

## BELTON PARISH MEETING

These are the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 16 May 2023, 7:00pm at Belton Public Hall.

### **In Attendance:**

Cllr A Baker (Chair to Belton Parish Council), Mr Addlesee, Mr Drury, Mr Ferris, Mr Padgett, Mr Ulley and Ward Cllr Mitchell

Clare Boyall Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to Belton Parish Council

|          | <b>Item</b>   | <b>Proposer</b> |
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| <b>1</b> | <b>To record the names of the members present</b><br>Noted.   |                 |
| <b>2</b> | <b>To receive apologies</b><br>Mrs Waller, Mr Cliff and Mrs Pickersgill.  |                 |
| <b>3</b> | <b>To resolve draft minutes of the previous meeting of 17 May 2022</b><br>Mr Ulley proposed that the draft minutes of the Parish meeting held on 17 May 2022 be accepted as a true record, seconded by Mr Ferris. All in favour.<br><br>It was <b>resolved</b> that the draft minutes of the Parish meeting held on 17 May 2022 be accepted as a true record.   |                 |
| <b>4</b> | <b>Chairman's Summary of Activities</b><br>Cllr Baker Cliff reported that it was pleasing that there was a full council for the period May 2022 to May 2023. There are currently 3 vacancies available for Co-option on the council and there has been interest in these vacancies so she hoped that the council would be back to a full compliment soon. Cllr Baker Cliff thanked Cllrs Lapish, Hazeltine and Walsh for their contribution whilst they were on the council.<br><br>Cllr Baker Cliff advised that she was pleased that the council's temporary Clerk had applied for the post of Clerk and was duly appointed to that position. She stated that she was very grateful for her knowledge and assistance since her appointment and keeping Belton Parish Council on an even keel.<br><br>Cllr Baker Cliff advised that new noticeboards had been purchased and would be installed in Belton and Sandtoft and one of the older noticeboards would be re-sited in Beltoft. Bunting and a new flag for the Platinum Jubilee had been purchased and flowerbed planting had taken place. Mugs for the school children had also been purchased and presented to the school children.<br><br>Grants have been made to the Isel Choral Society, Belton pre-school playgroup, Beltoft Neighbourhood Watch and the Christmas Lights committee.<br><br>Remembrance poppies were displayed along the High Street in Belton as well as Sandtoft and Beltoft.<br><br>Belton Parish Council achieved 2 <sup>nd</sup> in the large village category of the Best Kept Village and the council successfully applied for a grant from N Lincs Council for flowers. |                 |

Benches have been purchased with the assistance from a grant from N Lincs Council to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III.

The cemetery has been completely mapped and we have re-purchased several grave plots.

A Youth Council has been elected at South Axholme School and a representative of the Youth Council has will be attending Parish Council meetings to present any issues identified by the Youth Council.

The Parish Council now has a new Chain of Office for the Chair.

Unfortunately, not much progress has bene made in the Council's desire to give Belton Pre-school playgroup a lease for the Public Hall. Although solicitors for both parties have been instructed and a draft lease prepared there has been a delay with the registration of the building with the Land registry due to a back log of their work. Repairs have been made to the boiler heating control panel and emergency lighting as well as updating of the fire extinguishers.

Progress has been made to restore the War Memorial. A project manager has been instructed, tenders have been received and an application to the War Memorial Trust has been submitted for funding. It is hoped that work will begin soon.

**5 Items raised by parishioners**

Roadside gutters are covered in rubbish.

Ward Cllr Mitchell has asked N Lincs Council to inspect Church Lane footpaths. Clerk to check with N Lincs Council regarding their weed spraying schedule this year.

**6 To note Councillor Attendance at Council meetings 2022/2023**

Mr Padgett proposed to note the Councillor attendance record, seconded by Mr Drury. All in favour.

It was resolved to note the Councillor attendance record.

**7 Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 21 May 2024 at 7pm.

Noted.

Meeting closed at 7.07 pm