

BELTON PARISH COUNCIL
INCORPORATING SANDTOFT AND BELTOFT

These are the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of the Belton Parish Council held on Tuesday 21 January 2025 at Belton Public Hall.

In Attendance:

Councillors: Baker Cliff (Chair), P Clayton, S Cliff, L Drury, B Hellewell, D Morgan, R Padgett, L Pickersgill, S Taylor, G Ulley, J Warwick and Ward Cllr Mitchell

Clare Boyall Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

0 Members of the Public

	Item	Proposer
01/01/25	Public Participation Session None.	
02/01/25	Apologies Cllrs Addelee and Waller.	
03/12/24	Declarations of Interest None.	
04/01/25	Granting of Dispensations (Code of Conduct, 2012) None.	
05/01/25	Draft Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 17 December 2024 Cllr Ulley proposed that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 17 December 2024, seconded by Cllr Morgan. All in favour. It was resolved that minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 17 December 2024 be approved after the above amendment.	
06/01/25	Chairman's Items Cllr Baker Cliff advised Cllrs that Paula Watson who was a previous Cllr on Belton Parish Council has sadly passed away recently. Cllr Hellewell proposed that a letter of condolence be sent to her relatives, seconded by Cllr Ulley. All in favour. It was resolved that a letter of condolence be sent to her relatives.	
07/01/25	Ward Councillor Report Ward Cllr Mitchell advised that there are several roads in the Parish that are on the schedule to be re-surfaced. N Lincs Council have a new pothole repair machine which they are trialling. This will give a more permanent fix to potholes. Ward Cllr Mitchell requested that Cllrs report potholes via the online portal so that the data can be logged. The Government has set out plans to put reorganisation in place for unitary councils with a population of less than 500,000. N Lincs Council may well be one of those councils as their population is 150,000. The Greater Lincolnshire Authority will come into being in May. N Lincs Council will no longer be responsible for transport.	

All over 80s who applied for an air fryer have received one now. All other pensioners who applied will soon be receiving theirs.

08/01/25

Clerk’s Report

N Lincs Council have been contacted about the moles at Belton Kitchen and unfortunately, they do not deal with moles in this type of area. The council’s grass cutting contractor has been contacted and they do not think that these will be an issue for the grass cutting.

The grant applications have been submitted for both the VE and VJ grants.

We have received an apology from the officer at N Lincs Council regarding the planters. The original planters have degraded and therefore we have been offered 2 further planters as they are renewing the ones on the High Street in Scunthorpe. The officer has also offered to construct a new wooden planter by way of an apology.

The speed indicator devices have now been installed in Sandtoft and on Westgate Road. Although initially the device was installed facing the opposite way to what was agreed this has now been rectified.

The manhole at Sandtoft roundabout is yet again deteriorating. Ward Cllr Mitchell has been contacted.

The annual documentation for the grass cutting grant has just been requested. This will be on next month’s agenda as council need to resolve how to spend the last of the excess from the contract.

A resident has contacted the council regarding HGVs on Westgate Road as well as the road condition. Ward Cllr Mitchell has been contacted regarding this but the resident has been supplied with the link to report the HGVs to the Police on their online reporting tool.

09/01/25

Financial Report

Cheque	Recipient	Purpose	Total
200718and 200719	Staff Payroll	January Salaries	958.31
200720	C Boyall	Mileage	21.96
200720	C Boyall	Home Office Allowance	26.00
200720	C Boyall	Sweeping Brush Handyperson	11.00
200721	HMRC	PAYE	190.78
200722	Harold Woolgar Ins	Public Hall Insurance	855.20

Cllr Clayton proposed to approve the financial reports and that the cheques be signed, seconded by Cllr Pickersgill. All in favour

It was **resolved** to approve the financial reports and that the cheques be signed.

Cllr Padgett left the meeting room.

10/01/25
10.1

Planning Applications

Application No: PA/2024/1435

	<p>Proposal: Planning permission to erect proposed extension to existing dwelling and form a ground floor annex Site: Oak Tree Farm House, Belshaw Lane, Belton, DN9 1PF</p> <p>Cllr Drury proposed that no comment be made to the application, seconded by Cllr Hellewell. All in favour.</p> <p>It was resolved that no comment be made to the application.</p> <p>Cllr Padgett re-entered the meeting room.</p>	
10.2	<p>Application No: PA/2024/1446 Proposal: Application for approval of reserved matters (appearance, landscaping and scale) pursuant to outline planning permission PA/2021/1612 dated 11/02/2022 for the erection of four dwellings, garages and associated works Site: Land north of Grey Green Farm, Woodhouse Road, Woodhouse, Belton, DN9 1QQ</p> <p>Cllr Ulley proposed that no comment be made to the application, seconded by Cllr Drury. All in favour.</p> <p>It was resolved that no comment be made to the application.</p>	
11/01/25	<p>Planning Appeal This was discussed. This development would spoil the historic landscape. Cllr Hellewell proposed to reiterate the Parish Council's previous comments seconded by Cllr Clayton. All in favour.</p> <p>It was resolved to reiterate the Parish Council's previous comments.</p>	
12/01/25	<p>Planning Permission Granted and Refused Cllr Hellewell proposed to note the granted and refused planning applications, seconded by Cllr Clayton. All in favour.</p> <p>It was resolved to note the granted and refused planning applications.</p>	
13/01/25	<p>Budget and Precept 2025/2026 The budget and Precept for 2025/2026 were discussed at length. The amount requested by the Parish Council for the Precept has not increased for 2 years. Cllr Hellewell proposed to approve the budget and set the Precept for 2025/2026 at £40,767, seconded by Cllr Clayton. All in favour.</p> <p>It was resolved to approve the budget and set the Precept for 2025/2026 at £40,767.</p> <p>This is an increase of 3.5% for a Band D Property which equates to £1.09 increase per year.</p>	
14/01/25	<p>Public Hall Insurance Cllr Ulley proposed to approve the quotation and pay the Public Hall insurance, seconded by Cllr Pickersgill. All in favour.</p> <p>It was resolved to approve the quotation and pay the Public Hall insurance.</p>	

15/01/25	<p>Cemetery Fees The cemetery fees have not been reviewed for 2 years and are now below a significant amount of other burial authority fees. Cllr Drury proposed to increase the fees by 10% rounded up, seconded by Cllr Clayton. All in favour.</p> <p>It was resolved to increase the fees by 10% rounded up.</p>	
16/01/25	<p>Training Cllr Ulley proposed that Cllrs Baker Cliff, Padgett, Warwick and Morgan attend planning training at a cost of £20 per Cllr, seconded by Cllr Hellewell. All in favour.</p> <p>It was resolved proposed that Cllrs Baker Cliff, Padgett, Warwick and Morgan attend planning training at a cost of £20 per Cllr.</p>	
17/01/25	<p>Enforcement Ward Cllr Mitchell gave an update on the unlawful development opposite Belton Kitchen. The appeal against enforcement has not been decided yet and therefore no further action can be taken until this is decided. Rubble and debris have appeared on site now. Clerk to report this to Environmental Protection.</p> <p>A chalet has appeared on a property in Woodhouse. The location of this was discussed. Cllr Baker Cliff will supply the Clerk with the location so that this can be reported.</p>	
18/01/25	<p>Handyperson Long branches affecting the new bench in Sandtoft to be trimmed back.</p>	
19/01/25	<p>War Memorial Cllr Cliff has received a reply from the War Memorial Trust. They have given an extension until 31 March 2025. However, Cllr Cliff has been advised that the work start date has been put back again until the beginning of March. He has written to them to advise them that work must start then without any more delays as the grant may be lost.</p>	
20/01/25	<p>Correspondence to Note N Lincs Council – Forthcoming Meetings Cllr J Whittaker – Community Governance Review Democratic Services – Strengthening Standards Belton Village Christmas Lights – Christmas Lights CPRE – Newsletter NATS – Police Funding Survey NATS – January Newsletter</p> <p>Cllr Drury proposed to note the correspondence, seconded by Cllr Clayton. All in favour.</p> <p>It was resolved to note the correspondence.</p>	
21/01/25	<p>Date and Time of next meeting Tuesday 18 February 2025 at 7 pm at Belton Public Hall. Noted.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 7.58 pm.</p>	