

Belton with Browston Parish Council Meeting

CHAIR: DAVID MILLS VICE CHAIR: NIGEL LIGHT

Minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 7th January 2025

At New Road Sport & Leisure Centre

IN ATTENDANCE: N. Light (Vice Chair), K. Barber, S. Bridges, C. Gay, M. Greenacre, S. Neal, J. Riseborough, J. Minnis, G. Searby, K. Comer, M. Cox, J. Harrower, K. Ruddock (Parish Clerk) and six 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 for arranging and installing the Christmas tree near to Bell Lane this year. The member of public asked would the council agree to fund another tree for next Christmas, also would they consider selling the P.A. system which the council owns, to Belton Singers?

It was agreed these items will be on the February agenda for discussion.

Four members of the public were present at the meeting to report an issue with one of the Council owned block of flats on Berry Close. The residents reported the front door to the flats along with the door frame had been damaged on New Years Eve. The following evening, due to the front door not being secure, some youths had managed to enter the foyer causing a disturbance to the residents. Since the incident the residents have relayed the information to GYBC and the Housing Warden to ask for the front door to the flats to be repaired. The main complaint being the front door system and door frame going into the flats are inadequate and is in need of being replaced. The frame doesn't match the door and is in need of being upgraded. After some discussion it was agreed to pass this information onto Borough Cllr Carpenter to find out if he can contact the relevant relevant Housing Officer concerning the repair and condition of the door. It was reported the Police are holding a Police Surgery at the JGI on the 22nd January which the residents could attend to discuss the issue of anti social behaviour that they have experienced with the village Beat Officer, PC Pike.

With no further business the public section was closed and main meeting commenced at 7.20pm

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Mills. To accept the apologies proposed Cllr Greenacre, 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 and Belton Poorlands Charity.

3. MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

Minutes from the meeting held on 03/12/24 had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting. To accept the minutes as a true and accurate record proposed Cllr Gay, seconded Cllr Minnis. All in Favour.

4. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

5. BOROUGH & COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

There were no reports.

7. ADMINISTRATION & FINANCIAL MATTERS

	PAYEE/DETAIL	V.A.T	AMOUNT
BACS	Wrentham Christmas Trees	£14.17	£85.00
DD	BT	£17.37	£104.22
DD	EDF – electric	£35.64	£748.53
DD	Biffa Bins	£16.62	£99.72
DD	SSE - gas	£17.35	£364.32
DD	Microsoft 365 - January	£1.72	£10.32
BACS	Employment		£4937.43
BACS	GY Heating boiler service	£34.00	£204.00
BACS	Burgh Castle Village Hall – Christmas tree lights		£15.00
BACS	CC Planning – neighbourhood plan consultant fees (paid from their grant funding)	£300.00	£1800.00
BACS	K. Walsh- refund for cancelled booking		£54.00
BACS	Ben Burgess – mower service and parts	£118.23	£709.34
BACS	JAW electrical – repair to hand dryers and heaters in toilet block	£6.50	£39.00
BACS	K. Gipson – refund for toilet block flooring and decorating	£27.71	£166.29
		£589.31	£9337.17

Income

New Road = £2001.50

Parties x8 £456

Bohemians FC £1545.50

Allotments = £70

	Council A/C
Bank Balance BF	£95,845.33
Bank Balance after meeting payments	£88,629.47

To propose payment for the sheet above Cllr Bridges, seconded Cllr Searby. All in Favour.

8. NEW ROAD SPORT & LEISURE CENTRE

Overspill car park maintenance

This item was deferred until the next meeting as the third quotation has not been obtained.

9. VILLAGE MAINTENANCE & NCC HIGHWAY MATTERS

Meeting with NCC Highways Engineer

The Clerk reminded members a meeting had been arranged with the new NCC Highways Engineer Tom Cox on Friday 10th January, 4pm at New Road Centre.

Cllr Cox asked could the matter of a possible speed reduction be discussed during the meeting with the Engineer. The location being the section of Lound Road in Browston which is currently 60mph. The proposal being to reduce this stretch of highway down from the national speed limit of 60mph to 40mph, which would be in line with the other roads in the village. This stretch of road is used by many cyclists and horse riders, there is also no pavement along this section of road, a reduction would make it much safer.

Other matters to be included during the meeting:

1. Browston Road - A number of roads in Browston have grown significantly narrower over the years due to the verges creeping further into the roadside.

2. New Road flooding – more work is needed to prevent an ongoing issue with flooding along New Road during heavy rainfall.
3. New Road cycle path – The cycle path is still covered in chippings and brambles and is in need of being swept.

10. PLANNING

06/24/0931/HH 59 Heather Road, Belton Single storey rear extension, extended pitch roof.

Replacement of flat roof with pitched roof on front porch

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

Applications Approved

06/24/0784/HH Garden Villa, Browston Lane, Browston

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

Application Refused and Appealed

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

Retrospective application for the stationing of a static caravan on the land for use as a worker's shelter, for a temporary period until 30th April 2025, and to continue to use the site for storage of a mobile caravan for a temporary period until 31st August 2025.

11. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REFERENDUM

Volunteer Drivers

The Clerk reported Mr Botwright, the Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, had asked if any volunteers would be available to assist in driving elderly residents to the polling stations to enable them to be able to vote during the forthcoming neighbourhood plan referendum. It was generally agreed to recommend an article could be placed in the next edition of the Village Voice asking that anyone who may be interested in volunteering registers an interest by contacting either the Neighbourhood Plan Chairman or the Parish Clerk. At this stage the actual date of the referendum has not been confirmed. It was suggested volunteer drivers should check with their insurance provider to ensure they have are sufficiently covered.

Neighbourhood Plan- Progress report

The examiners report provided by Ann Skipper has now been completed. The Belton with Browston, Burgh Castle and Fritton with St Olaves Neighbourhood Plan was received by Great Yarmouth Borough Council and the Broads Authority on the 23rd December 2024. Paragraph 17A of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) requires that the Local Planning Authority must decide what action to take in response to each of the recommendations made by the report at least 5 weeks from the day after the report was received.

Cllr Greenacre added there is a meeting at the Town Hall this week on Thursday 9th January for Councillors to attend to obtain further update from GYBC concerning the Boroughs Local Plan.

12. TIME & DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 4th February 2025, 7.00pm at New Road Sport & Leisure Centre

With no further business the meeting was closed at 7.35pm