

BELTON IN RUTLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18th January 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Those present:

Councillors:

Hugh Neill

Brian Shuttleworth

Amanda Steele

David Boyd

Jane Cronin

Parish Clerk: Jan Clayton Warren

1. Apologies for absence
Cllr Gail Williams and Cllr Jane Thornalley
2. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest on items included in the agenda
none
3. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of meeting of Wednesday 2nd December 2015 and EGM on Monday 4th January 2016
Agreed by all present
4. Updates on Actions from these minutes not included in agenda items
 - a. Village Hall Sign – now in place
 - b. New bin for Littleworth Lane – on order again with RCC
 - c. Robert Ovens and contract with PC for maintenance and repairs of the clock – Has agreed to have the maintenance contract directly with the Parish Council but the Church will, as always organise and oversee any works.
 - d. Village lights bulb renewals (Back Lane, with reports on Loddington Lane and Buttress Close of intermittent lighting) – the Clerk was advised Loddington Lane was still not working at night and should be reported again.
5. Public Session:
None
6. Financial statement:
The bank balance as at 31st December 2015 was £6,103.76. There is one cheque from December yet to be credited for £291 representing a grave space and administration costs.
All present approved the financial statement
7. Payments – all present approved the following invoices for payment:

LRALC Code of Conduct training	£35.00
Parish Clerk including provision of broadband	
i. 39 hours for weeks 29 th November 2015 to 12 th January 2016	£390.00
ii. broadband for December and January	£ 20.00
Total	£410.00

8. Bids for cemetery cuts for 2016

**Countryside Gardens £35 per cut for strimming and mowing twice a month
MowAll £62.50 per cut for strimming and mowing twice a month and blowing the cuttings away with industrial blower**

Andrew Carter Brown To carry out mowing to all areas including the outside strips, to strimming around the perimeter and all gravestones, to sweeping of paths and parking area, to spraying of weeds, to replenish water supplies (bottled), to watering of trees, as required and putting out dustbins for collection as and when required and leave to a high standard of finish.

Mow every two weeks throughout the season from mid March 2016 to mid November 2016, approximately and will charge for actual visits. (i.e. will not charge during dry spells, when no mowing is required, etc)

The charge for this full service per visit would be £42.50

Following considerable discussion it was the meetings decision was to accept the bid from Andrew Carter Brown as an all-encompassing service and review at the years end.

9. Loss of Precept related grant from RCC in 2017

RCC are at present unable to advise if the grant at present related to the precept will continue for the forthcoming year until the end of January. Meanwhile our Precept but be decided without this advice.

**10. Imminent additional costs for village lighting and/or bulb replacement where possible
Cllrs Neil and Shuttleworth kindly offered to attend the liaise on this matter with Cllr Shuttleworth attending the forthcoming meeting at RCC.**

11. Precept for 2015/2016

The budget for the forthcoming year was discussed in detail in relationship to the Precept and it was decided to increase the precept by a figure of £400 for the year 2016/2017 not least because of the immanency of losing the grant element from Rutland County Council and the increasing cost of village maintenance

12. Budget review

The budget was reviewed in particular regard to the Precept

13. Bulb planting scheme for village (over 3 years)

Cllr Amanda Steele advised this initiative has been put back two weeks due to weather. The Clerk was asked to appeal for volunteers from the village through the village website to help get the bulbs in as quickly as possible on arrival. The plantings are to take place at Loddington/Lambley Lodge Triangle; outside Ringrose House; the Playschool; The Old Hall; Loddington/Back Lane Triangle and Nether/Main/Littleworth Lane triangle.

14. Any matter to take forward to the next meeting of the Parish Council in March 2016

A request was made that the Clerk procure more Poo Fairy posters plus damage to war memorial and window in Bus Shelter on Littleworth Lane

