

## **BELTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Ref 1/19**

**Minutes** of Belton Parish Council held in the Public Hall Belton on Tuesday 15th January 2019.

**PRESENT:** Cllr's J Warwick, K Boynton, A Baker-Cliff, S Walsh, K Davies, T Ferris, P Dodd.

**CLERK:** Mrs K Lightfoot.

Members of the public: 2

### **PUBLIC FORUM:**

Member of the public asked what is happening with the Public Hall as there's rumours around the village saying it's been agreed and sold. Cllr Warwick updated and confirmed that a vote had been taken last month and the council had decided to sell the Public Hall as there was no public interest in taking over the running of the hall. A meeting had been arranged last summer and nobody came to the meeting willing to take it on. This had been advertised through Facebook, Minutes and Notice boards. Member of public replied saying that she didn't use Facebook and wasn't aware of the meeting. She also said that although there were other public buildings in the village not everyone wants to use those some of the public like the Public Hall, she suggested a flyer going to each household in the Parish to get another meeting together. Cllr Dodd replied by saying that a lot of people don't want to lose the Hall but they also don't want to take on a project of raising £100,000 to renovate it either, then there's also the other newer buildings which have parking. Cllr Ferris said he didn't know about the meeting either as he doesn't use Facebook, he said that Kim from Streetbeat had volunteered to raise the funds to be able to renovate it. Clerk pointed out that she hadn't wanted to form a committee to do this, it would've still being the Parish Council's responsibility. Member of public said that it still needs to be for the community to still use and Playgroup would be ideal and also to use as a holiday club for children to attend. She also said that she wanted the council to seriously think about having another meeting and sending out flyers with possibly the arrow magazine. Cllr Ferris said he was concerned that if Playgroup bought the hall then they might not allow other groups to use it. Member of public said again that it needs to stay with the community and allow the Playgroup to expand if necessary. She asked Cllr Walsh about the legalities which he was looking into, Cllr Walsh replied by saying he found out that the hall could be sold. Another member of the public asked if a committee could get put together at this stage could they do that and renovate still without selling? Cllr Baker-Cliff replied by saying it could be possible but this would need to be discussed further with the councillors but the committee would need to take the project on and create a business plan. Cllr Ferris suggested that it just needed redecorating and the heaters servicing then it would be ok. Cllr Walsh corrected him by saying that there has been a surveyor round and he confirmed that the walls, roof and chimney need attention and it would cost around £100,000 to complete any works. Cllr Warwick finished by saying that the council will take on board all comments and discuss further.

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1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr's D Parker, M Glew, D Ripley, L Drury.
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:** Clerk updated following on from Revd Cliff email; saying that he'd got the Community Payback team involved with helping tend the Churchyard and Cemetery, he would also like to express that the Church would like to continue with the Grass Cutting Project for the next year ahead. Cllr Warwick asked if Revd Cliff could send an update again ready for the next meeting. Clerk will pass the message on.
4. **Approval and Signing of the minutes held on 17th December 2018:** Approved.
5. **Matters arising from the minutes held on 17th December 2018:** None.
6. **Councillors and Clerk reports:**
  - a. Cllr Warwick stated that Council Business had been discussed and over heard in the Crown Pub by some of the councillors. He reiterated that no discussion of anything of a sensitive nature can be discussed in a public place.
  - b. Cllr Dodd updated the council about the Sandstone for the memorial, saying that it needs to be cut to a certain thickness to comply with the listing building which is making it difficult and fragile, he may need to go back to speak with N Lincs if the issue cannot be sorted out.
7. **Police matters/Anti Social Behaviour:** Cllr Baker-Cliff said she gets crime email alerts and there had been an increase in burglaries in the area.
8. **Planning applications for consent:**
  - a. **2019/18 Land Rear of Oldcote** - No Comments.
  - b. **2018/1879 105 Westgate Road** - No Objections.
  - c. **2018/2416 Land Off King Edward Street - erect 12 dwellings** - It was discussed that this had been applied for before and withdrawn, the council had said at the time it was back land development. There's not enough room in the schools and doctors for that many houses. It is back land development and inappropriate. It also exceeds the boundary development and will have a big impact on the village structure.
9. **Correspondence:** None.
10. **Accounts for Payment:** All approved.

a. Clerk's Wages	<b>£378.97</b>	<b>200042</b>
b. PAYE	<b>£94.60</b>	<b>200043</b>
c. D Ripley - Lights for Christmas Tree	<b>£37.98</b>	<b>200044</b>
d. Planters compost etc	<b>£270.00</b>	<b>200045</b>
e. Public Hall Ins - Harold Woolgar	<b>£638.67</b>	<b>200046</b>
11. **Cllr Dodd - Parish Council's responsibilities - Pavilion:** To add to agenda next month.
12. **Cllr Dodd - Turbary Rents:** Cllr Dodd asked when the last increase was, Clerk was unsure and had asked the previous Clerk and he'd said not for many years. Clerk to see if anything else can be found out about where land is and how much to discuss again next month. Cllr Warwick asked Clerk when payment reminders sent this year out to include a letter stating that anyone renting does not automatically pass on to someone else it returns back to the Parish Council.

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- 13. Land for Burials:** Cllr Dodd said that there's only around 15 spaces available so could last about 4 years, need to look into further.
- 14. Church Grass Cutting:** Update as item 3.
- 15. Public Hall:** Cllr Warwick said that next Tuesday there's a closed meeting with Grice and Hunter to discuss, costs etc...Suggestion of formal tenders and what to do with it, covenant. Cllr Walsh said it needs to be transparent and people need to know that it might not go to the highest bidder, all questions will be discussed next week. Clerk discussed the letter which Kim sent in from Streetbeat. Cllr Walsh replied by saying that the council had been fair as there was a 3 month agreement and in that time no grants had been submitted she then had an extra month, both Streetbeat and Playgroup didn't communicate either about the situation which made it difficult, Cllr Warwick said that the length of time had probably been underestimated, he also said for all to consider and discuss at next week's meeting.
- 16. Cllr Glew - Insurance:** Cllr Warwick updated saying that the Public Hall had become invalid due to there no longer being a committee and therefor Cllr Glew had to act quickly and gain insurance before a council meeting this said however he did get a good deal and cheaper than last year.
- 17. Cllr Walsh - Hedgerow Maintenance:** Cllr Walsh explained that some of the Public Footpath hedges are not being cut, in particular footpath no 148 from High Street to the Railway line, Cllr Baker-Cliff asked if he'd tried reporting using the N Lincs portal, he hadn't but will look into.
- 18. Setting up of Parishes Assets, Liabilities and Income:** Ongoing will discuss next month.
- 19. Cllr Baker-Cliff - Christmas Lights Competition:** Cllr Baker-Cliff explained that there was definitely an out and out winner although shame there was no passing traffic down Belshaw Lane, she also said that the volume of entrants this year was outstanding and therefore proposes that the winner is awarded £50 and then have 5 x runner up prizes of £10 each, she will inform the winners and send the details to the Clerk who will also announce on Facebook.
- 20. Highways, Footpaths and Sundry Matters:** Cllr Baker-Cliff said that Green Lane had been resurfaced can the council ask if Woodhouse Lane can also be resurfaced as there's many potholes down that lane. Cllr Davies said that on Green Lane there are also potholes appearing already Clerk to report and suggest resurfacing of Woodhouse Lane.
- 21. AOB:**
- a. Cllr Davies said that the defibrillator at the One Stop shop is still being blocked by cages, Cllr Baker-Cliff suggested that someone spoke with Nim about this, she also asked the Clerk to send a letter.
  - b. Cllr Walsh said that during the Christmas period some of the councillors had been going through the old records in the Public Hall and suggested in the future doing a public display as there was some quite interesting things in there.

Meeting Ended 9.05pm