

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 10th February 2022 in Belmont Community School, Performing Arts Block at 6.30 pm

Present: Chairman, Councillor E.S. Mavin, Vice-Chair Mrs C.A. Fletcher, Councillors M.P. Bennett, Mrs P.J. Conway, P.S. Conway, Mrs V. Hawes, J. Knight, Mrs C.A. Lattin, Mrs L. Mavin, Mrs K. Noble, M. Watson, A.C. Walker and S.C. White.

Also Present: Parish Clerk, Mrs S. Overton, Mr R. Hornby, Gilesgate Residents Association (GRA)

Members of the public (1)

21.154 To Receive Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillor A.P. Watkins.

RECEIVED.

21.155 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.

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

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The Chairman suspended Standing Orders.

21.156 To Receive Miscellaneous Reports.

(a) Police.

A report was received from the police and circulated to Councillors.

(b) Community Warden.

There was no Community Warden present.

(c) Members of The Public.

A member of the public gave an overview regarding a project she is currently working on regarding an indoor Skapark and enquired whether Belmont Parish Council would benefit from one. The Chairman thanked her for attending the meeting and advised that Durham County Council Regeneration Team would be the best option to seek advice.

A concern was raised regarding car owners parking on yellow lines at Cheveley Park Shops.

AGREED: the police to be made aware of the issues and request if they could patrol the area and issue parking tickets to those concerned.

The member of public left the meeting.

The Chairman re-imposed Standing Orders

- 21.157 To Consider and make Comment on Planning Matters*.
Councillor P.S. Conway gave a report on Weekly Planning Applications for the month of January 2022.
AGREED.
- 21.158 To Confirm and sign as a correct record of the Minutes of the meeting of Belmont Parish Council held on 13th January 2022 – Minutes attached*
AGREED.
- 21.159 To Receive Matters of Information, Clerk’s Report, Correspondence Tabled Items – for information.
(a) Belmont Allotments thanked the Parish Council for their support over the past year.

(b) Election invoice has been received from Durham County Council.

(c) A request has been received from one of the Community Centre Groups requesting if they would be allowed to display a banner outside the Community Centre building advertising their group.
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- 21.160 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 February meeting and has been incorporated into reports and presented to members.
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- 21.161 To Consider Financial Matters*
(a) To Receive Receipts and Payments during the month of January 2022
see attached*
RECEIVED AND AGREED.

(b) To Receive Bank reconciliation during the month of January 2022–
see attached*
RECEIVED AND AGREED.

(c) To Consider Donation requests during the month of September 2021
see attached*
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- 21.162 To Discuss report from Councillor P.S. Conway regarding adopting a Neighbourhood Plan.
Councillor Conway gave a detailed report to councillors outlining the preparation and implications for the Council with regards to adopting a Neighbourhood Plan.
Councillor P.S. Conway recommended the Parish Council invite an officer from the Spatial Policy Planning Team (Durham County Council) to a Special Meeting to discuss Neighbourhood Planning. RH from Gilesgate Residents Association expressed a wish to to work with Belmont Parish Council and attend the meeting.
AGREED: Councillor Conway was thanked for his excellent report.

21.163 To Discuss Public Awards Nominations.

A discussion took place regarding ways in which the Parish Council could accredit individuals of the parish who do significant voluntary work.

AGREED: to discuss proposal at a later date.

21.164 To Approve Grant for Friends of Kepier Woods.

In recognition of the valuable work undertaken by the Friends of Kepier Woods the following was agreed by councillors.

APPROVED. £500.00

21.165 To Receive Committee Reports.

- Communications Committee

The Chair of the Communications Committee gave a report to Councillors.

Environment Committee

The Chair of the Environment Committee gave a report to Councillors which included the following actions: -

(a) Flower tub request

A request was made for two flower tubs to be placed on either side of the memorial bench made of plastic or wood.

AGREED: for the tubs to be made out of wood in keeping with the environment..
UNANIMOUS.

(b) Terms of reference for newly formed Climate Emergency Working Party.

APPROVED AND AGREED.

(c) Friends of Belmont Scrambles

Friends of Belmont Scrambles seek approval for the felling of three large trees to create more space for future planting and encourage growth for nearby oak trees.

The proposal to be funded by the Friends of Belmont Scrambles.
AGREED.

Finance & Assets Committee

The Chair of the Finance & Assets Committee gave a report to Councillors.
AGREED.

Planning Committee

This was discussed under Planning Matters.
AGREED.

21.166 To Receive reports from Ward Councillors

Carrville

A concern was raised regarding issues with litter and fly tipping involving a property in Bainbridge Street, the Police are aware of the problem.

A concern was raised regarding dog fouling issues behind the Working Mens Club at Carrsway, Carrville. A request for dog fouling stencils to be put on the pavement, the

matter to be reported to Durham County Council. A concern was raised regarding litter and dog fouling issues near Carrsway, Carrville. A request for dog fouling stencils to be put on the pavement to be forwarded to Durham County Council.

A concern was raised regarding the egress from Ramside View where vehicles are reportedly exiting the motorway speeding, the matter to be reported to Durham County Council.

Belmont

It was reported there was still one light out in Rennys Lane underpass as well as graffiti issues, the matter to be reported to Durham County Council.

A concern was raised regarding anti-social behaviour from youths gathering in the bushes at Rennys Lane underpass allegedly taking drugs, the matter to be reported to Durham County Council.

A concern was raised regarding graffiti on the Motorway fence, the matter to be reported to Durham County Council

A concern was raised regarding problems with litter allegedly from nearby takeaways, the Neighbourhood Wardens to be made aware of the issue.

Gilesgate Moor

A concern was raised by a resident affected by loud music being played by their next door neighbour the matter to be reported to the Neighbourhood Warden.

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

21.168 Date of next meeting Thursday 10th March 2021.
The meeting closed at 8.45 pm