

# **BELTON IN RUTLAND PARISH COUNCIL**

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## **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020 AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

**Present:** Cllr Hugh Neill (Chairman)  
Cllr Brian Shuttleworth  
Cllr Gail Williams  
Cllr Steven Wilby  
Cllr Jane Thornalley

**Clerk** Jan Clayton Warren

- 16/20** Apologies for absence  
Cllr Jane Cronin Cllr Mark Turner
- 17/20** Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest on items included in the agenda  
None
- 18/20** To agree minutes from Annual Parish Council meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020 and the EPM Minutes of 23<sup>rd</sup> January respectively. Agreed by all present. Proposed Brian Shuttleworth and seconded by Steven Wilby and Gail Williams respectively as correct.
- 19/20** Grant to Belton pre School under S137 – confirmation of resolution and agreement to be added under 23/20 Payment (g)  
The Councillors were already in possession of the new signed lease for the Pre School which makes the eligible for a grant of this type. In order to ascertain the percentage advantage to the village there followed considerable discussions included by not limited to the change in the demographics of the village over the last twenty years to that of a predominance of younger families within the village, the benefit of the preschool in the past but most particularly the future and the enthusiasm expressed by the village across all age groups for fund raising events to enable this valuable facility to continue within the village. A grant of £2,000 was unanimously agreed and to include that payment in section (g) of 23/20 of the Agenda and minutes.
- 20/20** Matters carried forward from that meeting not included in the agenda items:  
The Clerk was asked to order some posters used reasonably successfully in the past to deter visitors to the village from leaving their dog waste from Keep Britain Tidy at a cost of £45 plus VAT.  
The issue with the drain outside the Black Horse House has been resolved.  
The brambles opposite Waterend Barn has been dealt with but further problems were flagged up under Verges.
- 21/20** Public Session None

**22/20 Finances:** The Balance of the bank account for Belton in Rutland Parish Council on 31<sup>st</sup> January was £16,213.85. One cheque for Adrian Yates last year was not cashed and a new cheque to be issued for £110.36p. It was agreed unanimously to ring fence within the PC account the potential cost of an election for which the PC is now responsible of £1,000 and replacement laptop and printer of £750 together with the £2,500 pounds agreed in 25/20 for War Memorial repairs.

**23/20 Payments:**

All payments as follows were considered and agreed

a)	Former Parish Clerk Jan Clayton Warren: Balance of hours from November, December 2019 (22 hours) and for January and February 2020 (27 hours)	
	a total of 48 hours at £12.15 p	£600.25
	Broadband for November, January, February and March	£ 60.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£660.25p</b>
b)	New Parish Clerk Amanda Bellamy 1-18 February 2020	
	12 hours @ £10.50	£126
	Travel Claim mileage Oakham to Anstey attending training @ 45p per mile total 138 miles	£62.10
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£188.10p</b>
c)	Payment to LRALC including VAT for the Auditor for 2019/2020 audit	£170
d)	Payment to RCC for green cemetery bin	£35
e)	Payment to LRALC for Clerk 1 Course for new clerk	£40
f)	Payment to RCC for the new grit bin, New Road	£163.35
g)	Grant to Belton Pre School as agreed at meeting	£2,000

**24/20 2020/1545/12 Loddington Lane** Replace existing timber porch at rear of property with a brick built porch/boot room and garden store  
There were no objections

**25/20 WAR MEMORIAL**

All present agreed to ring fence £2,500 of the monies held by the Council at today's date for the purpose of improving by way of renovation the war memorial.

**26/20 DIFIBRILLATOR**

Cllr Brian Shuttleworth discussed the benefits of the defibrillator and the expenses related to it, which while not high could certainly be improved. He recommended the number of VETs be reduced to a maximum of 10 and that CHT be approached to reduce the yearly cost of cover accordingly. The Clerk was asked to contact them. The Clerk was also asked to set up a convenient date for the training to take place and invite both volunteers and villagers. Cllr Shuttleworth confirmed he would continue dealing with the defibrillator for the foreseeable future.

**27/20 Church Clock**

It was noted by the Council that Robert Ovens has not serviced the clock for a while and the Clerk was asked to look into this and ensure a new person be acquired to ensure the smooth running of the clock.

**28/20 Verges**

Cllr Thornalley drew the attention of the meeting to the brambles reducing the width of the highway. The Council had previously received complaints regarding Lambley Lodge Lane and a reduction in width but Cllr Thornalley's complaint was that the situation further along on Chapel Street was considerably worse. The Clerk was asked to contact RCC as ask them to look into this problem.

**29/20 Parish Council Meeting Dates – proposed change of day**

It was agreed that the new late starts on Mondays were not agreeable and that the benefits of moving the normal Parish Council meetings to a Thursday, while accepting some councillors particularly during the summer might have difficulties with every meeting, were considerable. It was agreed unanimously to move the day of the meeting from a Monday to a Thursday with immediate effect. The new dates being: Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April; Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May; 2<sup>nd</sup> July; 13<sup>th</sup> August; 1<sup>st</sup> October; 5<sup>th</sup> November and 17<sup>th</sup> December. All dates are subject to change should it be deemed necessary with notice.

**30/20 Proposed request to RCC Planning Department to supply digital planning applications instead of hard copies by mail.**

Unanimously agreed

**31/20 VE Day 8<sup>th</sup> May Activity**

This was discussed generally and it was felt the various organisation in the village particularly Belton Recreation Group and Belton History Society be asked if they have anything planned. It was agreed it is not the place of the council to organise such activities.

**32/30 Andrew-Carter Browns proposed costing for cemetery maintenance for 2020**

It was noted there is to be no increase in the cost. Added to which the Council is very happy with the work done and quotes from other organisations reveal the cost would be more elsewhere. It was unanimously agreed to write to Andrew-Carter Brown and accept.

**33/20 PAYE payments to the new clerk to be processed monthly**

A discussion took place regarding the way in which this would work.

**34/20 Business to be taken forward:**

New councillor to assist Tree Warden Jane Pearson from end May 2020 Cllr Jane Thornalley

Banking arrangements to be added to next Agenda

The meeting closed at 9.25