

BELTON PARISH COUNCIL
INCORPORATING SANDTOFT AND BELTOFT

These are the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Belton Parish Council held on Tuesday 15 September 2026 at Belton Public Hall.

In Attendance:

Councillors: B Hellewell (Chair), A Baker Cliff, S Cliff, L Drury, R Padgett, L Pickersgill, E Savage, A Temperton, G Ulley and J Warwick.

Clare Boyall Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

Ward Cllr Mitchell

2 Members of the Public

01/09/26 Public Participation Session

A member of the public spoke on the subject of the War Memorial.

02/09/26 Apologies

Cllr Waller.

03/09/26 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Temperton 15/09/26

04/09/26 Granting of Dispensations (Code of Conduct, 2012)

None.

05/09/26 Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 21 July 2026

Cllr Pickersgill proposed that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 21 July 2026 be approved, seconded by Cllr Drury. All in favour. **Resolved.**

06/09/26 Chairman's Report

None.

07/09/26 Ward Councillor Report

Ward Cllr Mitchell has delivered a battery powered washer to the Parish Council that can be used for external cleaning around the parish.

A site visit has taken place at Ashtree Close regarding parking on the entry slip lane.

The issues with the roundabout in Belton have been looked at. Options including better signage at the roundabout are being looked at.

There are free energy advice events at the Livewell Centre taking place on 25 and 30 September.

There is still support available from N Lincs Council for those residents that use oil or LPG for fuel.

N Lincs Council are giving Council Tax relief to all working age residents that have been diagnosed with a terminal illness.

Ward Cllr Mitchell attended a consultation event regarding the opening of Doncaster and Sheffield airport. There are no significant operational changes planned.

Belton Bowls Club has received a grant from N Lincs Council for additional storage.

The post 16 travel grant has been approved again by N Lincs Council.

There have been recent issues with the 399 bus service whereby the collages have oversold tickets to families for this service without informing the bus company of the numbers. This is being looked into.

08/09/26 Clerk's Report

A hedge causing visibility issues and obstruction at the junction of Stocks Hill and A161 has been reported again to N Lincs Council following complaints from residents.

The In Bloom grant claim has been submitted. Not all the grant has been paid by N Lincs Council as they have advised they will not pay VAT on invoices. However, their claim form states that VAT can be claimed if it is not recoverable. The VAT on one item claimed is not recoverable. A discussion had taken place with the Grant's Team earlier in the year and it was confirmed that we would be able to claim the full amount if the VAT was not recoverable. The Clerk has reminded them of this and is waiting a reply.

Northern Powergrid have contacted the council to request permission for removal of bushes on the edge of the new housing development site in Sandtoft. The Clerk has advised them that the bushes do not belong to the Parish Council and have provided written confirmation to them of this. They have been signposted to N Lincs Council. The Clerk has requested that care should be taken as the bushes are directly behind the Parish Council's noticeboard and bench.

Correspondence has been received from Yorkshire Water regarding the planned works on A161. Confirmation has been sought that access to the Parish Council's brick planter will be possible during the works. They have since supplied a contact number should there be any issues for the duration of the works.

A site visit to discuss Ashtree Close slip lanes took place in August and a campaign of education for drivers that park on the slip lane will now be undertaken prior to any further enforcement action being taken. There were several suggestions put forward including, double yellow lines and changing the layout of the incoming slip lane to allow for 2-3 car parking spaces.

No action has been taken by N Lincs Council with regard to the surface on FP25 and therefore an update has been requested.

A meeting took place with Sgt Harrison last week regarding attendance at future Parish Council meetings. To accommodate their operational duties dates agreed upon were 17 November 2026, 19 January 2027 and 16 June 2027 all at 6.45 pm.

An email from a resident in Epworth was forwarded on from Epworth Town Council regarding campers/caravans at the picnic area car park staying overnight. This was forwarded on to Ward Cllrs Mitchell and Finch.

09/09/26

Financial Report

Cheque	Recipient	Purpose	Nett Amount	VAT	Total
200919-22	Yards Apart	Weed spraying	1890.00	378.00	2268.00
200923	HMRC	PAYE			Confidential
200924and 200925	Staff Payroll	August Salaries	1261.38	0	1261.38
200926	C Boyall	Home Office Allowance	26.00	0	26.00
200926	C Boyall	Mileage	56.00	0	56.00
200926	C Boyall	Handyperson Equipment	64.95	13.00	77.95
200926	C Boyall	Storage Box	18.33	3.67	22.00
200927	HMRC	PAYE			Confidential

200928/ 200929	Yards Apart	Grass Cutting Verges and Open Spaces	1323.15	264.63	1587.78
200930	Axholme Pest Control	Wasp Removal Cemetery	60.00	12.00	72.00
200931	PKF Littlejohn	Annual External Audit 2025/2026	315.00	63.00	378.00
200932and 200933	Staff Payroll	September Salaries	1261.38	0	1405.23
200932	S Fritchley	Mileage	25.74	0	25.74
200934	C Boyall	Mileage	23.10	0	23.10
200934	C Boyall	Postage	18.07	3.61	21.68
200935	HMRC	PAYE			Confidential
200936/ 200937	Yards Apart	Grass Cutting Cut 4 Verges and Open Spaces	1323.15	264.63	1587.78
200938	1 st Belton and Epworth Scout Group	Grant Local Government Act 1972 Section 145	300.00	0	300.00

Cllr Ulley proposed to approve the financial reports and that the cheques be signed, seconded by Cllr Temperton. All in favour. **Resolved.**

10/09/26 **Conclusion of External Annual Audit 2025/2026**

Cllr Temperton proposed to note the external auditor's report and conclusion of audit and that no issues have been identified, seconded by Cllr Drury. All in favour. **Resolved.**

11/09/26 **Budget Review**

The budget position was reviewed. Cllr Ulley proposed to note the budget position for 2026/2027, seconded by Cllr Pickersgill. All in favour. **Resolved.**

12/09/26 **Bank Reconciliation**

Cllr Hellewell confirmed that random bank reconciliation checks had been carried out. Cllr Savage proposed to note that bank reconciliation checks have been carried out, seconded by Cllr Drury. All in favour. **Resolved.**

13/09/26 **Planning Applications to Consider**

13.1 **Application No:** PA/2026/1007

Proposal: Listed building consent for the replacement of windows and doors

Site: 107 High Street, Belton, Doncaster, DN9 1NR

Cllr Hellewell proposed that no comment is made for this planning application, seconded by Cllr Pickersgill. All in favour. **Resolved.**

14/09/26 **Planning Permission Granted and Refused**

Cllr Warwick proposed to note the granted and refused planning applications that had been previously circulated, seconded by Cllr Baker Cliff. All in favour. **Resolved.**

15/09/26 **Belton Playing Field Association Representative**

Cllr Hellewell stated there had been a good uptake of the Games and Good Company events held once per month.

The first Ripleys live music event was held last Friday.

The Christmas party is sold out for this year.

16/09/26 **Barrow In Bloom Competition**

Cllr Baker Cliff proposed to invite the winners of the competition to a Parish Council meeting to receive their vouchers, seconded by Cllr Savage. All in favour. **Resolved.**

- 17/09/26 Remembrance Sunday Arrangements**
- 17.1 Cllr Ulley proposed to purchase a poppy wreath under Local Government Act 1972 Section 137, seconded by Cllr Pickersgill. All in favour. **Resolved.**
- 17.2 Cllr Hellewell will contact Cllrs for volunteers to install the poppies this year.
- Cllr Cliff stated that he will contact the vicar regarding the rededication of the War Memorial. The Clerk advised that the War Memorials Trust will need to confirm that all the remedial work is correct and complete prior to the re-dedication.
- 18/09/26 Best Kept Village**
- 18.1 Cllr Savage proposed to note that the Parish Council was awarded 1st place in the large village category this year and that Cllr Hellewell will attend the presentation evening on behalf of the Parish Council, seconded by Cllr Pickersgill. All in favour. **Resolved.**
- 18.2 Cllr Savage proposed to send thank you letters to residents who helped water the Parish Council planters and to thank the resident who made the entry for the CPRE 100 category, seconded by Cllr Baker Cliff. All in favour. **Resolved.**
- 19/09/26 Parish Planters**
- The recommended work on the parish planters was discussed including moving certain plants and planting winter bedding plants. Cllr Padgett proposed to obtain a quotation from the contractor who planted the summer bedding to do the recommended work and plant the winter bedding plants, seconded by Cllr Warwick. All in favour. **Resolved.**
- 20/09/26 Local Government Reorganisation**
- Cllr Temperton proposed to note the review of Local Government Reorganisation has been paused, seconded by Cllr Savage. All in favour. **Resolved.**
- 21/09/26 Local Government Services Pay Award 2026/2027**
- Cllr Pickersgill proposed to note the Local Government Services pay Award 2026/2027 effective from 1 April 2026, seconded by Cllr Padgett. All in favour. **Resolved.**
- 22/09/26 Pest Control Cemetery**
- Cllr Warwick proposed to note and resolve urgent action taken by the Clerk to remove a wasp's nest in the cemetery under section 5.18 of the Financial Regulations at a cost of £60 plus VAT, seconded by Cllr Pickersgill. All in favour. **Resolved.**
- 23/09/26 Low Closes Turbary**
- There are brambles overgrowing and will impede the grass cutting. Clerk to pinpoint on the maps which sections of the paths need to be cut back.
- 24/09/26 Outcasts Cricket Club**
- Cllr Padgett proposed that a letter of support for Outcasts Cricket Club to remain at Hirst Priory cricket ground be compiled, seconded by Cllr Temperton. All in favour. **Resolved.**
- 25/09/26 ONGO Community Engagement Day Ashtree Close**
- A request for Parish Councillors to attend this event was received. Cllr Hellewell proposed to note the event was taking place, seconded by Cllr Warwick. All in favour. **Resolved.**
- 26/09/26 Handyperson**
- There are some hedge clippings near to the brick planter at the Epworth end of the village that need to be cleared into the hedge.
- Cllr Baker Cliff left the meeting room.

27/09/26

War Memorial

The report from the Clerk was discussed. The Parish Council need to approve the remedial work prior to the request to claim the War Memorials Trust grant.

Cllr Baker Cliff re-entered the meeting room.

The Clerk has asked the architect to comment on the remedial work. Once a reply has been received the names on the main face need to be checked with the War Memorials Trust. The Parish Council will then need to formally approve the work.

28/9/26

Date and Time of next meeting

Tuesday 20 October 2026 at 7 pm at Belton Public Hall.

Noted.

Meeting closed at 8.34 pm