

## **BELTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Ref 25/18**

**Minutes** of Belton Parish Council held in the Public Hall Belton on Tuesday 20th November 2018.

**PRESENT:** Cllr's J Warwick, K Boynton, A Baker-Cliff, L Drury, D Ripley, S Walsh, D Parker, K Davies, M Glew.

**CLERK:** Mrs K Lightfoot.

Members of the public: 2

### **PUBLIC FORUM:**

Kim from Streetbeat came to the meeting with Sue Mumby the funding manager to give an update on the building and which funds they will be applying for. She will be applying for funding from North Lincs Community where there is £30,000 available and Landfill where there is £50,000 available, they will have answers on these in Jan and March 2019. They can also apply for £10,000 lottery funding for contents only. If the money covers what is required then the works will start April/May 2019 Sue will be sending an action plan to the clerk and the bids she sends out. Clerk to pay architect and cleaner from public hall account.

Tina and Pippa from Belwood Preschool spoke and proposed that they would like to buy the hall apply for funding and grants and get it renovated, they said that the Playgroup had rented the building for 41 years and has been a benefit to the community, there is nowhere else in the village for the playgroup to go. The building could be refurbished to accommodate the preschool, with breakfast, after school and holiday clubs, but also be used for Streetbeat and still be hired out to other groups and parties like the WI and libraries. Cllr Walsh asked if they would be buying it freehold, they confirmed yes unless that wasn't an option then they could look at leasehold. Cllr Ripley referred to the minutes of August 2018 where the playgroup did not want anything to do with the management of the hall and was happy staying as users of the hall. Tina said that at the time she hadn't had enough notice to prepare anything for a proposal or look into this option, where she has now. Cllr Glew stated that the committee had given notice to resign in April and nothing had been done until July and as a Parish council every option needs to be considered, nothing has been agreed yet, he explained that if it got sold it was then up to the purchaser what to do with it. Cllr Baker-Cliff explained that getting a mortgage could be tricky with the building in disrepair. Cllr Warwick asked if the Streetbeat proposal would limit the playgroup, Tina confirmed yes as the playgroup side of the building wouldn't be complete until another grant had been applied for which they might not get, Cllr Drury said that the parish council need to consider everyone who comes forward. Cllr Warwick said that another 3rd party had expressed an interest in purchasing the building and to keep it's use the same, which the council also need to hear. Cllr Glew pointed out that the hall was very close to closing and the rent from playgroup has kept it open. Tina will send further proposal onto councillors. Cllr Parker asked if streetbeat would still be able to use the hall if bought, Tina confirmed yes.

**1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllr's P Dodd, J Davies, T Ferris.

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2. **Declarations of Interest in accordance with the code of conduct with regards to items listed on the agenda:** None.
3. **Belwood Playgroup Proposal:** As above in the Public forum.
4. **Rev'd Cliff update on grass cutting service:** Delayed till December meeting.
5. **Approval and Signing of the minutes held on 16th October 2018:** Approved.
6. **Matters arising from the minutes held on 16th October 2018:** Opened an account for the estate of Barbara Chapman. Also got a new signature mandate from the bank to sign tonight.
7. **Councillors and Clerk reports:** None
8. **Police matters/Anti Social Behaviour:** Cllr Ripley reported that he'd heard of some break ins down Bracon, but will report back next month after the NATS meeting.
9. **Planning applications for consent:**
  - a. **2018/2134 Church Farm Stocks hill single storey extension:** Cllr Baker-Cliff said it is a conservation area, but has no objections.
  - b. **2018/2152 Greengate Cottages extension with pitched roof:** No objections
  - c. **2018/2208 Haybrook Sandtoft extend garage:** No comments.
  - d. **2018/2254 Nethercop Fish Farm - caravan siting:** No comments.
10. **Correspondence:**
  - a. Clerk read correspondence regarding Keadby pumping station.
  - b. Clerk read out email and letter from Rev'd cliff, thanking all for their efforts on Remembrance Sunday, clerk to forward onto all councillors.
  - c. Email from public regarding near miss with HGV, public has already reported to the police and company.
  - d. No response to Bloom in grant query.
11. **Accounts for Payment:** All approved.

a. Clerk's Wages	£378.77	200032
b. PAYE	£94.80	200033
c. Poppy Appeal	£100.00	200034
d. Clerk's stamps and Ink	£51.94	200035
e. The Cumbrian Clock Company - Church	£156.00	200036
f. The Crown Inn - Food for 11.11.18	£90.00	200037
12. **2019/20 Budget:** Cllr Walsh explained that he and the clerk had gone through the current years budget and there would be £4,000 over budget, Cllr Baker-Cliff suggested all councillors to have a think for next year's budget and discuss at the next meeting. Cllr Warwick asked if the precept could be raised and by how much each year, Clerk to contact N Lincs regarding how much it can be raised by.
13. **Burial Fees:** Clerk suggested that the burial fees to be increased in line with Epworth Town council, a member of the public wanted to sell some plots back to the council as they were no longer required, clerk to take advice from ERNLLCA on this. Cllr Proposed to increase the rates in line with Epworth anything above to keep the same, all agreed.
14. **Estate of Barbara Chapman:** Cllr Warwick explained that the Trustee account had been set up, however the interest rate is very low.
15. **Handyperson Role:** Clerk had been informed by the new handyperson that he would like to delay hi start until January 2019, Cllr Baker-Cliff suggested delaying his start

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until the start of the next financial year due to being over budget, clerk to find out if there are any grants available then to re-contact him, all agreed.

- 16. Public Hall:** A member of the public has enquired if he can buy the Public Hall to renovate and still use it for Playgroup and hire out, Cllr Walsh said that this needs to be thought of from the Parishes point of view and to not of favour or go with one or the other, he also pointed out that Sue Mumby the funding manager emphasised the fact that the building would still be owed by the Parish Council and all grants applied for would be in the name of the Parish Council. Cllr Baker-Cliff said that it needs to be decided if the Hall is up for sale or not and it needs to be for the good of the community and if selling have a covenant. Cllr Glew said that the villagers need to be made aware of what's going on so they can have a view on this. Cllr Warwick suggested a separate meeting with the potential purchaser. Cllr Davies said she would be happy to hear what they have to say but don't think the Hall should be sold. Cllr Walsh said that times have moved on and other newer modern buildings have been built for the village, Cllr Warwick suggested a possible tender process.
- 17. Remembrance Sunday:** Cllr Boynton, on behalf of Cllr Dodd Thanked everyone for their presence within the village on the day.
- 18. Naming of new units - Delta Salvage:** Owner has suggested the name of Sandtoft Gateway, all agreed name ok.
- 19. Relocation of Meetings:** Cllr Warwick said he'd spoken with Rev'd Cliff the same date is available however the meeting would be in the small room, so the public would only fit in with a squeeze, Cllr K Davies volunteered to keep the meetings at the Public Hall and she would switch the heating on an hour before every meeting.
- 20. New Signature Mandate:** New mandate signed by, Cllr Baker-Cliff, Cllr Walsh, Cllr Drury, Cllr Ripley, Cllr K Davies and Cllr Glew.
- 21. Setting up of Parishes Assets, Liabilities and Income:** Cllr Warwick suggested a list of these and have a handbook for new councillors along with the standing orders.
- 22. Highways, Footpaths and Sundry Matters:**
  - a. Cllr Baker-Cliff reported the footpath on Church Lane going towards the Crown is in a bad state - to report
  - b. Cllr Baker-Cliff also reported that the grass is overgrowing the pavement on high street opposite the old Steers
  - c. Cllr Glew said that the Brass plaque is missing from the bus shelter it needs replacing but doesn't know what it had on it, Cllr Baker-Cliff going to look into.
- 23. AOB:**
  - a. Cllr Parker confirmed he will be attending the Parish workshop and will ask about the snow clearing in winter.
  - b. Cllr Ripley would like to complain about the amount of roadworks within the village especially at the roundabout which causes a significant build up of traffic.
  - c. Cllr Ripley said he is going to donate the Christmas tree again this year and will purchase some lights which he will claim back next month.

Meeting Ended 9.20pm