

BELTON PARISH COUNCIL

Ref11/19

Minutes of Belton Parish Council held in the Public Hall Belton on Tuesday 19th November 2019.

PRESENT: Cllr's A Baker-Cliff, L Drury, D Parker, D Ripley, G Ulley, R Vergette, S Walsh, E Wilson and Ward Councillor Tim Mitchell.

CLERK: Mrs K Lightfoot

Members of the Public: 1

PUBLIC FORUM:

Ex councillor Pete Dodd, came to thank everyone's efforts for Remembrance Sunday, he suggested that there are more poppies purchased ready for next year. He made suggestions for VE Day 75th Anniversary next May and asked the council if they could consider buying some bunting to decorate the village, he also said he'd spoken with the Crown Inn and they are arranging a 40s night.

1 minutes silence was observed prior to the main meeting commencing. To remember Harry Hackney who served as a councillor for over 30 years.

1. **Apologies for Absence;** None.
2. **Declarations of interest in accordance to the code of conduct with regards to items listed on the agenda. To record declarations of interest by any member of the council in respect of the agenda items listed below, members declaring interests should identify the agenda item and type of interest being declared:** Cllr Ripley item 11 payments schedule.
3. **Claire Welford – Engagement Officer Humberside Police:** Claire introduced herself as working on the engagement team, she works alongside the Police Crime Commission, which offers victim support, domestic abuse, sexual abuse and restorative justice. She explained that there is a new Chief Constable who has made some changes where there are now response officers based at Epworth full time. She also gets involved in the NATS meetings where the Parish Councils can take issues which are too big to deal with on a local level. She said that she is the link between the community and the crime commissioner and any queries can be directed through her. Ward Councillor Tim Mitchell asked why the custody suite had been closed at Scunthorpe which means officers now need to travel to the Grimsby custody suite, Claire explained that the Scunthorpe suite was no longer fit for purpose and there are more officers been recruited she will raise the issue with the crime commissioner. Cllr Vergette said he feels the officers are being stretched too much and there is too much unsolved crime. Tim Mitchell suggested that if the isle officers were ring fenced to the isle area then that would be better the isle precept has been raised for policing and this should be reflected for the residents paying extra.
4. **Ward Councillor Tim Mitchell:**
 - a. Tim spoke about the flooding over the last 2 weeks a few places had been hit badly, he will be having a meeting with the Isle water board the following week.
 - b. The new village signs have been submitted.

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- c. Updated on Belton pond area a second task day had been held with again good results, there will be a further meeting to create a long term plan for the project.
 - d. The bunting for VE day could possibly be funded he will look into this.
5. **Approval and signing of the minutes held on 15th October 2019:** Approved.
6. **Matters arising from the minutes held on 15th October 2019:**
 - a. Item 7 PC Raper has confirmed his attendance for February 2020 meeting.
 - b. Item 3 Cllr Warwick has emailed to ask permission for a self-funded gate.
7. **Councillors and Clerks Reports:** Up to date budget discussed.
8. **Police matters and Anti-Social Behaviour:** None.
9. **Planning Applications for Consent;**
 - a. **2019/1510 Land off Belton High Street; Erect a dwelling and garage:** No objections.
 - b. **2019/1745 Land adj Belwood View; to erect 5 dwellings: Object, over development.**
 - c. **2019/1828 Belton Garden Centre, Sandtoft Road; approval of reserved matters to erect 5 dwellings:** No comments.
10. **Correspondence:** None.
11. **Accounts for Payment; See schedule of Payments:** All approved.
12. **Cllr Warwick – Payment of Grice and Hunter account:** Cllr Walsh said that the invoice needs to be documented to state what professional work has been carried out, if authorised to be paid then needs to be paid from the Public Hall account. Cllr Walsh also mentioned that the quote was to complete a sale and this has not happened.
13. **Belwood Playgroup Grant Application:** Clerk read out grant application, all agreed to grant £200.
14. **Clerk Laptop:** Clerk explained some issues with the laptop, Cllr Walsh wife will take a look.
15. **Environment enhancing project:** Cllr Parker asked if the project could be used for the pond project, Tim Mitchell said probably not as the project is trying to tackle climate change issues.
16. **Public Hall:** Cllrs Warwick, Vergette and Ward Councillor Tim Mitchell met with Belwood Playgroup the previous week to discuss possibilities of a 25 year lease instead of a sale, conditions need writing however some were discussed ie the Parish Council still being able to have use of the Hall, there would be a new heating system in place, removal of stage new toilets and maintenance of the current flooring, any structural or major changes would need to have written consent still form the council. Cllr Wilson suggested speaking with ERNLLCA regarding the lease to get extra guidance. Cllr Walsh agreed. Cllr Warwick proposed a vote on the lease of 25 years at a nominal £1 per year rent, however the Belwood Playgroup pay the legal fees towards arranging the particulars repaid over a maximum of 5 years, trustees to be appointed. 9 all in favour, all agreed.
17. **Cllr Parker – Snow Monitor:** Cllr Parker explained the role of snow monitor and that all salt bins would be checked for levels the snow monitors will liaise with the Ward councillor who will make decisions if extra help is required and the budget arranging the help, Cllr Ulley also volunteered as Snow monitor.
18. **Cllr Ripley – Memorial granite:** Cllr Warwick said he'd spoken with the mason about the size of the granite, Cllr Baker-Cliff said she'd spoken with Revd Cliff about it being positioned in the cemetery he said it would need to go through the diocese but it shouldn't be a problem. Cllr Warwick will confirm the mason how much is left to pay.
19. **Cllr Walsh – Parish Paths:** Tim Mitchell said that the project is being re-vamped pend the item for another meeting.
20. **Cllr Warwick – Speed Signage:** Next meeting.

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- 21. Remembrance Day:** Cllr Warwick thanked everyone for attending said it was a good presence on the day.
- 22. AOB:** Cllr Drury said that Carhouse Road has many potholes and needs urgent repair.

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