

Belton with Browston Parish Council Meeting

CHAIR: DAVID MILLS VICE CHAIR: NIGEL LIGHT

Minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 3rd December 2024

At New Road Sport & Leisure Centre

IN ATTENDANCE: N. Light (Vice Chair), K. Barber, C. Gay, M. Greenacre, S. Neal, J. Riseborough, J. Minnis, G. Searby, K. Comer, J. Harrower, K. Ruddock (Parish Clerk) and two members of the public.

Due to the Chairman Cllr Mills being absent from the meeting, Vice Chair Cllr Light chaired the meeting.

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm

PUBLIC SECTION

A member of the public was present at the meeting to give thanks to the Parish Council and Borough Cllr Carpenter for having the new signage on a grass verge in Berry Close installed so quickly so.

A member of the public reported the pathway that runs from the Church to the Kings Head PH is covered in dead leaves and needs sweeping.

With no further business the public section was closed and main meeting commenced at 7.04pm

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Mills, Cox, Bridges, Borough Cllr Carpenter and County Cllr Annison. To accept the apologies proposed Cllr Searby, seconded Cllr Riseborough. All in Favour.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

All Parish Councillors are Trustees of Belton Playing Field Charity.

Cllr Greenacre – Burgh Castle Parish Council

Cllrs Light & Searby – Agenda item 13 app 06/24/0484/CU

3. COUNCILLOR CO-OPTION

The Clerk had circulated prior to the meeting an email from Mr Jamie Harrower expressing an interest at being co-opted on to Parish Council. Mr Harrower had also previously attended two parish council meetings in the public section. Cllr Comer proposed to co-opt Mr Harrower onto the parish council, seconded Cllr Riseborough. All in Favour.

4. MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

Minutes from the meeting held on 05/11/24 had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting. To accept the minutes as a true and accurate record proposed Cllr Searby, seconded Cllr Neal. All in Favour.

5. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matter arising.

6. BOROUGH & COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

A report had been received from County Cllr Annison stating that works to create a new toucan crossing on the A143 on Beccles Road in Bradwell (south of the Green Lane junction), is due to start on the 20th January.

7. ADMINISTRATION & FINANCIAL MATTERS

	PAYEE/DETAIL	V.A.T	AMOUNT
DD	Microsoft 365 - November	£1.72	£10.32
DC	Morrisons – second class stamps		£13.60
DC	B & Q – pressure washer	£19.83	£119.00
DC	Screwfix - compressor	£21.66	£129.98
DC	Amazon - stationary	£3.49	£20.97
DD	BT	£16.96	£101.76
DD	EDF – electric	£27.98	£587.58
DD	Biffa Bins	£10.51	£63.06
DD	SSE - gas	£10.61	£222.82
DD	Microsoft 365 - December	£1.72	£10.32
BACS	Employment		£5,147.45
BACS	K. Gipson refund New Road 110.12, grass cutting 62.91	£28.84	£173.03
		£143.32	£6599.89

Income:

New Road = £1682

Allotments = £750

	Council A/C
Bank Balance BF	£99,906.66
Bank Balance after meeting payments	£95,845.33

To propose payment for the payment sheets above Cllr Greenacre, seconded Cllr Gay. All in Favour.

8. NEW ROAD SPORT & LEISURE CENTRE

Field grass cutting review

Following the recent finance committee meeting the Clerk reported a review had been completed to compare the expenditure of undertaking the grass cutting at New Road in house, compared to an external contractor undertaking the same work.

Based on the 2024 figures and taking into account the rise to living wage and employer national insurance contributions in April 2025, it is expected the annual cost to undertake the grass cutting in house will total approximately £3018. The 2025 quotation from Garden Guardian for 18 cuts running from March to the end October came to £4320. It was therefore agreed by all members to continue to undertake the grass cutting in house as it is good value, and more flexible if extra cuts are needed during the growing season.

Overspill Car Park Maintenance

Following the last New Road Management meeting it had been agreed work is needed to permanently repair the track which runs through the overspill car park, including the three entry/exit points, as they are continually getting churned up in wet weather.

The Clerk reported she had met with Folkes who have provided one quote, two more are now in the process of being obtained, all three quotes will then be reported and discussed during next Parish Council meeting.

9. PRECEPT 2025-26

The Clerk had circulated to all members prior to the meeting the minutes from the finance committee meeting that was held on the 5th December, and a copy of the draft 2025-26 precept. The Clerk reported the committee had discussed all elements within the draft which contains an increase of 11%.

After discussion, with no further amendments made to the draft, it was agreed to approve the 2025-26 parish precept. Proposed Cllr Greenacre, seconded Cllr Riseborough. All in Favour. Please note a copy of the precept is appended to and does form part of the minutes.

10. A143 TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

The Clerk had circulated to all members prior to the meeting details of a revised speed limit proposal which had been received from NCC for the A143. The speed limit scheme in Bradwell to Fritton aims to make the stretch of road safer by lowering the speed limit from national speed limit to 50mph, there will also be additional signs and road markings installed. The scheme is being funded from the Road Safety Community Fund, the legal requirements mean that the speed limit reduction scheme is likely to take up to 12 months to deliver, however the additional warning signs and line marking works should be delivered quicker.

It was agreed by all members to fully support the scheme, the Clerk confirmed she will complete and return the reply slip confirming following the meeting.

Thanks was given to County Cllr Annison for his work in getting the new speed reduction.

11. LLOYDS SHORT TERM INVESTMENT

It was agreed to reinvest £40,000 with Lloyds Bank on a one year short term investment at 2.75% which will generate £1100 interest. Proposed Cllr Searby, seconded Cllr Minnis. All in Favour.

12. ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk had circulated to all members prior to the meeting a copy of the allotments AGM minutes. Cllr Riseborough reported the following items that had been discussed within the meeting:

- It has been agreed for Mr Riches to once again cut back the allotments hedge.
- There are currently three vacant plots which are in the process of being reallocated.
- It was agreed, to make it easier to identify the various plots, to install signage numbering all the plots.
- A third Cllr is needed to join the working party this year as not all positions had been filled by allotment holders. Cllr Comer confirmed he would be willing to join the allotments working party.

Cllr Greenacre added, after reading the minutes from the meeting concerning the section of hedging that had been removed by neighbouring resident, the Church will be planting new saplings to fill the area.

13. PLANNING

Application submitted to GYBC prior to the meeting

06/24/0713/HH Rose Harve, Stepshort, Belton Installation of a pitched roof caravan shelter and hard standing

It was agreed to submit no objections subject to neighbours comments for the above application.

06/24/9784/HH Garden Villa, Browston Lane, Browston

Retrospective app for a new boundary wall and gates to the site frontage

After discussion the vote was taken to submit no objections subject to neighbours comments for the above application, Yes:8, No:2. Carried.

It was agreed to add the following comment, that the Parish Council are disappointed the wall had been built without the correct planning permission being in place.

06/24/0514/F Decoy House, The Barns, Browston Lane

Change of use and conversion of curtilage buildings from stables, workshop and store into 3-bedroom commercial holiday let use

After discussion the vote was taken to submit no objections subject to neighbours comments for the above application. Yes:9, No:1. Carried.

It was agreed to add the following condition that should the application be granted the holiday let must always remain within the curtilage of the main building, and never to be sold as a separate dwelling.

06/24/0484/CU Land to the West of Five Acres, Cherry Lane, Browston

Retrospective app for stationing static caravan to use as workers shelter until 30th April 2025. To continue to use the site for storage of a mobile caravan until 31st August 2025

Following discussion it was agreed to object to the application above.

The static caravan has already been used as a holiday let and for recreational use for some time. The application states the static caravan is to be used as a workers shelter, however there is no work carried out on the land. The caravan has already been used commercially as a holiday let however it is not linked to any drainage system. There is also concern the land now has enough parking places for up to ten vehicles.

Cllrs Searby and Light declared an interest and therefore abstained from commenting on this application.

Applications Approved:

06/24/0588/VCF First Belton Scout Group Hall Marsh Lane Track Belton

Variation of condition 2 (materials) on planning permission 06/23/0398/F for the erection of a side and front extension to existing scout hut

Applications Refused:

06/24/0137/O Greenfields, Cherry Lane, Browston

Application for outline planning permission with full details of access (all other matters reserved), for the erection of 1no. 3-bedroom dwelling, to be constructed and used as a self-build dwelling, with associated cart shed and package treatment plant

14. TIME & DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 7th January 2025, 7.00pm at New Road Sport & Leisure Centre

Cllr Light gave thanks to Cllrs Barber and Riseborough for collecting and helping to put up the Christmas tree at the weekend.

Cllr Light confirmed Cllr Minnis will be attending the Nalc AGM.

With no further business the meeting was closed at 7.27pm