

**Minutes of Belmont Parish Council Meeting on Thursday 3rd March 2016 at
6.30pm In Belmont Community Centre.**

Present: Chairman Councillor D. J. Southwell, Vice-Chair Councillor R. Murphy, Councillors T. Charlton, P. Conway, K. Corrigan, B. Howarth, S. Inglis J. Knight, E. Mavin, L. Mavin, B. Muylaert and A.C. Walker.

Also Present: Shirley Overton (Clerical Assistant)
Community Warden Belinda Snow,
PCSO R.Raymond, PCSO A.Hodgson
Members of the Public (4)
Tim Boyd General Manager for Ramside Hall Estates.

15.172 To Receive Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillors
J. Corrigan, G. Robinson-Lundy and D. Waggott.

15.173 To Receive Declarations of Interest

Members Please Note:- this is a standard item. If Members are aware of a personal or prejudicial interest in relation to any item on the Agenda this should be disclosed at this stage or when the interest becomes apparent during the consideration of an item in accordance with the Code of Conduct for Members. This item is linked to your Declaration of Members Interest forms please consult these forms when reading these notes on agenda items to ensure compliance with this item.

Councillor P.Conway declared an interest in Planning.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders

15.174 To Receive Miscellaneous Reports

Tim Boyd General Manager of Ramside Hall Estates gave a report regarding the community use of 106 monies following on from his previous meeting with Councillors J. Knight and E. Mavin. Additional people attending the meeting were Councillors T. Charlton, K.Corrigan and resident K.Holroyd. It was agreed to offer golfing lessons, community meetings, toddler groups swimming within the parish area and other parishes.

Vice-Chair Councillor R. Murphy to put information on the parish website for information purposes.

(a) Police

A full and comprehensive report was given by the police.

(b) Community Warden

A full and comprehensive report was given by the Community Warden. With regards to dog fouling in the area, it is difficult to catch an offender, although there are frequent patrols throughout the day, wardens need to know specific times, location, type of dog, owner details in order for them to send someone to take action i.e. fines.

It was reported that there were now new signs for dog fouling, which light up

on an evening, although expensive the Warden was going to approach Durham County Council for financial assistance.

A resident raised concerns of reduced street lighting in Broome Road resulting in poor driving conditions. The resident gave her contact details to County Councillor P. Conway who would look into the matter.

A resident raised concerns regarding the junction at Barclays Bank, Carrville saying it was difficult getting out. It was agreed for County Councillors to meet with Highways Officers regarding the matter.

A resident raised concerns of street lighting in Ashdown Avenue, it was reported that the matter was being dealt with.

The Chairman Councillor D.J. Southwell thanked Belinda for all her hard work. The Vice-Chairman Councillor R. Murphy thanked the Community Warden for organizing the litter pick on Renny's Lane.

(c) **Members of the Public**

A resident raised concerns regarding anti-social behaviour near Belgravia House with regards to anti-social behaviour concerning drug abuse and illegal selling, the matter was reported to the Police by the resident but there has been no further update

A resident raised concerns regarding youngsters speeding on quad bikes along a popular country path regularly used by rambblers and dog walkers along Rennys Lane

A resident raised concerns regarding the closure of Durham Light Infantry Museum. Durham County Councillor P. Conway reported that the building was closing at the end of the month, A special exhibition will be held on Palace Green, larger items will be displayed at Spennymoor and archives will be held in Durham Records.Office.

A resident raised concerns regarding the high volume of litter at the spaghetti junction leading into the A692, dog fouling in the area, anti-social behaviour in the carpark near the woods and also a damaged bus shelter.

The Chairman re-imposed Standing Orders

15.175 To Consider and Make Comment on Planning Matters*

Obtained from Durham County Council Planning Department for February 2016. *

Coucillor Howarth commented on current planning applications with reference to DCC Planning List for February 2016 and Delegated Outcomes for February 2016 drawing attention to related Parish Council action regarding:

Application DM/15/03186/FPA: A690 Specialist Cars Ltd. Belmont Bridge Carrville, Durham. Extension of garage to form workshop.

A revised application was submitted compensating for parking loss by encompassing grass verge, subject to legal decision. A boundary wall has been proposed to separate premises from A690.

APPLICATION APPROVED

Application DM/14/02912/OUT: 120 dwellings off Mill Lane, Sherburn Village. Letter of objection sent due to concern about additional strain on shared medical facilities.

APPLICATION REFUSED – APPEAL PENDING.

Resubmission Application DM/16/00400/OUT: seemingly same as the above. Agreed a letter of objection be sent with objections as made to previous application, adding reference to need for adequate chemist shop provision.

Application DM/16/00018/FPA: Land South of New Ferens Park, Belmont Industrial Estate. New diagnostics and treatment centre.

A letter as agreed at the February meeting has been sent, emphasising need for landscaping and ecological safeguarding and stressing need for protection of trees with Tree Preservation Orders.

Pending Committee decision

Application DM/16/00026/FPA: 107a High Street Carrville. Change of use from B2 to a mixed class use retail A1 and A3 Restaurant/café. A letter as agreed at the February meeting has been sent, asking for refusal on grounds of lack of parking and the effect on resident amenity and other local businesses.

Pending DCC Committee decision on Tuesday 8th March – it was agreed that Cllr D J Southwell should speak at this meeting.

FOR INFORMATION - PLEASE NOTE

Application DM/15/00355/VOC: Variation of condition 2 of approval CE/13/00849/FPA Renny's Court, Gilesgate Moor for Studio US Ltd.

APPLICATION APPROVED BUT NOTICE NOT YET POSTED AS AWAITING AMENDMENT OF CONDITIONS.

The Chairman re-imposed Standing Orders.

15.176 To Confirm and Sign as a Correct Record Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 4th February 2016

Minutes attached. *

Received and Agreed.

15.177 To Receive Matters Arising from the Minutes not on the Agenda

Received and Agreed

15.178 To Receive Matters of Information, Clerk's Report, Correspondence Tabled Items – For Information *

(a) Letters/E-mails sent, received:

- (1) Donation sent to Great North East Air Ambulance for £45.60 from sales of calendars.
- (2) Donation of £50.00 posted to Children's Foundation (Reg Charity No. 1000013)
- (3) E-mail received from a resident regarding bridleway at Kenny Place.
- (4) E-mail received from Stephen Ragg, County Durham Association of Local Councils, regarding the Community Safety Fund 2016 sent on behalf of the Police and Crime Commissioners office which is now available for groups to apply
- (5) Letter received from Peter Lee regarding Beautiful Durham 2016 competition – sponsorship.
- (6) Letter from Ken Herbert regarding his daughter's accident in Poplar Road Swing Park.
- (7) Letter received from Durham County Council Planning Department regarding proposed change of use from B2 to a mixed class use retail A1 and restaurant/café
A3 107 A High Street, Carrville, DURHAM DH1 1BQ. A committee meeting will
be held **on 8th March 2016 at 1.00 in the Council Chamber, County Hall, DURHAM DH1 5UL** anyone wishing to address the committee must register their interest to speak no
later than 12.00 noon the day before committee – contact **Laura Eden 03000263980**
- (8) Invitation from the Right Worshipful The Mayor of Durham, Councillor Jan Blakey inviting the Chairman Councillor D.J. Southwell and his partner to attend the Civic Dinner on Friday 29th April 2016 in the Town Hall, Durham R.S.V.P. BY 1ST April 2016.
- (9) Letter received from a resident regarding Planning Application DM/16/00400/OUT – Land East of Mill Lane, Sherburn village for 120 homes, asking Belmont Parish Council to object again to the application.
- (10) Thank you letter from the Children's Foundation (Reg Charity No. 1000013)
- (11) An order form from Tower Mint Ltd regarding HM Queen Elizabeth 2nd 90th birthday commemorative medal for schools and councils.
- (12) P3 form has been sent to Mike Ogden.
- (13) Letter sent to E. Malarkey North East Site Maintenance regarding P3 form.
- (14) E-Mail received from Steven Galloway regarding Temporary Footpath Closure Order between Renny's Lane and Shepherds Court/Sunderland Road, Gilesgate.
- (15) E-Mail received from a resident regarding quad bikes along the country footpath that leads to Rennys Lane.

(b) Correspondence Tabled Items

- (1) Grass Roots (Community News)
- (2) Clerks Magazine

Received and Agreed.

15.179 To Consider Risk Management in relation to Items on the Agenda

Members please note: - this is a standard item. Risk Management has been considered when compiling these notes for September 2014 meeting and has been incorporated

into reports and presented to Members.

15.180 To Consider and Make Comment on Financial Matters*

Finance documents outlining Receipts and Payment of Accounts during the month of February 2016.

- (a) **To Receive receipts and payments of Accounts during the month of February 2016**
To Receive Bank Reconciliation to the end of the Month February 2016

Agreed.

- (b) **To Consider Donation Requests during the month of February 2016**

(1) Beautiful Durham 2016 – sponsorship request.

Agreed. £50.00

- (c) **Membership and Subscriptions during the month of February 2016**
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15.181 To Consider and Make Comment on Cemetery Reports*

- (a) **To Receive the report of Burials during the month of February 2016**
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- (b) **To Receive the report of Grave & Ashes Purchases during the month of February 2016**

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| Fisher | CS 12 | grave purchase |
| Dunning | 0 15 | grave purchase |
| Thurlwell | JJ 10 | grave purchase |
| Jackson | 6a | Ashes purchase |

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- (c) **To Consider Memorial Erection and Additional Inscription during the month of February 2016**

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| - E.M.Shotton | HH 4 | Cleveland Monumental |
| Grieveson | Q 5 | Scott Memorials |

(2)

- d) **Ashes interred in Burial Plots during the month of February 2016**

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Agreed.

15.182 Grant Award Durham County Council

Councillor Muylaert is arranging a meeting with Durham County Council regarding the Grant Award with the purpose of reinstating two rose beds outside Belmont Community Centre. Belmont Community Association will be informed of progress in this matter as soon as information is available.

15.183 Website

No further information or updates received from Durham County Council re transfer of parish website or purchase of Service Level Agreement

15.184 Belmont War Memorial

Historic England has approached the Parish Council in regards to assessing whether Belmont War Memorial has special architectural or historic interest. Friends of Belmont War Memorial were all happy to support this and await further updates.

15.185 Personnel meeting

A meeting was held on Monday 15th February 2016. * see attached notes.

15.186 Parish Clerk

The position of Parish Clerk will be held by Mrs.S. Overton as discussed at the Personnel and Training Advisory Panel. held on Monday February 15th 2016

15.187 Grant Application Tesco

It was reported that the bid for the Grant Application by Tesco had unfortunately been unsuccessful at this current time.

Agreed: That the Parish Council finance the repairs to the three play parks, Poplar Road, Moorfield and Cheveley Park and that the order be submitted as soon as possible.

15.188 Sale of Broomside land

It was reported that that the cheque from the sale of Broomside Land had now been cashed although there was no copy of the Contract received so far.

15.189 To Receive Working Party Reports.

(a) Asset Task Group

No meeting held this month.

(b) Cemetery Working Party

A meeting was held on the 9th February – see attached notes*

(c) Finance Working Party

No meeting held this month.

(d) Friends of Belmont Scrambles Group Information

A report has been received from Ken Neat (Friends of Belmont Scrambles) – see

attached. *

Mr. K. Neat (Friends of Belmont Scrambles) and Councillor B. Howarth to approach the Community Warden Belinda Snow with regards to planings on two sites, Coniston Close and the Kissing Gate along Rennys Lane.

(e) **Parish Newsletter**

No meeting held this month – received and being delivered.

(f) **Personnel & Training Advisory Panel**

A meeting was held on Monday 15th February 2016. * see attached notes

(g) **Planning Committee**

No meeting held this month.

(h) **Planting Scheme Working Party**

A meeting was held on Monday 29th February 2016. * see attached notes

(I) **Playground Development Committee information**

No meeting held this month.

(J) **Area Action Partnership (AAP)**

Nothing to report.

(k) **National Association of Local Councils (NALC)**

Nothing to report.

15.190 To Receive Reports from Ward Councillors

Belmont Ward

A concern was raised regarding Cheveley Park Primary School trees which overhang the back lane of Broomside Lane. Councillor Howarth reported that work has been done on the lower limbs of the trees by Durham County Council, but asked that enquiry to be made, via Durham County Council Tree Section, on whether more work is necessary.

Councillor E. Mavin raised concerns about rear of Broomside Lane resurfacing from houses starting at 88 down over to the last house on Broomside Lane just before the railway bridge.

A concern was raised over speeding from Broomside Lane to Pittington Road, historically there used to be road markings there to slow traffic down coming onto Broomside Lane from Pittington.

Carrville

Councillor T. Charlton reported on the amount of cigarette ends outside Ballantynes Health Club.

Gilesgate Moor

Concerns were raised over refuse bins and recycling boxes being strewn across pavements after emptying on collection day. Durham County Councillor said it was the responsibility of the residents to put the bins back onto their property after bins had been emptied.

- . Councillor Inglis raised concerns of a footpath becoming obstructed whilst repairs were made to overhead telephone cables by Contractors. County Councillor P. Conway reported that complaints had been logged regarding this matter and action had been taken.

15.191 Any Other Items of Interest to Note or for Inclusion on the next Agenda.
Date and time of next Meeting –Thursday 7th April 2016 at 6.30p.m to be held at Belmont Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Chairmans signature _____