

## **BELTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Ref 7/19**

**Minutes** of Belton Parish Council held in the Public Hall Belton on Tuesday 16th July 2019.

**PRESENT:** Cllr's J Warwick, A Baker-Cliff, D Ripley, S Walsh, L Drury, D Parker, R Vergette, G Ulley, T Ferris and Ward Councillor Tim Mitchell.

**CLERK:** Mrs K Lightfoot.

Members of the public: 7

### **PUBLIC FORUM:**

Tina from Belwood Playgroup came to update the council in response to letter received and asking for more time, stating that the mortgage pulled out due to the current income not being enough and are now trying to get a loan and then grants, Cllr Warwick asked what the timescale would be. Tina replied saying she was unsure, she confirmed that they committee were working with Keyfund and that this is an enormous thing that they are taking on as a charity. Cllr Warwick said that there had been a lack of communication so the council weren't aware of what was going on. Tina said that she had difficulties communicating with Grice and Hunter and sometimes had a delayed response from them. She asked the council what the urgency was as they need more time. Cllr Warwick explained that the running costs of the hall are more than the income and if it runs into winter there will be no funds left. Cllr Walsh said that there had been very mixed communications going into the public through social media which could be damaging to the Playgroup and the Parish Council and that closer communications with the council and playgroup needed to happen on a monthly basis, he also stated that the Parish Council wants to work with the Playgroup to ensure that it goes through the process as smoothly as possible. Cllr Vergette suggested a sub committee to meet a week before each Parish meeting. Cllr Warwick suggested a crowd fund if they are struggling to get the funds, Tina said it's a lot of money to find and the management committee are working very hard at trying to get the funds. Tim Mitchell suggested they get in touch with N Lincs to fill in applications with them. Cllr Walsh reassured saying that there will still be a Playgroup and the council want to work together to ensure this happens. Member of public asked about the ownership of the building, Cllr Walsh explained about the Trustees of the building. Cllr Warwick also explained that the Parish Council had put out a request for a new committee and set up a meeting however even though the reach on facebook was 2447 there was not 1 member of the public who came to the meeting. Member of public said that if someone doesn't own the building it would be difficult to get grants to refurbish it. Member of the public asked if new trustees could take over the building. Cllr Warwick said that another group last year had come forward to take over the running of the hall however found it difficult to get the grants due to not owning the building. If new trustees then couldn't get grants or found it too difficult to refurbish it could potentially then get left to the Parish Council again, the greatest benefit to the public is if it went to the Playgroup. Cllr Parker said that if there are any more delays then the building could then get in a poorer state which the Public Hall fund just cannot cope with, he also stated that the council have agreed to sell and that is what should happen. Tina

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asked to see the year accounts for the hall once back from accountants. Cllr Warwick suggested that both parties go and think about the options and reconvene the day before the next monthly meeting.

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** None.
- 2. Declarations of Interest in accordance with the code of conduct with regards to items listed on the agenda:** Cllr Ripley item 10.
- 3. Ward Cllr Tim Mitchell:** Tim updated on issues from last month;
  - a. had a site visit to the pond at the Belton picnic area which is overgrown, he said he has contacted Paul Schofield to get the hedges cut back which this cannot be done until the birds have finished nesting, then he will look at setting a project up to tidy the area with new updated signage.
  - b. the speeding on the High Street does not meet the threshold for enforcement however Westgate and Sandtoft Road does. Tim asked the councillors to have a think about the community speed watch program as it does more than just monitor speed with speed guns, they can also provide flashing signs etc..
  - c. Tim also reported that Carrhouse Road had been patched and some of it resurfaced however he has asked for it to go on as a priority, Woodhouse Lane however is more complicated as there is some confusion over the boundary.
  - d. He said he had also contacted the planning department to see if they would come to a meeting for a Q and A session and some guidance however they have not yet replied. He suggested having a look at doing the neighbourhood planning, Cllr Drury asked if it was worth it or any good. Tim said that it helps N Lincs to make their decisions.
  - e. The damaged memorial post has not yet been resolved.
  - f. Tim said he went to the Street surgeries around Belton the previous day which went into late evening, the issues which people brought up were, HGVS contravening the limit, lack of local buses, he said not a lot of people know about the call connect bus which can collect and drop residents off at a scheduled stop, overgrown footpaths which has been reported to North Lincs, they have changed contractors so there is a delay in cutting, expansion of the industrial estate which a new road infrastructure is required, anti social behaviour issues and motorbikes, which both have been reported to the local policing team.
  - g. Tim finished off by saying if residents are objecting about planning they must send it to the planning department by either letter or through the planning website and that if there is any feedback for anything from residents to please send to him as well.
- 4. Approval and Signing of the minutes held on 25th June 2019:** Approved.
- 5. Matters arising from the minutes held on 25th June 2019:** None
- 6. Councillors and Clerk reports:**
  - a. Cllr Ripley asked if he could reserve 2 tickets for the Normanby Hall in Bloom presentation, Clerk will arrange..
- 7. Police matters/Anti Social Behaviour:**

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- a. Cllr Walsh suggested that if anyone wants to they can sign up to the NATS emails.

**8. Planning applications for consent:**

- a. 2019/1093 Hirst Priory , Internal alterations on a listed building; No objections.
- b. 2019/1177 Sailgates, damp proofing on a listed building; No objections.

**9. Correspondence:**

- a. Received quote for stoning the lanes, all agreed to go ahead with quote plus 12 tonne of stone if needed.

**10. Accounts for Payment:** All approved.

**11. Consideration for Grant to Axholme Physically Handicapped Society:** Cllr

Vergette said that they mainly help the elderly with mobility issues around the area. There income is considerably larger than there outgoings and maybe they could expand their services, Cllr Drury proposed to grant £200 all agreed.

**12. Land for Burials:** Cllr Warwick not heard back from the Lincoln diocese yet.

**13. Public Hall:** Cllr Walsh summarised the earlier meeting with the Playgroup and said to have a think over the next month, meet with the solicitor, get some advice and contact the trustees, Cllr Ulley said that the Parish Council cannot please everyone and a decision needs to be made soon. Cllr Vergette, Cllr Walsh and Cllr Warwick agreed to form a sub committee to meet with Playgroup on Monday 19th August.

**14. Handyman:**Cllr Warwick explained that 2 applicants were interviewed and both interviewed well however one had more experience, Clerk will send the offer out.

**15. Belton Nature Reserve:** Already addressed by Ward Cllr Tim Mitchell.

**16. Website:**To be discussed next month.

**17. New property naming:** No objections.

**18. High Street Monitoring Report:** Cllr Ripley went through the report and proposed a flashing speed sign, Cllr Parker pointed out that the mean speed on the High Street was 29.7mph and this was not necessary, Cllr Walsh also said that it's number 100 on the priority list so the results state its not a priority. Cllr Warwick suggested looking into a movable sign which the council can purchase, he will look into this for next month.

**19. Repairs to memorial lamppost:** Cllr Baker-Cliff stated that there needed something to be done with it and cannot wait for the police, Clerk will ask for 3 quotes to repair.

**20. Highways, Footpaths and Sundry Matters:** None.

**21. AOB:** Cllr Walsh asked for the priority agenda items to be at the top from next month.

Meeting Ended 9.40pm

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