

**Minutes of Belmont Parish Council to be held in Belmont Community Centre on
Thursday 7th July 2016 at 6.30 pm**

Present: Chairman D.J. Southwell, Vice-Chair R. Murphy, Councillors T. Charlton, J. Knight, B. Howarth, S. Inglis and A.C. Walker

Also Present: Mrs.S. Overton Parish Clerk.

Members of the Public (4)

PCSO Robin Raymond

16.46 To Receive Apologies for Absence.

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

16.47 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.

Declarations of Interest were received from Councillor K. Corrigan (Planning)

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders.

16.48 To Receive Miscellaneous Reports

(a) Police.

PCSO Robin Raymond praised Mr. Robin Chapman for his involvement and hard work as a Neighbourhood Warden and also thanked Belmont Parish Council with regards to reporting crime in the parish. A Police report will be e-mailed to the Parish Office for information purposes which will then be forwarded to all councillors and also put on the Parish website.

For information purposes the boxing should be starting in September in Belmont Community Centre

With regards to the Remembrance Service Road Closure Order for Sunday 13th November 2016 the whole road would have to be closed which would cause problems. The Chairman Councillor D.J. Southwell asked the Police if it could be policed and report back to the Parish Office.

(b) Community Warden.

There was no Community Warden present.

(c) Members of the Public.

Mr. Robin Chapman a member of the local Neighbourhood Watch gave a report from a recent Police Conference he had attended. High Grange Estate was highlighted as a hot spot for burglary in the area due to easy access to properties from the outskirts of the estate and also poor street lighting. Chairman D.J. Southwell requested that a strategic list was done by the resident with advice for crime prevention measures and sent to the Parish Office for information purposes.

A resident from the High Grange Estate raised a concern regarding double parked lorries blocking the pavement on the entrance to Willowtree Avenue from Belmont Road. The resident had rung the Police helpline 101, who sent an officer out but unfortunately didn't do anything. The Chairman D.J.

Southwell requested that the concern is passed to Dave Coxon (Durham Police).

A resident raised a concern of a Gabion Wall at Magdalene Gardens where Avant Development are building which is not secure. The foundations are not reinforced and are inadequate in his opinion, the sewer has now collapsed. Councillor B. Howarth said the County Councillors are aware of the problem and a section of the wall has been removed and will be reinstated. The Chairman will arrange a meeting with the Head of Avant Homes, County Councillors B. Moir, P. Conway, K. Corrigan and one resident to attend. The information from the meeting to be forwarded to the Parish Office and then forwarded to all members.

A resident raised a concern of a garden bin which hadn't been emptied because it contained soil in it, he had contacted the relevant department but nothing has been done to date. Councillor D.J. Southwell explained the process regarding the Garden Bins to the resident.

The Chairman re-imposed Standing Orders.

16.49 To Consider and Make Comment on Planning Matters*.

Obtained from Durham County Council Planning Department for June 2016

Councillor B. Howarth commented briefly on current planning applications with reference to Durham County Council Weekly Planning List for June 2016 and Delegated Outcomes for June 2016. There had been no Parish Council action with regard to any applications listed.

PLEASE NOTE Discussion of:

a) Magdalene Gardens/Avant Development at Willowtree Avenue, Gilesgate Moor

Information given regarding the construction and stability of the 'gabion wall' and discussion of the exchange of emails between Durham County Council Highways Officer and concerned resident.

AGREED - that the Chairman should contact the developer and invite resident to any meeting arranged and communicate progress to Durham County Council officers, County Councillors and Parish Council.

b) NOTIFICATION OF INQUIRY at 10.00 on 19 July 2016 at Sherburn Village W. M. Club. regarding :-

Application DM/14/02912/OUT: 120 dwellings off Mill Lane, Sherburn Village.
Letter of objection sent by Belmont Parish Council and Durham County Council Planning Committee representation due to concern about additional strain on shared medical facilities.
REFUSED

(N.B. 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. MINDED TO APPROVE)

Councillor D.J. Southwell expressed an interest in attending to reinforce our objection and this was AGREED.

c) CONSULTATION of Parish Council by Durham County Council Regeneration and Economic Development – Assets: regarding a request to purchase land adjacent to 7 Eskdale Close, Belmont, to be used as domestic garden land.

AGREED – that reservation be expressed about a mature ash tree in the centre of the plot and request made that Durham County Council Arboriculture should be consulted before a decision is made.

d) TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE at Renny's Lane, Gilesgate Moor during construction of student accommodation (approx. 60weeks).

Information given regarding repositioning of bollards and access to development.

16.50 To Confirm and Sign as a Correct Record Minutes of the Meeting of Belmont Parish Council held on Thursday 2nd June 2016. Minutes attached *.

16.51 To Receive Matters Arising from the Minutes not on the Agenda.

16.25 There have been no planings received for the Scrambles to date.

16.38 The Feasibility Study for the 20m.p.h. speed limit has now been paid at a cost of £3000.00.

16.40 The dimensions of the coal tub regarding installation on the land adjacent to the Shell Petrol Station have now been forwarded to County Councillor P. Conway for County Council consent. Councillor E. Mavin has been in touch with Gilesgate builders.

16.43 (i) Work is due to commence the week beginning the 11th July in Cheveley Park Play Area.

16.44 The pot-holes at Wantage Road, Carrville have now been repaired by Durham County Council.

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

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

1. Letter to Morrison Busty regarding plant order.

2. Letter to Ian Raine – Senior Engineer- Asset Management regarding the proposed Stopping Up of Highway at Land to the North of Willowtree Avenue, Gilesgate, County Durham DHI 1DZ stating that Belmont Parish Council have no objection to the Stopping Up request.

3. E-Mail received from a resident with regards to Street Life Durham University Open Day affecting the Belmont Park and Ride. The main carpark was cordoned off leaving no accessible disabled spaces for users and a similar event was going to be held the following weekend. The matter was reported to Durham County Council and dealt with immediately.

(b) Correspondence Tabled Items

1. Clerks and Councils Direct July 2016 issue.
2. National Association of Local Councils newsletter
3. Campaign to protect Rural England Summer 2016

Received and Agreed.

16.53 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 the July 2016 meeting and has been incorporated into reports and presented to Members

Received.

16.54 To Consider Financial Matters*.

Bank reconciliation to end of June 2016.
Budget Summary for April/May/ June 2016.

(a) To Receive receipts and payments of Accounts during the month of June 2016

(b) To Consider Donation Requests during the month of June 2016

Donation request for Veterans at Ease (Mayors Appeal) £50 **Agreed**
Belmont Baby and Toddler Group £50 **Agreed**

(c) Membership and Subscriptions during the month of June 2016

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16.55 To Consider and Make Comment on Cemetery Reports*.

(a) To Receive the report of Burials during the month of June 2016

Florence Cooper	CC 15	Stuart Wright Funeral Services
	Section A	

(b) To Receive the report of Grave & Ashes Purchases during the month of June 2016

Peter Walter Allott	N 14	New double
	Section C	

(c) To Consider Memorial Erection and Additional Inscription Applications during the month of June 2016

A.J. Callender	NN 6	Scott Memorials
Charles Gauden Wayper	Y 45	Scott Memorials
Vera. Simpson	T 17	Scott Memorials

(d) Ashes interred in Burial Plots during the month of June 2016

Eric G. Carter	U 27 Section S Re-open	Sherburn Hill Funeral Services
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Received and Agreed.

16.56 Medium Term Financial Planning 2016/2019

The main discussion was reserves for :-

1. Robing Room.
2. Bowling Club Pavilion.
3. Monies to carry out if successful after Feasibility Study 20 m.p.h. from Gilesgate roundabout to Carrville roundabout.

16.57 106 Monies

Public Art

Suggestions are welcome from sub committees and also to work in partnership totally with Durham County Councillors.

Councillor Howarth suggested that the mural on the State Bowl in Moorfield be repainted. and was asked to forward the suggestion to the three County Councillors.

Open Spaces

The planting of wild flowers on the Carrville roundabout was suggested by the Planting Scheme Working Party.

Improvements to the play areas were suggested by Councillor E. Mavin who was advised to put a claim in for actual quotes which could be held up to a period of twelve months.

16.58 Road Traffic Closure Order.

With regards to the Road Traffic Closure Order for the Remembrance Sunday Service to be held on Sunday 13th November 2016 it was agreed to contact the Police to propose an alternate solution to closing off the road.

16.59 B.M.X. Track (Mark Rodgers)

Mr Mark Rodgers did not attend the meeting.

16.60 Senior Citizens Summer Show.

It was reported that transport was needed for a resident in a wheelchair.

Agreed: To arrange for a taxi with wheelchair access to take the resident to and from the show. The cost to be provided by the Parish Council.

It was reported that arrangements regarding transport, attendance list and dietary requirements were now all arranged.

It was agreed for Councillor B. Howarth to make up a hamper for the raffle up to a total of £25.00.

16.61 Office Risk Assessment

The updated Office Risk Assessment June 2016 has been forwarded to all Councillors and is also on display in the Parish Office for information purposes.

Received and Agreed

16.62 To Receive Working Party Reports.

(a) Asset Task Group

No meeting held this month.

(b) Cemetery Working Party

A site meeting was held on Wednesday 22nd June 2016. * see attached notes.

The Rules and Regulations of the Cemetery to be forwarded to Councillor R. Murphy to put on the Parish Website for information.

(c) Finance Working Party

No meeting held this month.

(d) Friends of Belmont Scrambles Group Information

A concern of scrub pushing peoples fences over in Birkdale Gardens was raised.

Agreed: To go back in October to do a survey with Belmont Ward Councillors to see which way to go forward.

(e) Parish Newsletter

No meeting held this month.

(f) Personnel & Training Advisory Panel

No meeting held this month.

(g) Planning Committee

No meeting held this month.

(h) Planting Scheme Working Party

A meeting was held on Monday 13th June 2016 at 9.30 am * see attached notes.

The costing for the Winter/ Spring Plants was agreed by Full Council.

(i) Playground Development Committee

No meeting held this month.

(j) Area Action Partnership

Councillor J. Knight to forward a report to the Parish Office for information purposes.

(k) National Association of Local Councils.

No report

16.63 To Receive Reports from Ward Councillors.

Belmont Ward

The grass verges have now been cut at Chevely Park shops.

The rubbish near the railway embankment has now been cleared by Network Rail.

The fence at the railway embankment has been logged as a concern a site meeting to be arranged in the future.

Carrville

Nothing to report.

Gilesgate Moor.

Nothing to report.

16.64 Any Other Business, Date of Next Meeting Thursday 1st September 2016

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

Chairman D.J.Southwell -----