

**MINUTES** of Belton Parish Council held in the public Hall Belton, on the 20th March 2018.

**PRESENT:** Cllr D Neale, Chairman

Cllr's M Glew, Mrs A Baker-Cliff, Mrs K Davies, Mr P Dodd, Mr L Drury,  
Mr A Ferris, Mr D Ripley, Mr J Warwick, Mr R Vergette.

**ACTING CLERK:** Mr R Matthews

**CLERK:** Mrs K Lightfoot

Members of the public: 4

**Public Forum:**

Mrs Device raised her concerns regarding the over development of the industrial estate. The walk along the river is one of the nice walks around Belton however this will be getting spoilt soon. Cllr Neale said that an objection had been raised to N Lincs regarding the latest planning application and no developments should be carried out until they have permission to do so, however if residents are against any planning then they must also put in their comments to planning. The Parish Council also share their concern and have put in comments.

**Agenda**

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Mr K Boynton, Mr N Mattu.
2. **Declarations of interest:** There were no declarations.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Nov 2017 approved, 16th Jan 2018 Approved, 20th Feb 2018 approved, 6th March 2018 need information of precept adding in.
4. **Matters arising from minutes:** No 16 Litter collection had been called off due to the poor weather of snow, this will be rearranged. No 18, the crest was decided and agreed at the meeting - no further discussion required.
5. **Councillors and Clerks Reports:** Bus Shelter had been reported previously however nothing has been done yet. December 2017 meeting minutes from previous clerk have been found however these need typing up and approving.
6. **Police Matters:** Cllr Glew, meeting on 21st March at Imperial Hall, will report back.
7. **Planning applications approved:** 2017/1692 Crosshill farm.
8. **Planning applications for consent:**

2018/313 Sir Solomon (15 dwellings) Cllr Glew object as there are too many houses to go on there. Cllr Ripley stated that it is being over intensified, the entrance is too narrow and too many houses to cope with the small piece of land. Cllr Dodd asked should it be replaced with a business as it was a business previously, Cllr Neale said that N lincs asked what it should be replaced with and the council agreed something similar like a restaurant/similar. This was ignored. It is too close to the mini roundabout and bus stop, there will be an increase in traffic, it's back land development and outside of the village plan.

2018/420 11 Westgate Road extension - approved all agreed.

2018/481 Hirst Priory updates - Cllr Neale no effect all internal works - approved all agreed.

9. **Correspondence:** Appeal of 2017/159 A161 - Cllr Neale - no issues.

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2017/692 - This has now been passed.

Cllr Ferris stated that there used to be a lot more correspondence. Mr Matthews said it could still be going to the previous clerks address. Mrs Lightfoot to look into changing addresses of CPRE.

**10. Accounts for payment:**

Public Hall Insurance

Clerks Wages - £307.50 101530

PAYE - £77.00 101531

DM Payroll services - £18.00 101526

Nelson Professional services, Ray's handover and mileage £1570.20 101527

Agreed donation to Belton Playing field association grass cutting donation £1500 101528

Belton Barrow Race donation cheque £35.00 101529

Granite for memorial £7440.00 101532

Cllr Baker-Cliff proposed signed Cllr Drury second all agreed.

**11. Discuss Remembrance Sunday 2018:** Cllr Dodd written letters for council, briefly describing the plan; Army, RAF, Fire, Ambulance, Police, TA, Brownies, Guides and Cubs have been asked to attend. Isle British Legion will also come into Belton. Would like councillors to attend with a photographer from the camera club if possible and someone to sing in the church, there will be a parade down the village to the memorial and back to the church yard and The Crown Pub for a curry lunch. The council would need to pay for the bunting and wreaths. Asking for £350 from the British Legion to put towards the curry meal.

**12. Discuss Grass Cutting Tenders:** Mrs Lightfoot read out the 2 tenders which have been received. Cllr Dodd proposed to accept the Church tender Cllr Davies second 6 others agreed 1 abstention. Clerk to send out letters for unsuccessful tenders, stating trying something new this year and write to church confirming, to pay next month £3000.

**13. Discuss Centenary chair/memorial:** Cllr Dodd said the issue with the memorial granite would now be used to put into the wall around the church at the hall and will need to speak with Revd Cliff for permission. Cllr Glew agreed good idea where not spending more money. The cheque raised tonight will be for the works already carried out, Doncaster memorials are still looking for ways to refurbish the sandstone to it's original state. Historic England are looking into getting us a grant to help with the costs.

**14. Discuss Council's Facebook Page:** Cllr Baker-Cliff raised concerns as to the content being put into Facebook and who is monitoring it. Feels it need to be brought under control. Would like to know if it's the village page or council page, if it's the council it should contain the minutes, agendas, emergency contacts etc. The public tend to put a lot of pictures on there which is drowned out. Cllr Glew stated that the page was an official page and that it had been agreed. Cllr Neale suggested maybe the clerk only administer. Cllr Drury said that Cllr Glew had set it up in good faith and puts a lot of time and effort into keeping the village updated. Cllr Neale said items should be passed at the meeting. However Cllr Glew pointed out that social media needs updating as and when, some things can't wait until the next meeting, the pictures get people talking and involved with the village. Cllr Vergette said the page is a good idea and Cllr Glew does a great job but the information on there needs to be accurate. Cllr Warwick suggested having 2 pages 1 for village matters and 1 for the council. Mrs Lightfoot said the council page could share to the village page with

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minutes and agendas. Cllr Vergette agreed. Cllr Glew suggested a social media policy which there isn't one currently.

**15. Snow Clearing:** Cllr Warwick had contacted Epworth council and he had been unaware of any snow problems even though the A161 had been closed off for 2 days during the snow period, he had then emailed Dave Robinson from North Lincs who hadn't replied.

**16. ERNLLCA membership:** Mr Matthews said the membership is £782 per year to join the clerks do get good advice with the current membership. Cllr Baker-Cliff stated that the councillors would also get the advice with ERNLLCA which would be good. Cllr Neale said in the light of what happened recently it could be a good idea. Cllr Drury suggested to try both for a year and see how the council get along. Cllr Vergette said that training for the councillors would be a great idea and to pass onto others. Cllr Baker-Cliff suggested workshops and proposed for 1 year and try it. Cllr Dodd second 5 agreed 1 abstention.

**17. Handyman:** Cllr Dodd since the council have rejected the service contract who would be carrying out the duties. Cllr Glew proposed to advertise for the handyman. Cllr Dodd said that the council wouldn't then need to wait for N Lincs to action issues ie the bus shelter the handyman could go do it. Cllr proposed to advertise the role on facebook Mr Matthews pointed out that there needs to be a job description written up before it gets advertised. Cllr Baker-Cliff suggested a seperate meeting to discuss futher, volunteers for sub committe; Cllrs Baker-Cliff, Dodd, Glew, Ripley, Vergette. Next meeting with a plan.

**18. Best Kept Village:** Cllr Ripley suggested to keep going and continue, all agreed.

**19. Wyvern House:** Cllr Neale read letter and described telephone call from Asim Samar from Wyvern House on his plans he can access his house from 2 entrances however his neighbour has erected a gate which obstructs him from entering form one end. This also raises the question that the house and barn should not have been sold separately. Mrs Lightfoot to send N Lincs planning the details regarding this.

**20. Consultaion under Paragraph 1 of Schedule 15 to the wildlife and countryside Act 1981:** Cllr Warwick said about the change of description to right for some of the footpaths in Belton. Cllr Ferris said the footpaths should be cleared, Cllr Davies agreed and that some were overgrown and walkers cannot get down some of the paths. Cllr Neale said Mrs Lightfoot to raise concerns with Dave Sanderson.

**21. Fencing at Belton Fields:** Mrs Lightfoot read out email regarding the fencing, Cllr Ripley said that it's still used as farm land and that the cows needing fencing, Cllr Drury said that the fencing is not unsightly. Cllr Warwick suggested the complainant has a letter stating that it's for the cattle to be kept in and is still being used for farming. All agreed.

**22. HSBC Online Banking:** To be discussed at next meeting.

**23. Renewal of annual service mole contract:** All in favour of renewal.

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**24. Parish Website:** Cllr Watson not here tonight due to resignation.

**25. List of OAPs in the Parish:** Cllr Davies suggested a list for the likes of bad weather, Cllr Baker-Cliff said it would go on the emergency plan but would need to be careful due to data protection etc.

**26. Belton Shield/Crest:** Cllr Dodd said that Cllr Boynton was asked to do a proof which he did and this was agreed, Cllr Ferris stated that if it's been decided and minuted then that is what has been agreed and should not be brought back up for another 6 months.

**27. Table at Epworth Show:** Cllr Glew has he quotes for a table indoor would be 6ft £24 12ft £44, Cllr Davies said Barrow race would be better as it's in Belton and free. All agreed barrow race.

**28. Consider payment of Belton Playing Fields Insurance Premium:** Cllr Ripley would like the council to pay for the insurance premium of The Belton Playing Fields Association, there's been 3 quotes and cheapest is£1347.10, Cllr Dodd asked if this was a grant as they've just had a grant from the council and their balance sheets state they have £44K in their account, Mr Matthews stated that if the PFA folded then it would be down to the council to run and fund it, Cllr Baker-Cliff said that the council had already budgeted for it and every year it's been paid. Cllr Glew said that after seeing this years accounts they can afford to pay it themselves and this is the parishioners money were are then sending to them. Mr Matthews state that it should be last years accounts they sent and have done so. Cllr Glew asked if they have 40K in their account should they be coming to the Parish Council asking for money. Cllr Drury suggested that as it was in the budget to pay for this year and then look at it again next year. All agreed.

**29. Resignation of Cllr Watson:** Mr Matthews talked through the reasons of resignation and the job needs to be advertised. Clerk to contact N Lincs.

**30. Belton Picnic Area:** Cllr Neale read letter regarding new crossing, the crossing will make it safer for people to cross the A161. All agreed in favour Mrs Lightfoot to email to show support.

**31. Highways, footpaths and sundry matters:** Cllr Ferris said that Carhouse Road has been broken up from the bad weather. Cllr Ripley said he'd been speaking with N Lincs regarding this problem for a long time and will get back in touch.

**32. New Village Matters:** Cllr Davies raised the issue still ongoing with HGVs still driving down Westgate Road. She also mentioned the defibrillators at the One Stop are being blocked off by the shops trolleys and cages and if it was required it would be difficult to get access to. Cllr Neale raised the issue of still no 50 MPH signs coming off the motorway slip roads. Clerk to email.