

BELTON IN RUTLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Belton in Rutland Parish Council Meeting

On Thursday 1 October 2020 using Zoom Platform

Council Agenda

- 96/2020 Present:
Hugh Neill
Steven Wilby (Chairman)
Jane Cronin
Jane Thornalley
Matthew Ahearne
Mazzie Soar (Minutes)
- 97/2020 Apologies for Absence
Apologies received from Gail Williams
- 98/2020 Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest on items included in the agenda. None
- 99/2020 To agree the minutes of the AGM on 13 August 2020. Proposed by Hugh Neill seconded by Jane Cronin and agreed by all present.
- 100/2020 To agree the minutes of the EGM on 24 August 2020. Proposed by Matt Ahearne and seconded by Jane Thornalley and agreed by all present.

Correspondence/matters arising brought forward from previous meetings

- 101/2020
- i) Rutland Plan Response. After discussion it was agreed that the clerk would draft a response to the plan which would be circulated to all councillors for their comments before the deadline of 6th November. The objections being on the grounds that the Secret Garden had been omitted as a designated green space, and that the proposed development of the Garden Community at St George's Barracks was unsustainable due to lack of transport facilities and inadequate road links.
 - ii) Co-option of New Councillor. Although this vacancy had been advertised on the noticeboard and website there had been no response. Councillors agreed to canvass parishioners for this casual vacancy.
 - iii) Website compliance and update. Councillor Neill explained that the current website was 83% compliant. However there were difficulties with the website and it was agreed to obtain costings for redesigning implementing and maintaining a new dedicated website for the Parish Council.
 - iv) Damaged street sign in Main Street. The council had been informed but no action yet taken. A further notification to be sent to RCC.
 - v) Overgrown Hedge in Chapel Street. As above no action yet taken a further notification to be sent to RCC.

Public Session.

- 102/2020 No members of the public joined the meeting.



Council Policies.
103/2020

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
104/2020

Chairman's report and balance of account

- i) The Balance of Account at 31/7/2020 £27,450.7
- ii) Small Business Grant. £10,000. Further advice to be sought from LRAC on limitations and time limits of possible grants to local projects. Trustees and Committees of local amenities such as the village hall to be asked to submit proposals for grant aid.
- iii) Banking Arrangements update. The Clerk had received a letter from the Bank acknowledging the change of address
- iv) VAT to be reclaimed. The Clerk to arrange to meet Councillor Williamson to discuss this and to get guidance around the preparation of the budget.
- v) Discretionary Payment of £24 pcm, in line with government guidelines, to the Clerk for the costs incurred working at home. This was proposed by Hugh Neill, seconded by Jane Cronin and agreed by all present.

Payments
105/2020

- i) Community Heartbeat Trust. £120.00
- ii) Community Lighting £386.37
- iii) Clerks invoice August £346.50
- iv) Clerks invoice September £286.00
- v) LRAC Clerk's Training £ 40.00

S.M. Wilby

Standing Orders

106/2020 i) The Assets Register and Risk Assessment will be discussed and updated at the next meeting.

107/2020. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 12 November.

108/2020 Business to be taken forward.

- i) Draft Budget
- ii) New website
- iii) War memorial.

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13th November 2020

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