

BELTON PARISH COUNCIL
INCORPORATING SANDTOFT AND BELTOFT

These are the Minutes of the Annual Full Council Meeting of the Belton Parish Council held on Tuesday 17 September 2024 at Belton Public Hall.

In Attendance:

Councillors: S Cliff, L Drury, B Hellewell, L Pickersgill, G Ulley (Vice Chair), S Waller, J Warwick and Ward Cllr Mitchell

Clare Boyall Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

0 Members of the Public

	Item	Proposer
01/09/24	Public Participation Session No members of the public present.	
02/09/24	Apologies Cllrs Addlesee, Baker Cliff, Clayton, Ferris, Morgan and Padgett.	
03/09/24	Declarations of Interest None.	
04/09/24	Granting of Dispensations (Code of Conduct, 2012) None.	
05/09/24	Draft Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 16 July 2024 Cllr Pickersgill proposed that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 16 July 2024 be approved, seconded by Cllr Warwick. All in favour. It was resolved that minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 16 July 2024 be approved.	
06/09/24	Chairman's Items None.	
07/09/24	Ward Councillor Report Ward Cllr Mitchell advised that he is focusing on highways issues at the present time including potholes and their repair. Ward Cllr Mitchell has asked highways to improve the system of dealing with blocked gullies to make this more efficient. New software may be purchased to help with this. N Lincs Council are re-visiting their local plan following the new Government rules and new housing targets. N Lincs will try and protect green built land and focus on brown belt land. The £2 bus fare has been extended until October. The roll out of digital bus timetables in bus stops has begun. The Live Well Centre has been opened recently.	

08/09/24

Clerk's Report

The Parish Council's comments for planning appeal PA/2023/278 have been submitted.

The grant application was confirmed with Belton Playing Field Association.

Elan City and N Lincs Council have been contacted to progress the speed sign installation. The order has been placed for the new posts.

The shrubs and vegetation removal work in the cemetery will be done within the next couple of weeks.

The benches and noticeboards will hopefully be installed in the next couple of weeks.

The Public Rights of Way Officer has been contacted with regard to the damage done to footpath 25. They have contacted the Drainage Board who will now reinstate the surface. The council's contractor has been informed.

Work is nearly complete on the new website.

A submission has been made to Unity Trust bank to start the process of moving the council's bank accounts.

09/09/24

Financial Report

Cheque	Recipient	Purpose	Total
200656 and 200667	Staff Payroll	August Salaries	1140.15
200656	S Fritchley	Mileage	10.66
200658	HMRC	PAYE	178.74
200659	C Boyall	Home Office Allowance	26.00
200659	C Boyall	Postage	6.80
200659	C Boyall	Stationery	5.00
200660	PKF Littlejohn	External Annual Audit 2023 2024	378.00
200661	C Barry	Grass Cutting Closed Churchyard 12.7.24	145.55
200661	C Barry	Grass Cutting Cemetery	331.10
200662	Tunes	Plants	43.00
200663	CPRE	Annual Membership 24/25	36.00
200665/ 66	Yards Apart	Grass Cutting Cut 5 Verges and Open Spaces	1587.78
200667	Yards Apart	PROW extra length grass cut to be added to the contract	26.40
200668/ 69	Yards Apart	PROW Cut 3	1109.40
200670/ 71	Staff Payroll	September	1128.51
200670	S Fritchley	Mileage	4.68
200670	S Fritchley	Maintenance Supplies	3.79
200672	C Boyall	Mileage Aug and Sept	37.98
200672	C Boyall	Home Office Allowance	26.00

200673	HMRC	PAYE	178.94
200674/ 75	Yards Apart	Grass Cutting Cut 5 Verges and Open Spaces	1587.78
200676	C Barry	Grass Cutting Cemetery	331.10
200676	C Barry	Grass Cutting Closed Churchyard 2.8.24	145.55

The Clerk advised that HSBC has incorrectly credited the Royal British Legion with £2 extra on the cheque for the D Day wreath. The most cost effective decision for the council would be to resolve that this £2 is a donation.

Cllr Hellewell proposed to approve the financial reports, that the cheques be signed and to accept the Clerk's advice to donate £2 to the Royal British Legion seconded by Cllr Waller. All in favour.

It was **resolved** to approve the financial reports, that the cheques be signed and to accept the Clerk's advice to donate £2 to the Royal British Legion.

10/09/24

Annual Audit 2023/2024

Cllr Warwick proposed to note the external auditor's report and certificate and that there were no matters arising from this, seconded by Cllr Drury. All in favour.

It was **resolved** to note the external auditor's report and certificate and that there were no matters arising from this.

11/09/24

Planning Applications

Application No: PA/2024/410

Proposal: Outline planning application for the erection of four dwellings, with all matters reserved for subsequent consideration

Site Location: Wheatsheaf Hotel, 152 Westgate Road, Westgate, Belton, Doncaster, DN9 1QB

This planning application was dealt with under the Clerk's delegated powers due to time constraints. **Resolved:** Objection

The Parish Council's view has not changed since the last application. There is no enhancement to local services or infrastructure to support further development. There are already substantial issues with the volume of traffic on Westgate Road. There are environmental, historical and drainage concerns. The site lies outside of the development boundary and would have an adverse effect on the landscape.

Cllr Warwick proposed to note the objection under the Clerk's delegated powers, seconded by Cllr Hellewell. All in favour.#

It was **resolved** to note the objection under the Clerk's delegated powers.

12/09/24

Planning Permission Granted and Refused

Cllr Pickersgill proposed to note the granted and refused planning applications, seconded by Cllr Hellewell. All in favour.

It was **resolved** to note the granted and refused planning applications.

13/09/24	<p>Best Kept Village Cllr Cliff proposed to note the results of the competition, that Cllr Hellwell, Cllr Pickersgill and the handyperson attend the presentation and letters be sent to those properties mentioned in the results, seconded by Cllr Hellewell. All in favour.</p> <p>It was resolved to note the results of the competition, that Cllr Hellwell, Cllr Pickersgill and the handyperson attend the presentation and letters be sent to those properties mentioned in the results.</p>	
14/09/24	<p>Community Governance Review – Draft Recommendation The draft recommendations were discussed at length. Cllrs felt that there was no benefit to be gained from the reduction in the number of Cllrs. Cllrs give their time on a voluntary basis. The capacity to deliver projects for the parish may be limited if the numbers are reduced such as the Best kept Village competition. If any further opportunities were offered for devolved services the reduction would reduce the council’s ability to take on this work. The representation of the residents in a large parish would be severely affected. The Cllrs would like to know why this decision has been reached and whether a consultation with the town councils was done after their Cllr numbers were reduced some years ago. Ward Cllr Mitchell advised that a review had taken place.</p> <p>Cllr Warwick proposed that the Clerk formulate a response from the comments, seconded by Cllr Cliff. All in favour.</p> <p>It was resolved that the Clerk formulate a response from the comments.</p>	
15/09/24	<p>Cemetery The issues relating to the cemetery were discussed. The Clerk to arrange a meeting and another Cllr be present.</p>	
16/09/24	<p>Clerk Training Cllr Waller proposed that the Clerk attend Health and Safety training at a cost of £70, seconded by Cllr Hellewell. All in favour.</p> <p>It was resolved that the Clerk attend Health and Safety training at a cost of £70.</p>	
17/09/24	<p>ERNLLCA Being a Good Cllr Training Cllr Drury proposed that Cllr Pickersgill, Ulley and Clayton attend this training hosted by Epworth Town Council at a cost of £20 per Cllr, seconded by Cllr Hellewell. All in favour.</p> <p>It was resolved that Cllr Pickersgill, Ulley and Clayton attend this training hosted by Epworth Town Council at a cost of £20 per Cllr.</p>	
18/09/24	<p>Planting Cllr Hellwell proposed that Cllr Ulley purchase plants at a cost of £20, seconded by Cllr Warwick. All in favour.</p> <p>It was resolved that Cllr Ulley purchase plants at a cost of £20.</p>	
19/09/24	<p>Handyperson No additional work at the present time.</p>	

20/09/24	<p>War Memorial Cllr Cliff gave an update on the issues with the stone. The Conservation Officer has been contacted and has approved that 2 pieces of stone can be used. The War Memorial Trust has also approved this. Unfortunately, the issue has caused a delay and the work will not be completed for Remembrance Sunday. Work is now scheduled to start after this date but should be completed by Christmas. Cllr Cliff proposed to approve the use of 2 pieces of stone for the refurbishment of the War Memorial, seconded by Cllr Drury. All in favour.</p> <p>It was resolved to approve 2 pieces of stone for the refurbishment of the War Memorial.</p>	
22/09/24	<p>Correspondence CPRE Newsletter Live Well Isle of Axholme – Invitation to tour the centre. NATS – Newsletter N Lincs Council – Forthcoming Meetings</p> <p>Cllr Hellewell proposed to note the correspondence, seconded by Cllr Pickersgill. All in favour.</p> <p>It was resolved to note the correspondence.</p>	
23/09/24	<p>Date and Time of next meeting Tuesday 15 October 2024 at 7 pm at Belton Public Hall.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Vote to exclude the press and public due to an exemption as defined in paragraph 1 of part 1 of schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972, also in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1(2) due to the confidential nature of the items to be discussed.</p> <p>Ward Cllr Mitchell left the meeting.</p>	
24/09/24	<p>Belton Fields Land Cllr Drury proposed not to submit a tender bid, seconded by Cllr Warwick. All in favour.</p> <p>It was resolved not to submit a tender bid.</p> <p>Meeting finished at 8.10 pm</p>	