

BELTON WITH BROWSTON

PARISH COUNCIL

Chair: David Mills Vice Chair: Nigel Light

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

**Held on Tuesday 6th May 2025
at New Road Sport & Leisure Centre**

IN ATTENDANCE

Parish Councillors D. Mills, N. Light, M. Greenacre, K. Barber, S. Neal, J. Minnis, C. Gay, M. Cox, J. Riseborough, K. Comer, J. Harrower, K. Ruddock (Parish Clerk) and one member of the public.

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence had been received from Borough Cllr Carpenter.

2. MINUTES

The minutes from the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 7th May 2024 had been prior circulated. To accept the minutes as a true and accurate record#, proposed J. Riseborough, seconded K. Barber. All in Favour.

3. ANNUAL REPORT

Parish Council Chairman David Mills 2025 report.

I was again elected Chairman at the annual parish council meeting 2024, and again it has been a privilege to represent the council.

I have tried to lead the council in a professional manner and have welcomed 2 new members for the council this last year.

During the last year the New Road centre has grown and continued to be used by many residents for family parties. It also continues to be used by a number of local groups including, up4fitness, Pilates, musical movers, GY stroke group and the craft group, and is home to both Bohemians and Belton football clubs. It is also very pleasing to see the groups expanding in size, supporting the community.

In terms of complaints to the parish council we have received a few complaints this year mostly over dog walkers failing to clear up after their pets.

We have also continued to try and maintain litter picking, following certain individuals that feel its ok to throw their food packaging and cans out of their cars whilst driving through the village.

On top of this we have had several episodes of people fly tipping (mainly sandy lane).

The other area we have had complaints about is the of the amount of stones on the new road cycle path, and despite the borough & county councillors trying to resolve this it is still outstanding.

We as a council have long campaigned for a speed reduction along the A143 at the Belton cross roads. We had a meeting with the highways engineer, and it was explained that it was too expensive to put in place a roundabout. However, with great support from all our borough and county councillors have managed to get the speed reduced from 60 mph to 50 mph, whilst we would have preferred 40mph, we have to be realistic with what has been achieved.

The local Neighbourhood Plan was led by Ken Botwright a previous chairman of the council and was completed in conjunction with Belton with Browston, Burgh Castle and Fritton & St Olaves Parish Councils. They worked collaboratively together and produced an accepted neighbourhood plan for the whole area.

The plan having been scrutinised by the appropriate authorities was accepted and went to the parishioners via a referendum vote. The ballot took place on Thursday 27th March with 530 ballot papers issued with 417 yes and 109 no and 4 rejected ballot papers. The ballot therefore proved in favour of the referendum. The parish council again wishes to record its thanks to Ken Botwright, along with the other members of the neighbourhood plan steering group

We as a council applied for grant funding from the 'Hornsea Three Community

Fund' for solar panels. However, the trust declined to award us the funding, so we will as a parish look elsewhere for funding at a later date.

Again, I would like to record my sincere thanks to all of the people who organise and run the different groups, clubs and societies, the trustees of the various Parish Trusts, and the award winning Village Voice, who disseminate information and, as such, support the aforementioned activities. These would not exist without the hard

work and dedication of a minority of parishioners and the editor Christina Baxter.

I also want to wish our outgoing rector Rosie Bunn a happy retirement as she leaves the parish. I would also offer thanks our Councillor, Graham Carpenter for his continued hard work on behalf of parishioners. Thanks also to Councillor Ivan Murray-Smith, and not forgetting our County Councillor Carl Annison for his dedication like the others, to support our wonderful area we are blessed to live in.

I would also like to thank fellow councillors for their support throughout the year.

Thanks to Nigel Light (VC) for his commitment to covering for me, and attending New Road to support site visits, and the well running of the new road centre. Thanks to Margaret Greenacre for her knowledge on planning and advice she has shared with us all.

And thanks to all of our councillors for their support, also Jason for fencing of the damaged play equipment, and Mickey Cox for strimming the verges at the crossroads to enable better visibility, this work was still awaiting completion by NCC.

I would like to record thanks to our caretakers for their commitment. Finally, a huge thanks to Kate Ruddock, our Parish Clerk, who has steered me often through unknown waters as the chair. Kate has supported the Council, way above and beyond her remit.

4. VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

Reports were given on behalf of the following groups:

Belton Poorland's Charity – Margaret Greenacre

Belton Scout Group – Jane Clark

New Road Sport & Leisure Centre – Kate Ruddock

The following reports were presented during the A.P.C.M. which followed directly after the A.P.M. and are to be included with the village reports. Please note all reports are appended to and do form part of the minutes.

Wednesday Coffee Morning – Sue Richmond

JGI Trustees – Bill Richmond

Belton Camera Club – Bill Richmond

JGI Quiz Night – Bill Richmond

5. OPEN FORUM

There were no items raised.

With no further business the meeting was closed at 6.42pm.