

Belton with Browston Parish Council Meeting

CHAIR: DAVID MILLS VICE CHAIR: NIGEL LIGHT

Minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 2nd July 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, Kate Ruddock (Parish Clerk) and five members of the public including Borough Cllr Carpenter.

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm

PUBLIC SECTION

New Road – Cycle Path

A member of the public was present at the meeting to voice concerns at the condition of the cycle path along New Road in Belton. A mass of chippings has now formed on the path making it very difficult for both cyclists and people with pushchairs to use. NCC have swept the path once, however the road itself and gullies need to be swept again before the path is swept again to prevent the chippings from building up again.

The Chairman replied Borough Cllr Carpenter has an update on this matter which will be reported during agenda item 5, Borough Councillor reports.

Church Lane, Belton

A member of the public reported he had contacted the Clerk some time ago concerning the condition of some trees sited on the left hand side next to Church Lane in Belton. It is thought some of the trees are dead or dying which may pose a potential safety hazard. The Clerk confirmed this matter had been reported to GY Services at that times.

The member of public reported they would also like to raise the issue about the grass verge along Church Lane which had recently been cut back by GY Services asking why had this work not been undertaken during March or later at the end of August/September instead of in June? Cutting back at this time of year will have a detrimental effect on the local wildlife in the area.

The Chairman confirmed the Parish Council had asked GY Services to cut back the grass verge after having received some complaints about how overgrown it had become. The vegetation had grown so long it was posing a potential safety hazard for both cars and cyclists as it was effecting visibility along the stretch of road.

After some discussion it was agreed for the Clerk to contact GY Services to find out why the verge had not been cut back earlier in the year, and moving forward to ask what the work schedule is for this section of road will be, can environmental factors/impact be factored in.

With nor further business the public section was closed and main meeting commenced at 7.12pm

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Gay and Riseborough. To accept the apologies proposed Cllr Bridges, 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 04/06/24 had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting. With one amendment, to accept the minutes as a true and accurate record proposed Cllr Cox, seconded Cllr Bridges. All in Favour.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Village Voice Community Fete

The following times were confirmed;

The Chairman and Cllr Cox – set up 9.30am – 11.00am

The Clerk and Cllr Neal- 11.00am – 12.30

Remaining times to be confirmed with Cllr Greenacre and Burgh Castle Cllrs.

The Chairman added he would sent his presentation onto Parish Councillors.

It was suggested by a member of public, could an information article be entered into an edition of the Village Voice outlining what Parish Council's responsibilities are, and what falls under the remit of NCC and GYBC?

5. BOROUGH & COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Borough Cllr Carpenter gave the following report:

New Road Cycle Path

The path has been swept once and is due to be septe a second time once the team responsible to do so has completed their jon in South Norfolk. A request will be made to have the road swept first in discussed earlier in the meeting during the public section.

The Green - Rectory Corner

The request to have a small gravelled or hard core footpath to be installed on the small green outside the Rectory on Station Road has been submitted to NCC Highways.

However due to the Highways Engineer no longer being in post, the matter will have to be chased up with the new officer once they have been appointed.

Cllr Cox added it is understood that there used to be a road under this section of the green, therefore contractors would just need to dig down far enough to reach the old surface.

Marsh Lane Event

Cllr Carpenter reported no application had been received by the Licensing Dept for any event to be held this year.

Stepshort Dip

Flooding on this section of road has been reported to NCC Highways who have confirmed they will be looking into this issue.

6. ADMINISTRATION & FINANCIAL MATTERS

INV		PAYEE/DETAIL	V.A.T	AMOUNT
	BACS	SSE – gas April/May	£12.11	£254.27
	DD	BT - Clerk	£12.37	£74.22
	DD	EDF - Electric	£25.67	£539.14
	BACS	Employment		£6258.83
	BACS	K. Gipson – refund for petrol & strimmer heads £337.05, New Road items £249.73	£95.79	£586.78
	BACS	ENTUA – annual donation		£10.00
	BACS	D Skipper – refund weed killer		£44.24
	DD	SSE – gas May/June	£10.77	£226.29
	DD	BT – New Road	£11.02	£66.10
	DD	Biffa – bin May/June	£7.30	£43.78

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Income:

New Road = £1803.25

Allotments:£100

	Council A/C
Bank Balance BF	£87,435.70
Bank Balance after meeting payments	£84,014.11

To approve the sheet above for payment proposed Cllr Mills, seconded Cllr Cox. All in Favour

It was agreed for the Clerk to find out what the charge would be to finish the current electricity contract early. As it may more cost effective to pay any penalty and enter into a new contract early than to wait for the exiting contract to finish at the end of December.

7. .GOV.UK

The Clerk reported Nalc has now changed the Parish Council website from the old site to the new .gov.uk site. The new .gov.uk email addresses for the Clerk and Councillors have also now been set up.

8. HORNSEA 3 COMMUNITY FUND

The Clerk reported she has completed a number of sections of the solar panel grant funding application. It is hoped the application will be finished and submitted during the summer before the September Parish Council meeting, subject to any additional information being needed.

9. NEW ROAD SPORT & LEISURE CENTRE

Cllr Light made the following report:

Football Contracts

Both Belton FC and Bohemians FC have signed new 5 year contracts.

Car Boot planning application

The Chairman reported the planning officer at GYBC have advised the Parish Council will need to employ a professional to produce the map required to complete the application as it must be accurate and to scale, all maps previously submitted were not accurate enough.

10. PLANNING

Applications Approved

06/24/0182/HH 1 Hill Cottages Sandy Lane Belton Single storey side, rear and front extensions; Addition of render cladding over existing brickwork

Applications Withdrawn

06/24/0197/LB 3 Beech Farm Barns Beccles Road Belton Provision of a cart shed to unit in close proximity to unit 3 listed barn

Applications No Objections

06/24/0435/TEL Near Cosy Nook Stepshort Belton Proposed installation of 10m light pole for fixed broadband near Cosy Nook, Stepshort, Belton

Applications Refused

06/24/0388/NMA 8 Beccles Road Belton Application for a non-material amendment to pp 06/22/1046/HH, to build the two external walls along the neighbouring boundary with number 9 Beccles Road in red common face brick instead of the approved block work and render

T.P.O Confirmed

BA/2024/0003/TPO Wild Duck Caravan Park, Howards Common, Belton

11. TIME & DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 3rd September 2024, 7.00pm at New Road Sport & Leisure Centre

With no further business the meeting was closed at 7.32pm