

**Belton in Rutland Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Belton in Rutland Annual Parish**  
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**On Thursday 13 August 2020 using Zoom Platform**

**Council Meeting**  
**Council Agenda**

- 78/2020 Present (Chairman)  
Hugh Neill  
Steven Wilby  
Jane Cronin  
Jane Thornalley  
Matthew Ahearne  
Mazzie Soar (Minutes)
- 79/2020 Apologies for Absence  
Apologies received from Gail Williams
- 80/2020 Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest on items included in the agenda. None
- 81/2020 Election of Chairman. Hugh Neill resigned as Chairman. Hugh Neill proposed Steven Wilby as the new Chairman,  
Seconded by Jane Thornalley and agreed by all present.
- 82/2020 The Council received the new Chairman's declaration of office...
- 83/2020 The Council agreed not to appoint a Vice Chairman at this time.
- 84/2020 To Co-opt a new Councillor. Jane Thornalley proposed Matthew Ahearne. Hugh Neill seconded the proposal which was agreed by all present.
- 85/2020 The Council accepted the Co-opted member's declaration of office.Co
- 86/2020 Resignation of Councillor. Councillor Mark Turner had sent a letter of resignation. The Chairman read out a resume of the letter giving the reasons why Mr Turner felt unable to continue. His resignation was accepted by the whole council  
The vacancy will be advertised .
- 87/2020 The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2020 were agreed.

**Correspondence/matters arising brought forward from previous meetings**

- 88/2020
- i) The Secret Garden Safety report had been received and circulated to all Councillors. It was agreed that the information in the report was sufficient to satisfy the conditions of the insurance.
  - ii) Dog Fouling new metal signs had been sourced which were cheaper and more robust than the Poo Fairy posters. These will be ordered.
  - iii) Public Rights of Way. Following an enquiry by a parishioner concerning previous, now lapsed, permissive footpaths it was agreed that no further action should be taken.

*S.M. Wilby*

iv) Emergency Response Plan. It was agreed that this should be community led with support from the Parish Council if required.

**Public Session.**

89/2020 A member of the Secret Garden Committee had intended to join the meeting for the public session, but had experienced technical difficulties.

It was agreed to invite her to the next Parish Council Meeting.

**Council Policies.**

90/2020

The council agreed to seek advice as to whether it was necessary to keep the following decision in place now that Lockdown restrictions are being eased.

*'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 decision 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 meeting after the council meeting at which the delegation was put in place .*

**Finance**

91/2020

Chairman's report and balance of account

i) The Balance of Account at 31/7/2020 is £18,408.20

ii) Banking Arrangements update. Not yet possible to open Branch account with Lloyds due to Covid restrictions. Communications with NI Bank still very unsatisfactory.

iii) VAT to be reclaimed.

v) Parish Clerk will have completed six month probationary period in September. It was agreed to confirm the appointment and pay to rise to £11 per hour from September. The Parish Clerk has now taken responsibility for the Book keeping and cemetery management. The cost of the additional hours for the clerk will need to be included in the budget. These functions were formerly carried out by Counsellors on a voluntary basis.

vi) necessary repairs to the war memorial to be progressed and put on the agenda for the next meeting.

92/2020 Payments

i) Andrew Carter Brown Invoice £192.00

ii) Parish Clerk invoice June £252.00

iii) Parish Clerk invoice July £199.50

iv) Hugh Neill sundries invoice £ 20.57

v) Vestry Rent £ 137.00

93/2020

Standing Orders

It was agreed draw up a list of the standing orders and review them monthly on a rolling system.

94/2020 Date of next meeting. Thursday 1 October 2020. 7pm

*S.M. Wally*

Proposed dates for subsequent meetings  
Thursday 26 November 2020  
Thursday 14 January 2021  
Thursday 4 March 2021  
Thursday 22 April 2021 Annual Parish Council Meeting (date to be confirmed)  
Thursday 3 June.2021.

95/2020. Business to be taken forward.  
i) Proposed Speedway at Launde.



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