

<p>BELTON with BROWSTON PARISH COUNCIL</p> <p><i>Parish Clerk</i> Stephen Williamson Tel: 01493 789422</p>	<p><i>Chair:</i> Malcolm Scott</p> <p><i>Vice Chair:</i> John Rudrum</p>	<p>MINUTES OF PARISH MEETINGS 2009 - 2010</p>
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<p>MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING</p>
<p>TUESDAY 21st APRIL 2009 - JOHN GREEN INSTITUTE</p>

<p>IN ATTENDANCE</p>
<p>M.J. Scott (chair), J. Rudrum (vice chair). Councillors B. Clark, M. Cornish, J. Fuller, M. Greenacre, E. Myhill, P. Nichols, P. Roberts, B. Swan, B. Watts, L. Wells. Mr. S. Williamson (Clerk) and initially four members of the public including PCSO Laura Allen for report.</p>

The meeting commenced at 7.30 p.m.

<p>PUBLIC SECTION</p>
<p>PCSO Allen gave her report which showed two crimes investigated within Belton during the month of March as well as 53 CAD calls for the area. She then highlighted the revised priorities for KIN which were Coast Road/Station Road parking in Hopton, Anti Social behaviour in the Church Farm/Marina area of Burgh Castle and Anti Social behaviour in the Bell Lane field, flyover and churchyard areas of Belton. The Chairman thanked PCSO Allen who then left the meeting.</p> <p>Mr Jenner then informed Council of a sewerage leak on the fen on 6th April over a 400 yard stretch. He reported that Anglian Water had been reluctant to pump out, until told to do so by The Environment Agency on 7th. On that day there had been a further blockage on the Belton/Burgh Castle border. The clerk was asked to action a letter to Anglian Water in relation to this incident.</p> <p>Messrs. Bear & Light had attended the meeting in relation to the planning application for Decoy Farm, the intention being to make this into a Care Home. The residents had contacted GYBC (planning) to voice concerns, but had not, in their opinion, received satisfactory answers, they wished to know particularly about security and supervision, as well as the nature of persons being sent there. It appeared that intended patients would have received treatment for serious mental conditions, but would be admitted for rehabilitation. The Chairman clarified his understanding that up to six persons to be accommodated in then main area could come under this heading, plus a further three persons with learning difficulties in the barn.</p>

*In view of the concerns, Council agreed unanimously to bring forward Item 12 on the agenda.
This - the Meeting proper commenced at 7.46 p.m.*

12:	PLANNING
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A little further debate ensued following on from the public section, and Council agreed to write to GYBC Planning, requesting a time extension and during that period contacting both the applicant and Borough for clarifications on the type of person to be admitted, clarify definitions of mental disorders on a general basis, and seek confirmations of adequate security arrangements. Also agreed to copy in Borough Councillor Mark Thompson. This Proposed Cllr. Cornish, Seconded Cllr. Roberts. All In Favour

The time was now 7.51 p.m.

1:	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
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Cllr. Nichols (unwell). Borough Councillors Barry Stone/Mark Thompson had also sent apologies, the Clerk informed Council that County Councillor Brian Walker was intending to be present, but would be late. These apologies accepted: Proposed Cllr. Clark, Seconded Cllr. Rudrum. All In Favour. Cllr. Fiorentini not present.

2:	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
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School Governors/Children's Centre - Cllr. Greenacre. JGI Trustees - Cllrs. Clark, Fuller (PC Rep), Nichols and Rudrum. Village Events - Cllr. Greenacre. Community website/Village Voice - Cllrs. Rudrum, Scott, Swan & Watts (personal interest). Friends of JGI - Cllrs. Fuller & Swan. Waveney Extended Learning Centre (Personal) Cllrs. Scott, Nichols, Greenacre & Cornish. Also noted that all Parish Councillors are Trustees of Belton Playing Field & sit with dispensation from the Standards Board. *(Mr. Wells - Dispensation applied for)*

3:	MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
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Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd April had been prior circulated. Two minor amendments were made, after which Cllr. Rudrum Proposed, Seconded Cllr. Swan that the Minutes be accepted as an accurate record. Vote: 8 For, 0 Against, 3 Abstentions (not at meeting). The Chairman duly signed the Minutes.

4:	MATTERS ARISING
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The Clerk reported a change in the scheme for the Stepshort road improvements, which would now commence on or close to 1st June, and last for approximately two weeks, this lesser scheme replaced the envisaged six week closure from late April, 2009. The Clerk also informed of a communication from NCC with regards to CRB disclosure, he admitted that he had initially had no clue as to why this had been received, but in conversations with Cllrs. Rudrum and Myhill, it had become clear that this was concerning the latter's CRB check application. The Clerk promised to deal with the response.

5:	CHAIRMAN/CLERK REPORTS
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The Chairman had no specific report to make. The Clerk stated that he was a little concerned to learn that several Councillors may be absent from the APCM, scheduled for the second May meeting, stating that it was important to have a good attendance for this. The Chairman requested a show of hands, and it transpired that attendance was likely to be better if the APCM took place at the first May meeting (7th). The Chairman Moved, Seconded Cllr. Rudrum that the date therefore be changed. All In Favour. The Clerk confirmed that he had received the cheque for the first half of the 2009/10 Precept and that this had been banked. Lastly the Clerk reported that he had contacted Ms. Manthorpe of GYBC in relation to the reported illegal trading in Rosedale Gardens and also the new appearance of caravan sale notices. He also stated that he had asked Ms. Manthorpe if she would be prepared to attend a future meeting and speak/answer questions on these and related subjects.

6:	BANK TRANSFERS
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This Item concerned the receipt (scheduled for 20th April) of the loan from PWLB in relation to the new pavilion, and the necessity to have the funds transferred to the new designated Pavilion account. He stated that a letter signed by two signatories would almost certainly be necessary. To authorise the transfer of funds and sign/send a letter to that effect. Proposed Cllr. Swan, Seconded Cllr. Cornish. All In Favour.

The Clerk then mentioned a letter from Lloyds/TSB with regards to telephone banking. Council requested the Clerk to seek further information on this, Internet banking & also the BACS transfer system and report back.

In regards to the next Item, it was agreed that as this was only ratification of a previously decided matter, those connected with the J.G.I. need not leave the room. They would however abstain from voting

7:	JOHN GREEN INSTITUTE
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To pass to the JGI the some of £450.00 by way of a grant towards insurance and rates costs. Moved: The Chairman (Cllr. Scott), Seconded Cllr. Myhill. Vote: 6 For, 0 Against, 4 Abstentions (Cllrs Clark, Fuller & Rudrum (JGI Trustees/Cllr. Swan Friends of JGI). Carried. Clerk advised that a formal letter had gone to JGI Trustees in regards to telephone/Broadband. Mr. Rudrum confirmed that this would go to next Committee meeting.

8:	ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
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Again, this Item was to ratify payment of a decision already made. To authorise the sum of £52.00 be paid to cover cost of advertisement in 'Village Voice' notifying of Annual Parish Meeting. Proposed Cllr. Greenacre, Seconded Cllr. Watts. Vote: 8 For, 0 Against, 3 Abstentions (Personal interests, Cllrs Scott, Rudrum, Swan)

9:	FINANCIAL
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The Clerk reported that a letter had been received from Lloyds/TSB referring to 'unusual activity' on accounts, this had been himself in connection with setting up new account etc. he stated however that this letter gave contact telephone numbers to enquire about telephone/Internet banking, and he intended to enquire & report back. The Chairman asked that the Clerk also enquire about BACS payment methods. Cllr. Swan reported progress on the accounts meeting involving himself, the Chairman and Clerk, and notified of two cheques which had not been presented and were now out of date, these were to the GY Football League (£137 grant) and to the former Clerk. He Proposed these be 'written off'. Seconded Cllr. Myhill. All In Favour. The Clerk then informed that the checking call relating to the loan had come on time, and he had no reason to believe that the full £87,000 (less admin fee) would not have been paid on the previous day. The Clerk had prior circulated a break down of the loan costs, interest, payments etc. and he stated a copy would become part of the Minutes. Accounts due for settlement were then addressed.

Chq. No	Payee + detail	VAT	Amount
842	NCC - CRB Check Councillor Myhill		£20.00
844	JGI - Rentals £303.00/Underpaid £58.69/MP £100/B.band £16.71/Grant £450.00)		£948.40
845	S.A. Williamson (Salary 715.33 - 22% = £557.96/Allowance £25/Expenses £8.24)		£591.80
846	M. Skoyles - Field Bookings monthly payment		£117.00
847	B. Rose - Caretaker		£407.06
848	Lothingland Village Voice		£52.00
849	Mr. B. Swan - advanced funds Community Gardners float		£200.00
850	EETeC - Sandra Jarvis First Contract Payment		£500.00
851	Staples -Stationery March	£10.00	£76.70
852	Norfolk RCC - Annual subscription		£25.00
853	Garden Guardian - April 1 st invoice (£6,316 plus vat ÷ 9)	£105.2	£807.05
854	NALC - Annual subscription		£486.23
855	GYB Services - Bin emptying River Way	£16.99	£130.24
856	Essex & Suffolk Water (Allotments)		£61.42

TOTAL £4,422.90	Proposed for payment: Cllr. Watts, Seconded: Cllr. Roberts. All In Favour excepting declarations of interest made earlier Agenda Items 7 & 8 (Cheques 842/844/848/849)
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MONEY RECEIVED	Pavilion A/C - £40 (banked 20/4). £86,969.55 (due 21/4). Current A/C £25,008.00 (Precept banked 20/4)	£112,017.55
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Finally on the financial section, the Chairman raised the matter of budgeted pay rises for the caretaker, Mrs Skoyles and the Clerk, these were estimated at 3.2%. To approve - Proposed Cllr Swan, Seconded Cllr. Rudrum. All In Favour. Clerk to advise and organise as appropriate.

10:	NEW ROAD FIELD
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A report on the WP meeting held on 3rd April had been prior circulated (*Note a copy of this report, for information, is appended to but does not become part of these Minutes*). In the absence of Cllr. Nichols, the Clerk and Cllr. Rudrum enlarged on one or two matters. The Clerk informed Council that an account in the sum of over £11,000 had been received from GYBC. He gave his opinion that it was time the PC started seeing some money rather than being asked to pay it, feeling it likely that this was a 'paper exercise'. The Clerk suggested that he would contact GYBC Finance to ask for a statement breakdown. The Chairman advised that the local MP Mr. Tony Wright had offered his assistance if any problems arose with Football Foundation/WREN.

11:	YOUTH MATTERS
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Cllr. Myhill reported intention to discuss matters on how the intended youth club would proceed when the new pavilion community room was ready, appreciating that such discussion may be better once building was a little more advanced. She also stated that news from the NCC especially Youth Services was continuing to be negative. She lastly advised that Jackie Cole whom organised the St. John's Ambulance locally was retiring, and asked that if anyone present knew of a possible successor to get in touch.

13:	PORTFOLIO REPORTS & VILLAGE MATTERS
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Cllr. Clark advised that the Darts evening at the JGI was set for 30th April and would include a raffle in aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind. Refreshments would also be provided.

Cllr. Greenacre advised of the changing bus routes from Belton to Great Yarmouth/Gorleston via Burgh Castle, stating her opinion that the PC should support the complaints raised by Burgh Castle. Agreed. Clerk to write.

Cllr. Roberts stated that she had received reports of a rat or rats in the Amhurst Gardens area

Cllr. Watts commented on the recent allotment vandalism, stating that the general feeling was not to publicise this too much for fear of any copycat attacks. The matter was, he stated being watched.

Cllr. Swan asked Councillors to check when they could on the quality of work by the 4 new grounds contractors Garden Guardian, stating he would particularly like to receive opinion on strimming around fences in the play areas and also around gravestones in the churchyard

At this stage - time 8.53 p.m., County Councillor Walker having arrived, the meeting was suspended. He spoke of the bus service concerns, stating he too would have a word with First Bus. On Waveney School, he stated it was difficult to ascertain what was going on, but was still working on this matter and in contact with Youth Services. Lastly he confirmed his understanding that cutting back/drain attention would soon be taking place in Sandy Lane. The Chairman thanked Cllr. Walker, the meeting resumed at 8.56 p.m.

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CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported little correspondence, but a survey for Norfolk Police has handed to Cllr. Fuller and the Clerk was asked to complete the survey for the NALC. The Chairman commented on the correspondence received from The Boundary Commission and updated Council on the situation at the time. No further action by the PC was contemplated or thought necessary.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.