

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14th April 2022
in Belmont Community Centre at 6.30 pm

Present, Chair Elect, Councillor C.A. Fletcher, Councillors, J. Appleby, V. Hawes, C.A. Lattin, L. Mavin, K. Noble, A.C. Walker, A.P. Watkins and M. Watson

Also Present: Parish Clerk, Mrs S. Overton,

Members of the public (2)

21.187 To Receive Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillors M.P. Bennett, P.J. Conway, P.S. Conway E.S. Mavin, J. Knight and S.C. White.
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21.188 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.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders.

21.189 To Receive Miscellaneous Reports.

(a) Police.

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

Following a recent spate of small fires in the area police have since cautioned the youths in question and the matter is now resolved.

(b) Community Warden.

The Clerk to request a written report from the Community Warden.

(c) Members of The Public.

A member of the public raised concerns regarding the present state of the BMX Track in Moorfield in need of updating. It was agreed to arrange a meeting with local youths to listen to their view and ideas. It was also agreed to keep it as a community and family orientated track suitable for all ages, to look at ranges of costings and avenues of funding.

The Chair thanked the member of public for his comments.

The Chairman re-imposed Standing Orders.

Councillor A.P. Watkins joined the meeting.

21.190 To Consider and make Comment on Planning Matters*.

A list of Weekly Planning Applications for the month of March 2022 was circulated to Councillors for information – see attached*

The Chair of the Planning Committee informed councillors a meeting had been arranged to discuss making a decision towards adopting a Neighbourhood Plan.

Councillor P.S. Conway was thanked for his hard work and research with regards to adopting a Neighbourhood Plan.

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21.191 To Confirm and sign as a correct record of the Minutes of the meeting of Belmont Parish Council held on 10th March 2022 – Minutes attached*
AGREED.

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

1. The Parish Paths Application Form has been received and agreed by Durham County Council.

2. The Rural Payments Claim form has been completed and forwarded to the Rural Payments Agency.

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21.193 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 April meeting and has been incorporated into reports and presented to members.

AGREED

21.194 To Consider Financial Matters*

(a) To Receive Receipts and Payments during the month of April 2022 – see attached*
RECEIVED AND AGREED.

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

(c) To Consider Donation requests during the month of April 2022 – see attached*

21.195 To Approve quote for insurance claim regarding vandalised gym equipment rower at Cheveley Park play area.

AGREED: the rower machine not to be replaced with the current design, as deemed too dangerous for younger users, Councillor KN and MW to look at other designs and report back to full council with findings.

21.196 To Approve quote for the fixing of gates/fence panels at both entrances to Cheveley play park as a safety feature to prevent children running out into roads.

AGREED: to go for a 'dog leg chicane style fences' suitable for mobility users and pushchairs.

21.197 To Approve budget 2022/2023.

APPROVED AND AGREED.

21.198 To Receive Committee Reports.

Communications Committee

There was no meeting held this month.

Environment Committee

A meeting was held on 20th April 2022 – see attached*

The Chair of the Committee gave a report to councillors.

Councillor Watkins asked for costings on corn starch dog bags as they were more environmentally friendly than biodegradable ones.

Mr E. Malarlarky (Cemetery Contractor) was thanked for his hard work and commitment to the parish.

Finance and Assets Committee

A meeting was held on 28th April 2022 – see attached*

Planning Committee

There was no Planning Committee meeting held this month.

21.199 To Receive reports from Ward Councillors.

Carrville

A concern was raised regarding the untidy state of the island at the traffic lights on Belmont Road being full of leaves and branches. The matter to be reported to Durham County Council and a site visit arranged.

A concern was raised regarding vehicles speeding behind the rear of Carrville High Street a request to be made to Durham County Council for speed humps to be placed as a deterrent.

A concern was raised concerning parking issues at the entrance to Grinstead Way, a request to be made to Durham County Council to extend the double yellow lines around the corner.

Belmont

A site visit to be arranged with Durham County Council to discuss an area of fencing at the back of Rowantree Avenue in need of a general tidy up and removal of bits of wood and branches.

Gilesgate Moor.

A request to be made to Durham County Council to replace the existing plastic bollards in the middle of the road at the trumpet junction as you enter High Grange Estate with sturdier black ones.

A request to be made to Durham County Council for two small signs to be placed at either entrance to the cut between Willowtree Shops and Gilesgate School stating ‘Cyclists please dismount’, the County Councillors to help with the funding from their Neighbourhood Budget.

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

21.201 Date of next meeting Thursday 12th May 2022.