

BELTON IN RUTLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BELTON PARISH COUNCIL ON THURSDAY 16th APRIL 2020 using the ZOOM PLATFORM

Councillors Present: Hugh Neill
Steven Wilby
Gail Williams
Jane Cronin
Jane Thornalley

Minutes Jan Clayton Warren
Also Present new Clerk Mazzie Soar

- 35/20** Apologies for absence
Mark Turner, Brian Shuttleworth
- 36/20** Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest on items included in the agenda
None
- 37/20** To agree minutes Parish Council Meeting 2nd March 2020 and EPM of 12th March 2020
Agreed by all present at each meeting
- 38/20** Items brought forward from previous meeting not included in the Agenda
n/a
- 39/20** Public Session
The public were consulted and invited to either pose any questions prior to the virtual meeting or to request call in information to have a presence. There was no response
- 40/20** Finance:
Balance of bank account as at end March 2020 £12,798.71
The Chairman of the meeting had shared with his fellow councillors spread sheets showing the expenses incurred during the year 2019-2020 which were slightly up on the previous year.
- 41/20** Payments:
Mazzie Soar Clerks 6 hours during March £63.00
LRALC and NALC membership £179.98
All payments were agreed and correct

- 42/20 New Clerk to the Parish Council**
Mazzie Soar is now in place as Clerk but there is limited involvement at this time because of the Covid 19 pandemic and delays with training. The former Clerk remains in place until such time as the handover can be effected.
The meeting welcomed Mazzie Soar and discussed with her the difficulties of assuming the role particularly during lockdown.
- 43/20 Loddington Lane Granny Annex 2020/0205/FUL**
It was the decision of the meeting that the removal of the car barn which was on the original planning application will reduce the amount of off-road parking space and create parking problems which will be detrimental to the area of the village.
The land on which the annexe is proposed is higher than that of the neighbouring house, on Chapel Street and will make it too imposing, potentially overlooking the lower house.
- 44/20 2020/0351/FUL Launde View 12a Loddington Lane Remove existing stable.**
The decision of the meeting is to object to this application.
The proposed stable situated further into the field than the existing stable. The new stable would be better sited closer to the house, in line with the stable on the next property.
- 45/20 Correspondence from villager regarding emissions from phone masts**
The Clerk was requested to contact the villager and thank them for sharing their concerns which it was felt may be better taken up county wide with RCC.
Regarding the email from a villager the new clerk was asked to write to the community group within Belton and give them everyone's congratulations and thanks for their assistance during this very difficult time.
- 46/20 Meeting to consider keeping the former decision in place until circumstances dictate otherwise:**
The meeting decided to keep the following wording in place for the short term It will therefore be added to each meeting until decided otherwise
"In response to the Covid-19 outbreak in the UK and in the event that it is not possible to convene a meeting of the council in a reasonable time, the Clerk shall have delegated authority to make decisions on behalf of the council where such decision cannot reasonably be deferred and must be made in order to comply with a commercial or statutory deadline. The delegation does not extend to matters expressly reserved to the council in legislation or in its Standing Orders or Financial Regulations. Any decisions made under this delegation must be recorded in writing and must be published in accordance with the relevant regulations. This delegated authority ceases upon the first meeting of the council after the council meeting at which the delegation was put in place".
- 47/20 Business to be taken forward**
The meeting decided another meeting should be called for Thursday 23rd to consider two planning applications.
The meeting closed at 19.38