

September
2013

Belton News

Please do come to the Parish Council meeting on Monday 9th September where Neighbourhood Plans will be discussed for the first time as will consideration for the survey regarding any potential changes for the street lights in the village.

One of the planning applications on the agenda is for a wind turbine at Brickle Farm, College Farm Lane. Your views will be most welcome within the limited time dedicated for the public to comment on items within the agenda. Remaining meetings for the Parish Council (excluding any EGMs) in 2013 will be held on Monday October 21st and Monday December 2nd. All meetings are held in the Village Hall and start at 7.30. Agendas for the meetings are displayed on the notice boards in the preceding week.



Outcome of planning application for Lambley
Lodge Lane P.1

Article 4:2 and how it is applied in a conservation village P2

Stamp of approval from Gordon Corby P3
Village Hall get together and Notice Board P4

To All Pudding Lovers

You are cordially invited to come and enjoy

After Dinner Puddings and Coffee/Tea

at a

BELTON-in-RUTLAND SOCIAL EVENING

IN THE VILLAGE HALL

We will be coming round to ask if you would like to contribute a pudding or a raffle prize

Friday, 13th September, 6:30 to 8:30pm
£5 at the door. £2.50 for children over 5

Introduce yourselves to your neighbours!
There will be a raffle (Donations welcome)



Bring your own tippie



The funds raised will be used to buy the flowers for a free Tutor Led flower arranging evening on Thursday October 3rd in the Church.

The flower arrangements we make will be displayed in the Harvest Festival on Sunday 6th October



Linda, Jane, Cathy and Jenny

For those of you who did not have the opportunity to attend the recent meeting at Rutland County Council offices where the Glamping application was heard on Tuesday 20th August, the Committee considering the detailed and supportive information available to them and particularly weighing the real alternative of a caravan site and voted unanimously for the project to go ahead. RCC is satisfied that all criteria are met. Our thanks to Brian Shuttleworth who spoke for the PC and Phillip Angell representing the villagers group for their articulate presentations and hard fought campaign.

The effect of conservation area designation

When considering a planning application in a conservation area, the County Council, as local planning authority, is required to pay special attention to preserving or enhancing the character or appearance of the area. Applications are also subject to extra publicity through notices in the Rutland Times and advertised by individual site notice.

Within any conservation area, planning permission is needed to:

- clad buildings in stone, artificial stone, timber, plastic or tiles;
- enlarge a house by an addition or alteration to the roof, such as a dormer window;
- extend beyond the side wall of the original house;
- extend by more than one storey beyond the rear wall of the original house;
- demolish boundary walls or buildings of more than 115 cubic metres;
- install a satellite dish on a chimney, wall or roof facing and visible from a highway;
- display illuminated advertisements.

Extra restrictions within Belton Conservation Area

In addition, in order to further protect the character and appearance of Belton, an Article 4 Direction was made in 2004. This means that planning permission is required to make external alterations to the appearance of houses fronting a highway or open space. The restrictions apply to:

- the enlargement, improvement or other alteration of a house (including alterations to windows, doors, stone and brickwork);
- alterations to the roof (including a change of materials);
- building an external porch;
- building or altering a structure or enclosure within the garden;
- hard surfacing the garden;
- erecting or demolishing a gate, fence, wall or other means of enclosure;
- painting the exterior of a house, outbuilding or enclosure; and
- the addition, alteration or removal of a chimney on a house or outbuilding.

To assist you further the enclosed leaflets give you a clear and full picture of when, where and how you need planning permission. It is recommended you keep this with your copy of the Village Design Statement. If you are new to the village and don't have one please contact the Clerk on 717623.



Gordon Corby - The village postman for many years

Though the presentation for Gordon's retirement was low key by normal standards it proved to be most practical.

Friday, the day before his last visit was the day picked to make the presentation, pre-empting probable presentations by other villages. Unfortunately this also coincided with the day Gordon locked himself out of his van prior to his daily visit to Belton, with the post. This made him under stress as he was over an hour late in his deliveries. If it was under normal circumstances Gordon would still have appreciated the style of presentation as his nature is one to one contact, and he feels uncomfortable in front of too many people. As he became aware of the sentiments of all those in the village he was visibly moved, but in his own comfort zone,

which I'm sure he appreciated. There were 65 donation envelopes in the presentation box plus a packet of Kenco coffee and brown sugar.

A copy of what was said to him on behalf of the people in the village is as follows -

Residents of Belton in Rutland wish to show their appreciation on your retirement after having you as the postman for the village for many years. To them you have been known as just, 'Gordon'. It is only on your pending retirement they are aware your full name is Gordon Corby. So many people in the village have individual stories to tell, but all with one common denominator which is the personal relationships which have developed over the years. The relationships were due to your genuine interest in people of the village, past and present, combined with your helpful assistance when required and your friendly countenance, which we are going to miss when you no longer deliver the mail. It's a pleasure and a privilege to represent those in the village, both past and present, by handing to you donations collected for you on your retirement, in appreciation of your many years of friendship. The donations are only a token of the deep sentiment expressed by many of the residents in wishing you a long and happy retirement. Without your knowledge you have had various reference-names over the time, including, affectionately, 'Gordon the Gopher' and perhaps sometimes more appropriate 'Where the Elliszy?'

11th August 2013

It is very difficult for me to put into words my feelings for your thoughtfulness, reflected with your generosity on my retirement.

Delivery of the post to Belton over the years has given me the chance to meet so many people that have lived, and those who still live in the village which has been such a pleasure to me.

Like most people I have been looking forward to my retirement and all that the change in my lifestyle will bring, but as I leave I see there is a personal cost to pay in no longer meeting those who have been my friends for many years.

PTO

Thank you, not only for your gracious sentiments which have been expressed by so many of you, but even more so for the many years it has been my privilege to have known you.

Thank you,
Gordon.

NOTICE BOARD

Village Hall Grand Opening Tea—please come along to a special Grand Opening tea for the village to celebrate the completion of the kitchen and our new fully functioning Village Hall.

Saturday 7th September from 2-5 pm. The village hall committee look forward to welcoming you.

Belton Village Hall 100 club

We are now starting a new year for the 100 club and hopefully will receive enough money from the Gift Aid payback to enable to buy blinds (maybe) for the hall.

This however is dependent on as many people as is possible signing the gift aid forms. I have been trying this last month to catch people at home, some with more success than others. If you have not already signed a form, one should by now have been posted through your letter-box. Please would you return to me as soon as possible, so that the task of obtaining money from the government may begin.

There are a few empty numbers within the 100 club list, so if anyone else would like to join, please ring me on 717760. The returns could be better than the current interest rates!!!!!!

Thanks, Jane

100 club winners for last 3 months

MAY 1st prize
Philip Shelton
2nd prize
Morag Tyler
3rd prize
Celia Bloor

June 1st prize
Liz Turner
2nd prize
Adele Brown
3rd prize
Jan Warren

July 1st prize
Barry Ashton
2nd prize
Tony/Vicky Byers-Brown
3rd prize
Derick Bradshaw

Long Faces.....

So that's it then, Belton in Rutland, gateway to 'Happy Glamping.'

If the defence against the decision had to be lost, seeing the delightful young couple last night who put in the planning application made losing a little more bearable. I don't know if they were 'fronting' for someone else as they didn't look the type the Granny might leave them the odd £100,000, but if they are the young couple are an excellent choice. It would be an insult to those in planning who consented to the development to think they believed the extensive facilities are to house just four Glamps.

Support for the council's decision came from all other council and technical quarters making it appear to be a foregone conclusion before a word was spoken at the meeting.

In his summing up the planning chairman offered the consolation that we will be sharing our environment with others who wish to join us, perhaps missing the point of, a substantial Glamping Site will change it. I doubt if the suggested use of oil lamps will be required when a few hundred yards away will be erected a 75 foot wind turbine emitting the sound of two washing machines possibly generating enough electricity for one of them.

Norman W.

Belton Petanque

Results update. Despite a valiant effort by the ladies team, Perky, Poodle & Dangerous, who suffered two nail biting games with both results going the Roller's way due to luck rather than skill, both games were lost 13-12. The men Mr M Matty and Huge who elected to play on the most difficult piste were unable to adapt their normally fluid air shots to the required Daisy cutter style. All in all a game to forget but an evening to remember. I do like toad in the hole with onion gravy.

Hugh Neill

