

Belton in Rutland Parish Council

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Draft Minutes of the Belton Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 14 January 2021

Council Agenda

- 1/2021 Present
Steven Wilby
Hugh Neill
Jane Cronin
Colin Gordon
Jane Thornalley
Matt Ahearne
Mazzie Soar (Minutes)
- 2/2021 Apologies. None.
- 3/2021 Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest on items included in the Agenda. None.
- 4/2021 To agree the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10 December 2021
Proposed by Hugh Neill, seconded by Jane Thornalley and **agreed** by all present.
- 5/2021 Co-option of new Councillor. Councillors agreed to continue to try to recruit a new Councillor

Correspondence/Matters brought forward from previous meetings

- 6/2021 1) Planning Application 2020/0427/FUL. Ground mounted photovoltaic panels, wind turbine on 10 Metre plinth, mobile shed to house inverters and double as lambing shed. The Parish Council had received a short video showing the proposed siting of the panels and turbine. The council agreed in principle to the application, but expressed concerns about the visual impact of the turbine on the landscape. This would be discussed in the public session (8/2021) which the applicants are attending.
- 2) Village Hall ownership/update. Jane Cronin is pursuing the issue of ownership of the Village Hall and is in the process of obtaining the relevant Wills of the previous owner who, it is understood, bequeathed it to the village.
- 3) Parish Council Website. No further action had been taken due to the Christmas break. This item will be on the agenda for the next meeting.
- 4) War memorial. Hugh Neill had submitted a planning application to RCC concerning the proposed works.
- 5) Maintenance of assets. Local Handyman and Cemetery Maintenance contractor to be contacted concerning asset repairs and maintenance.
- 6) Grass verges, protection and maintenance. The verges in the village are being damaged by large vehicles. It was agreed to look into placing posts with reflectors at key places to mitigate the damage. Colin Gordon agreed to produce some white painted posts at low cost.

S.M. Wilby

The road near the cemetery on College Farm Lane appears to be subsiding and the drain near Leighfield Barn on Lambley Lodge lane is overflowing. These issues to be reported to Rutland County Council Highways department.

7) Tree Planting. The Clerk to contact Mark Turner to discuss areas of the village which may be available for new planting, and any limitations or restrictions imposed by Rutland District Council.

Public Session

7/2021 Planning Application 2020/0427/FUL. The applicants attended the meeting and responded to questions from the Parish Council. After discussion the Parish Council **agreed** to the application provided every effort was made to mitigate the effects of the tower by using appropriate materials. The motion was proposed by Steven Wilby seconded by Hugh Neill and agreed by all present.

Council Policies.

8/2021 The meeting decided to keep the following wording in place for the short term.

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

9/2021 Chairman's report and balance of account
i) The balance of account on 31 December 2020 was £24,223.00.
ii) Budget The budget was **agreed**. The motion was proposed by Hugh Neill and seconded by Jane Thornalley
It has been agreed that the small business grant received will be used to establish ownership of the Village Hall with a view to it being taken over and managed by the Parish Council in future. It was accepted that this responsibility would incur extra on-going costs to the Parish Council in repairs, management and administration. Future budgets and precepts would take this into account.
iii) Precept. The Chair went through the precept budget. There is a small increase in the precept this year mainly due to additional administrative and training costs. The motion was proposed by Jane Cronin, seconded by Hugh Neill and **agreed** by all present.
iv)) Reclamation of Vat. Postponed due to Covid restrictions.



Payments

10/2021 i) RCC lighting charge January 2021 £386.37
ii) Clerks Invoice December 2020 £244.00
(including £24 working expenses)

Standing Orders

11/2021 i) To adopt the updated Assets Register. Proposed by Jane Cronin,
Seconded by Hugh Neill and **agreed** by all present.
ii) To review the risk assessment. The risk assessment had been
updated and would be proposed for formal adoption at the next
meeting.

12/2021 The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 4th March 2021
at 7.00pm



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