

Minutes of Belmont Parish Council held on Thursday 5th November 2020

DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS THERE WILL BE NO ACTUAL PHYSICAL MEETING TAKING PLACE

20.96 To Receive Apologies for Absence.

Received.

20.97 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.

Received.

20.98 To Receive Miscellaneous Reports.

(a) Police.

A report to be forwarded to all Councillors when received.

(b) Community Warden.

No report has been received

20.99 To Consider and make Comment on Planning Matters*.

A list of of Weekly Planning Applications and Countywide Delegated for the month of October was e-mailed to members for information.

The Chairman of the Planning Committee gave a report to members– see attached*.

Received and Agreed.

20.100 To Confirm and sign as a correct record of the Minutes of the meeting of Belmont Parish Council held on 1st October - Minutes attached *.

Agreed.

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

There were no Matters Arising.

20.102 To Receive Matters of Information, Clerk's Report, Correspondence Tabled Items – for information.

1. A thank you letter has been received from the Great North Air Ambulance regarding our recent donation.

2. The Scrambles meadow has now been cut.

3. Belmont did extremely well in this years Beautiful Durham Competition all results can be found on the Parish Website and latest edition of the Parish Newsletter.

4. Belmont Library will be closed for essential structural repairs from Saturday 31st October to Saturday 5th December and will re-open on Monday 7th December.

5. A response was submitted to the Government and County Durham Association of Local Councils (CDALC) regarding PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE - Government White Paper 2020.
6. For information S 106 Application for Belmont Scrambles improvement works has been submitted to Durham County Council.

Received.

20.103 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 November meeting and has been incorporated into reports and presented to members.

Received.

20.104 To Consider Financial Matters*

(a) To Receive Receipts and Payments during the month of October 2020 – see attached*

Received and Agreed.

(b) To Receive Bank reconciliation during the month of October 2020 – see attached*

Received and Agreed.

(c) To Consider Donation requests during the month of October 2020 – see attached*
Durham Cathedral - £50.00
(1)

Received and Agreed.

20.105 To Consider and make Comment on Cemetery Reports.

(a) To Receive the report of burials during the months of October 2020
(1)

Received and Agreed.

(b) To Receive the report of Grave & Ashes Purchases during the month of October 2020
(5)

Received and Agreed.

(c) To Consider Memorial Erection and Additional Inscription Applications during the month of October 2020
(1)

Received and Agreed.

(d) Ashes interred in Burial Plots during the month of October 2020
(0)

Received and Agreed.

20.106 To Approve Pavilion Shutters.

Due to ongoing antisocial behaviour issues at Moorfield sports pavillion, the Chairman is looking for approval from Councillors.

Approved and Agreed.

20.107 To Approve Grant for labour and costings of plants to coal tub near Shell Garage Carrville.

The Chairman looked to Councillors for approval for Grant of £600.00 to a resident towards labour and costings for his recent work on the shrub bed near the Shell Garage, Carrville.

Approved and Agreed.

20.108 To Receive Working Party Reports.

(a) Appeals Committee

No meeting was held this month.

(b) Asset Task Group

No meeting was held this month.

(c) Cemetery Working Party

No meeting was held this month.

(d) Christmas Tree Working Party.

No meeting was held this month.

(e) Complaints Procedure Committee

No meeting was held this month.

(f) Finance Working Party

No meeting was held this month.

(g) Friends of Belmont Scrambles

A report from Friends of Belmont Scrambles has been received – see attached*

(h) Parish Newsletter Working Party

No meeting was held this month.

(I) Personnel and Training Advisory Panel

No meeting was held this month.

(j) Planning Committee

A planning meeting was held on Thursday 8th October 2020 at 6.00 pm in Belmont Community Centre – see attached notes*

(k) Planting Scheme Working Party

The Chairman of the Planting Scheme Working Party gave a report update for the month of October - see attached notes*

(l) Playground Development Committee

No meeting was held this month.

Repair work to damaged play equipment in Cheveley Park Play area will begin on Wednesday 11th November 2020

(m) Public Arts Group

A Public Arts Working Party meeting was held on Friday 30th October 2020 at 9:30am in Belmont Community Centre – see attached notes*

(n) Area Action Partnership (AAP)

No report received.

(o) National Association of Local Councils (NALC)

No report received.

20.109 To Receive reports from Ward Councillors.

Belmont

A concern was raised regarding cold callers knocking on residents doors wearing High Viz jackets with a 0800 repair number displayed on the back. They were reportedly handing out flyers for replacement and installation of boilers. A concerned resident contacted Durham County Council who said they had no employees doing that, the police have also been made aware of this issue and will monitor the situation.

Carrville

The shrub bed near the Shell Garage at Carrville has been re-vamped by Councillor MW and other helpers the update has received positive comments.

A recent request made to Durham County Council for general updating and maintenance of two shrub beds on Grange Road has now been resolved.

Gilesgate Moor

Following recent issues with cars parking on the grass verge at the front of Belmont Community Centre appropriate signage has now been approved by Durham County Council to alleviate the problem.

A site visit was held on the 22nd October to discuss several issues regarding antisocial behaviour from youths gathering in an unlit passageway from School View down the back of Willowtree Avenue, intimidating residents – see attached report*

20.110 Council business (any item which has been brought to the attention of the Chairman for discussion during the meeting for approval or otherwise)

20.111 Date of next meeting Thursday 3rd December 2020