the neighbouring property.

14. TIME & DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be on 4th July 2023, 7.30pm at New Road Sport & Leisure Centre.

With no further business the meeting was closed at 8.39pm