

Belton with Browston Parish Council Meeting

CHAIR: DAVID MILLS VICE CHAIR: NIGEL LIGHT

Minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 9th January 2024

At New Road Sport & Leisure Centre

IN ATTENDANCE: D. Mills (Chair), N. Light (Vice Chair), K. Barber, S. Bridges, G. Searby, M. Cox, M. Greenacre, S. Neal, J. Minnis, J. Riseborough, K. Ruddock (Clerk), Borough Cllr Ivan Murray-Smith and County Cllr Annison.

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm

PUBLIC SECTION

There was no public section.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Gay and Borough Cllr Carpenter. To accept the apologies proposed Cllr Greenacre, seconded Cllr Searby. 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. MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

Minutes from the meeting held on 05/12/23 had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting. To accept the minutes as a true and accurate record propose Cllr Greenacre, seconded Cllr Barber. All in Favour.

4. MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk reported there will be a Jazz and Blues concert "The Kate Daniels Quartet" which will be held at the All Saints Church on Friday 5th April from 7pm.

6. BOROUGH & COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Rosedale Gardens

Borough Cllr Murray Smith reported he had been looking into the leaning tree on Rosedale Gardens and gap in the fence which leads to the Tavern car park.

He had spoken to the neighbouring resident and informed him that the area in question is in fact private land. Therefore the neighbouring property owner would have to raise any issues concerning this area directly with the land owner, it is ultimately a private matter. It is not clear who the land owner is, therefore if the resident wants to progress the matter they may need to take advice from a solicitor to do so.

Litter Bins

The Chairman reported a number of bins are not being emptied by GY Services as they once were in the village. For example the Caretaker had reported the bins in the Tesco's car park area that used to be emptied twice week are now only being emptied once a week.

Street Lights

The Chairman reported Borough Cllr Carpenter had provided information concerning street lights in the village. Great Yarmouth Borough Council has announced a new scheme which will see part-night lighting introduced in low-crime areas where there is limited through traffic. Some footway lights will be switched off between 1am and 5am. The Chairman stated he had also reported that some street lights had not been coming on at all since the work to change them to LED's had been undertaken, however this matter now seems to have been resolved.

A143 – Beccles Road

The Chairman reported road safety issues concerning the A143, running from the Bradwell Roundabout, past the Belton Crossroads and Cherry Lane Garden Centre, through to Fritton has

been a great concern for many years, in particular the Belton Crossroads area. The amount of vehicles travelling at speed along the A143 makes it incredibly dangerous, having the speed limit reduced on this section of road to 40mph would be significantly beneficial.

County Cllr Annison stated both he and County Cllr Graham Plant both fully support implementing a speed reduction along this stretch of road from the Bradwell roundabout through to Fritton. County Cllr Annison added he is regularly contacted by many members of the public about how dangerous this stretch of road is, not only from parishioners of the Parish but also from members of public from around the Borough. He will support and do whatever he can to help the Parishioners of Lothingland that want to see road safety improved. Due to the expense of installing a roundabout which would cost in the region of £1,000,000, it is unrealistic this option would be possible. However having the speed limit reduced along this stretch of road is an option. It would require everyone to support a consultation if one is undertaken to ensure the project gets the go ahead. The Chairman added he really would like to see all Cllrs support local residents with the aim of getting the reduced speed limited implemented. Both County Cllr Annison and Borough Cllr Murray- Smith confirmed they would support the Parish Council's request to get a speed reduction along this stretch of road.

6. ADMINISTRATION & FINANCIAL MATTERS

	PAYEE/DETAIL	V.A.T	AMOUNT
DC	Children's Christmas party items, food, prizes etc Paid from grant funding Poundland £12.50, The Range £48.38, QD £5.53, Morrisons £17.50 & £85.15, Bookers £116.59		£285.65
DD	Crown - gas	£22.63	£475.29
DD	BT – Clerks broad/tele		£67.45
BACS	Childrens Christmas Party Entertainer – N Kingham (paid from grant funding)		£100.00
DD	EDF - electric	£159.27	£955.60
DD	Biffa - Bin	£15.94	£95.66
BACS	Employment		£4,735.86
BACS	K. Gipson – refund New Rd decorating & cleaning items 141.05, Allotments 209.14	£57.20	£350.19
BACS	D. Skipper – refund hay fork for hedge cutting clearance		£14.99
BACS	GY Heating	£3,668.28	£22,009.69
BACS	R. Rilon – Party returnable deposit		£50.00
BACS	East Norfolk Multi Academy Trust – Neighbourhood plan copying paid from grant funding		£28.00
DD	BT – New Road	£9.37	£56.22
		Total	£3,932.69 £29,224.60

Income: New Road = £1873

	Council A/C
Bank Balance BF	£115,990.29
Bank Balance after meeting payments	£89,165.27

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

The Clerk confirmed that Mr Dennis Cooper has agreed to undertake the 2024 Internal Audit. After discussion it was agreed no donation will be made to Centre 81 at the current time.

PROWS

The Clerk reported the payment of £255.17 had been received from NCC for the caretaker to undertake cutting of the PROWS in 2023. However the actual cost to undertake this work totalled £510.48 for the year. It was therefore agreed by all members not to continue with this work for 2024 and to hand the PROW's maintenance back to NCC.

Children's Christmas Party

The Chairman gave thanks to all who volunteered and ran the Children's Christmas Party at New Road including Cllrs Light, Barber and Minnis.

7. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Clerk and Cllr Greenacre reported the public consultation is still ongoing and the survey is still available to be completed by parishioners. The Steering Group are due to meet on the 20th February to discuss the feedback/comments submitted during the consultation.

8. HORNSEA EAST COAST COMMUNITY FUND

The Clerk reported she had contacted Grantscape to discuss what possible grant funding is available for the Great Yarmouth area. After checking their website, out of the three funds available for the Norfolk area, only one is open to applications from the Great Yarmouth area, this being the Hornsea Three Community Fund.

The Officer at Grantscape advised that the opening date and closing date has not yet been agreed for the Hornsea Three Fund, however it is thought this should be confirmed within the next week or two.

It was generally agreed when applications are open to submit an application to get solar panels installed at New Road. The Chairman confirmed he would provide the Clerk with contact details for three contactors that would be able to provide quotations. Once quotations had been obtained an application can be produced and submitted.

9. NEW ROAD SPORT & LEISURE CENTRE

The Clerk reported the following three quotes below had been received from Waveney Fencing containing different methods to repair the New Road perimeter fence panel.

Quote 1 – Wire Mesh Fencing

To replace approx 4mts of damaged chain link fencing with new green PVC coated chain fencing to match existing. For the total sum of **£250.00 + V.A.T.**

Quotes 2 - Twin Wire Mesh

To remove existing fencing and dispose. To supply and install approx. 4mtrs of 1.8mtrs high Duex, “twin wire” mesh fencing PPC Green All posts to be securely concreted into the ground. For the Total Sum of **£450.00 + V.A.T.**

Quote 3 - Palisade Fencing

To take down and remove from site existing fencing and concrete posts (including redundant straining posts). To supply and install 5.5mtrs of 1.8mtrs high galvanised steel palisade fencing, erected on RSJ type posts all securely concreted into the ground at 2.75mtrs centres, with triple pointed top pales fixed to 2No galvanised horizontal rails. For the Total Sum of **£565.00 + V.A.T.**

Cllr Riseborough added palisade is the thickest material you can get, however the twin wire would take longer to get into.

After some discussion the following vote was taken. To install the twin wire mesh panel – yes 4 votes, to install the palisade panel – yes 6 votes. It was therefore agreed for the Clerk to obtain two additional quotations from contractors to install a palisade fencing panel.

New Road Sport & Leisure Centre – Car Boot Planning Application

The Clerk reported the Planning Officer at GYBC has issued an extension to the 1st March to submit the additional information required for the application. The Council will need to produce a management plan, and new plans showing that all areas of the football pitches will not be used by the car boot.

Cllr Light proposed to change the layout of the existing plan. The stalls would be sited within the overspill car park and the rest of the cars will be parked in the main car park, this would mean that no cars encroach onto any of the football pitches, seconded Cllr Barber. All in Favour.

New Road Future Plans

The Chairman reported the members need to think about what can be done in future years to

improve the site. For instance to try and obtain grant funding to create a floodlit pitch area which would be suitable for not only football but also for other sports to use.

Other suggestions could be to try and create a thin driving range or bowls green on the field, it was generally agreed the Parish Council should be looking forward to provide other services and facilities at the site. It was also suggested the Parish Council could possibly look into funding options to build a second room which would be suitable for sports such as badminton, table tennis and five a side football.

10. PLANNING

06/23/0914/HH Garden Villa, Browston Lane

Removal of hedges, railings, construction of 2m tall boundary wall & access gates

It was agreed by the majority of members to submit no objections subject to neighbours comments for the above application. Yes: 9, No:1. Carried

TPO - Approved

TPO No. 14 of 2023 Trees on land at Rose farm Touring Park, Stepshort

Proposed installation of fixed line broadband electronic communications apparatus – No objections

06/23/0934/TEL 2 St Johns Road, Belton

06/23/0894/TEL 29 Provan Crescent, Belton

06/23/0888/TEL 2 Station Rd North & 104 Station Rd South

06/23/0866/TEL 8-11, 41 Silver Gardens, Belton

Applications Approved

06/23/0746/TRE Wedgewood, Sandy Lane, Belton Works to T1 oak tree, TPO no. 14 1999

06/23/0369/HH 11 St James Crescent Side extension to garage

Existing Lawful use Certificate

06/23/0702/EU 6 Station Road North App for cert of lawful use in relation to single storey extension

11. EMERGENCY CONTACT PROCEDURE

Cllr Light reported at the present time only the Clerk can instruct the caretakers. However a policy needs to be in place during times when the Clerk is not available such as when she is on annual leave for example.

It was agreed by all members that during periods when the Clerk is not available the Chairman would then take over the responsibility of instructing the Caretakers. If the Chairman is not available this would then fall to the Vice Chair, then onto any other Councillor as appropriate.

12. TIME & DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 6th February 2024, 7.00pm at New Road Centre.

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 Employee Appraisals.

It was agreed to defer this item until the next meeting.

14. EMPLOYEE APPRAISALS

It was agreed to defer this item to the February meeting.

With no further business the meeting was then at 8.02pm