

BELTON PARISH COUNCIL
INCORPORATING SANDTOFT AND BELTOFT

Minutes of Belton Parish Council held at the Public Hall on Tuesday 14 December 2021.

PRESENT: G Ulley, L Drury, R Padgett, S Walsh, T Ferris, L Pickersgill, R Vergette, S Cliff, S Waller and Ward Cllr Tim Mitchell

CLERK: Mrs C Boyall

Members of the Public: 3

PUBLIC FORUM:

None

1 Introduction of the new Clerk

The Chair introduced the new Clerk to the Council.

2 Apologies for absence

Cllrs Lapish

3 Declarations of interest in accordance with 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.

None.

4 Co-option of 3 vacancy

A vote took place to fill 3 vacancies on the council by co-option.

Mr G Addlesee 5 votes

Mrs A Baker Cliff 6 votes

Mr G Cook 0 Votes

Mr T Hesletine 4 votes

Mrs J Reed 1 vote

Mr G Addlesee, Mrs A Baker Cliff and Mr T Hesletine were duly co-opted onto the Parish Council.

5 Ward Councillor - Tim Mitchell

- N Lincs Council Green Futures Strategy has been published. The plan is to become net zero by 2030. N Lincs Council are encouraging the planting of more trees.
- There are other possible areas that could be devolved to Parish Councils including litter picking/fly tipping.
- Grants are available for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and Spring in Bloom.
- The company installing the SG mast have permitted development rights and therefore they do not have to seek permission for the installation. Cllr Mitchell has spoken to the company and they are willing to paint the boxes to make them less obtrusive.

Cllr Waller entered the meeting.

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- The Planning Department are working on various schemes to improve communication with councils.
- The consultation for Westgate traffic calming measures has been opened. They have agreed to full width speed cushions.
- The Landscape Partnership is being wound up in the New Year.
- Good Cop Bridge is due for repair.

6 Approval and Signing from the minutes held on 16 November 2021

Cllr Ulley proposed that the draft minutes of 16 November 2021 be accepted as a true record, seconded by Cllr Padgett. All in favour.

It was **resolved** that the draft minutes of 16 November 2021 be accepted as a true record

7 Matters Arising from the minutes held on 16 November 2021

Cllr Ferris stated that he was not happy with the traffic calming measures on Westgate and in particular the noise that the speed cushions will generate from traffic. Ward Cllr Mitchell advised that he would speak to Cllr Ferris after the meeting.

8 Planning Applications for consent

PA/2021/1864 – 83 High Street, Planning permission to erect a detached garage and store (including demolition of existing garage and store)
No observations.

PA/2021/1956 – Willow Court Carrhouse Road, Planning permission to erect a single storey and two storey rear extension with alterations to elevations.
No observations.

9 Accounts for payments. Please see schedule of payments

Cllr Padgett proposed to approve the schedule of payments, seconded by Cllr Walsh. All in favour.

It was **resolved** to approve the schedule of payments.

At this point the Chair brought forward Item 18 for discussion.

18 War Memorial to discuss

The Chair advised that a meeting had taken place with Sam Jacob Memorials regarding the costs of refurbishment of the War Memorial. The soldier has to be removed before any work can take place and this work will be extremely costly. The War Memorial is Grade 2 listed. Ward Cllr Mitchell will contact the Conservation Officer at N Lincs Council.

A discussion took place with regard to including a figure in the precept towards this cost. Cllr Ferris proposed to include £10,000 in the precept for work on the War Memorial, seconded by Cllr Drury. All in favour.

It was **resolved** to include £10,000 in the precept for work on the war Memorial.

Cllr Baker Cliff left the meeting.

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10 To agree final precept for submission

This was discussed. Cllr Drury proposed to approve a precept of £39,000, seconded by Cllr Ulley. All in favour.

It was **resolved** to approve a precept of 39,000.

11 Vote for new ERNLLCA rep

Cllr Waller volunteered to be the ERNLLCA representative.

12 To elect a Personnel Committee

This item will be deferred to the January 2022 meeting.

13 Public Hall Update

The Chair advised that a meeting had taken place with the solicitor and a draft repair and maintenance lease was discussed. There will be a timescale of 3 years for repairs to the building and the lease will not be able to be broken in that time. Cllr Ulley proposed to request an up to date survey for the building, seconded by Cllr Drury. All in favour.

It was **resolved** to request an up to date survey of the building.

14 Public Hall fire alarm to discuss and agree steps forward

The fire alarm company has attended the site and cleaned the sensors. A service will be needed and regular testing should then be undertaken by the pre-school.

Cllr Ulley proposed to suspend the meeting in order that a member of the public speak, seconded by Cllr Drury. All in favour.

It was **resolved** to suspend the meeting.

Meeting suspended at 8.12 pm.

Meeting recommenced at 8.14 pm.

15 To discuss bin consultation

Ward Cllr Mitchell advised that N Lincs Council has undertaken a review of all the bins across N Lincolnshire. Cllrs will advise Ward Cllr Mitchell of any sites that new bins are needed in the parish.

16 Memorial lamppost to discuss fixing

Cllr Padgett advised that the lamppost is not working. Cllr Waller proposed that Cllr Padgett replace the bulb, seconded by Cllr Ulley.

It was **resolved** that Cllr Padgett replace the bulb.

17 To discuss printer for new clerk

Cllr Cliff stated that he has a spare printer that the Clerk can use.

19 Chatty Benches to discuss

This item will be deferred to the January 2022 meeting.

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20 Cllr Lapish – To discuss BPFA playground
This item will be deferred to the January 2022 meeting.

21 Cllr Cliff – Belton visitor centre and pond area
Covered under Ward Cllr Report.

The Chair advised Cllrs that the Christmas Light switch on went very well.

The Chair thanked Mrs Lightfoot for all her hard work as Clerk to the Council and wished her well in the future.

Meeting closed at 8.27pm