

## **BELTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Ref 26/18**

**Minutes** of Belton Parish Council held in the Public Hall Belton on Tuesday 18th December 2018.

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

**CLERK:** Mrs K Lightfoot.

Members of the public:

### **PUBLIC FORUM:**

Cllr Warwick opened the meeting suggesting that Mr Jackson could speak first regarding the Public Hall. Mr Jackson said he was aware of the current situation of the Public Hall with 2 proposals already in, however he is suggesting that he purchases the hall with a covenant attached if necessary renovate and is keen to still use for the Public use , Playgroup, Streetbeat and any other groups. He explained he has experience of property development. Cllr K Davies raised concerns about being developed into housing. Mr Jackson confirmed he'd be happy to have a covenant attached to the purchase. Cllr Warwick said it might have to go out to tender if it is to be sold, but not necessarily to the highest bidder, Cllr Walsh will take legal advice on this. Mr Jackson asked about the income and expenditure, Cllr Glew read out the figures to him. Cllr Warwick said that the Playgroup are looking to expand and maybe for Mr Jackson to be in contact with Playgroup and Streetbeat at a separate meeting. Cllr Warwick gave some background on the two earlier proposals. Cllr Davies said she thinks it should be kept with the Parish Council and for the village, Cllr Dodd explained that it was no longer sustainable for the Parish Council to keep it and no one has come forward to take it on.

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllr's D Parker, T Ferris, J Davies.
- 2. Declarations of Interest in accordance with the code of conduct with regards to items listed on the agenda:** None.
- 3. Rev'd Cliff update on grass cutting service:** Rev'd Cliff said he'd come to give a year end report on the Churchyard maintenance, he explained that it had been a steady start to the season with waiting for equipment and there had been more work than anticipated. The Church has had its Cranial Report which brought up work identified amounting to £170-£180k which means some of the grass cutting volunteers would now be involved in some of the renovations, Rev'd Cliff also mentioned that Mr Paul Beecher had resigned from the ASHHE project. Going forward the Church are looking into possibly just maintaining the Churchyard and using community payback to help with the cemetery but this will need to wait for confirmation in the new year to see numbers on volunteers. Cllr Glew asked if the Church are still looking at taking on the tender for the next year, Rev'd Cliff confirmed yes. Cllr Dodd said that the community payback team would certainly help out with the maintenance of the grass cutting, Rev'd Cliff confirmed he would still be also using his own volunteers. Cllr Warwick suggested another update in January 2019.

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4. **Approval and Signing of the minutes held on 20th November 2018:** Approved.
5. **Matters arising from the minutes held on 20th November 2018:** Clerk stated item 13 Burial prices had been updated.
6. **Councillors and Clerk reports:** None
7. **Police matters/Anti Social Behaviour:** Cllr Glew reported that the window on the Bus Shelter had been smashed, Clerk to report, also the windows on the Red telephone box at Stocks Hill had been smashed, Cllr Glew will look into fixing.
8. **Planning applications for consent:**
  - a. **2018/2310 - Pinlee, extension to front and rear.** No objections.
  - b. **2018/2386 - West Moor Lodge, 2 storey extension.** No objections.
9. **Correspondence:**
  - a. Clerk had correspondence from a resident saying that building work had already started on King Edward Street x 2 bungalows even though the planning has not been passed yet, Clerk to report.
  - b. Clerk read our email from Mr Beecher re the church, no response is required as agreed.
  - c. Clerk handed out the Playgroup proposal which had also been sent by email.
10. **Accounts for Payment:** All approved.

a. <b>Clerk's Wages</b>	<b>£378.77</b>	<b>200038</b>
b. <b>PAYE</b>	<b>£94.80</b>	<b>200039</b>
c. <b>DM Payroll Services</b>	<b>£40.50</b>	<b>200040</b>
d. <b>Axholme Pest Control</b>	<b>£216.00</b>	<b>200041</b>
11. **2019/20 Budget:** Clerk and Cllr Walsh went through current expenditure year to date, Clerk handed out proposed budget for 2019/20, along with Cllr Ripley's suggested budget which he'd compiled with comparisons for the previous few years income and expenditure. These showed progressive deterioration of the reserve amounts due to consistent, inadequate calculation of the precept compared with increasing expenditure. Cllrs each went through line by line questioning and agreeing costs and proposed precept, a substantial increase to £25,000.
12. **Handyperson Role:** Clerk updated that Mark hand been in touch saying he is willing to wait to the next financial year and would be willing to agree to the lower hours.
13. **Public Hall:** Cllr Glew proposed to have a vote to sell the Public Hall, Cllr Baker-Cliff suggested to wait till January meeting after Mr Jackson had come back, Cllr Walsh said the Parish Council needs to be in charge of the situation and decide what to do, Cllr Dodd second to have a vote. Cllr Glew proposed to sell, Cllr Walsh Seconded, 8 agreed 1 abstained, January Meeting to agree the covenant.
14. **Burial Plots:** Clerk updated the sale of burial plots over the last few years, 2015/16 6 plots plus 1 internment, 2016/17 6 plots plus 2 internments, 2017/18 2 plots, 2018/19 (up to Dec) 2 plots 1 internment.
15. **Setting up of Parishes Assets, Liabilities and Income:** Ongoing to re-visit in the new year.
16. **Christmas Lights Competition:** Cllr Baker-Cliff and Cllr Warwick volunteered to judge. All agreed to pay Christmas lights in Jan.
17. **Highways, Footpaths and Sundry Matters:**
  - a. Cllr Drury said he'd reported Turbary Lane due to potholes.

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- b. Cllr Warwick said the hedge needs cutting back at the entrance to the industrial estate.
- c. Cllr Ripley said Carrhouse Road and Woodhouse lane needs repairing.
- d. Cllr Warwick reported potholes on Belton Road, needs reporting.

### **18. AOB:**

- a. Cllr Warwick asked Clerk to find out when the Public Hall gas heaters were last serviced.
- b. Cllr Warwick asked Clerk to send new list of Councillor phone numbers out to Councillors.
- c. Cllr Warwick asked for the agenda in future to go out earlier.
- d. Clerk asked to attend the financial course in feb, all agreed.

Meeting Ended 9.50pm