

BELTON WITH BROWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE JOHN GREEN INSTITUTE
ON TUESDAY 16 JANUARY 2007 AT 7.30 PM

Present: Cllrs M Scott-Chairman, J Rudrum-Vice Chairman, B Clark, J Eggleston, J Fuller, P Nichols, D Barker, L Barker, I Mannall, E Tuxford, C Williamson, B Williamson, 2 members of the public and the Clerk Mrs Weymouth.

Minutes checked by Chairman.

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Dog fouling

A parishioner reported:

Bell Lane playing field the following points were made:

- a. Responsible dog owners clear up the dog mess
- b. The Bell Lane playing field is an ideal place where the dogs can run and play.
- c. Some of the youngsters are using the playing field as a toilet
- d. People using the field are leaving used needles
- e. There is broken glass on the playing field

Bell Lane – the following points were made

- a. Dogs are fouling on the footpath, grass verge and around the entrance to the school.

It was felt dog owners are allowing their dogs to foul either early in the morning or in the evening when it is dark.

This item is on the Agenda and will be discussed by PCllrs

Grass verges/debris eroding into the width of the highway

A parishioner reported the following areas needing attention:

- a. Bell Lane (especially between the car park and the playing field)
- b. Church Lane (especially between the Church and The Green)
- c. The Green (the whole length, including all sides of the grassed triangle)

It was agreed a letter would be sent to NCC.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

The following declarations of interests were given:

School Governors –PCllr C Williamson & PCllr Scott

JGI trustees – PCllr Clark and PCllr Rudrum

Events Committee – PCllr Clark and PCllr Rudrum

PCT – PCllr B Williamson

Vvoice – PCllr Scott, PCllr Rudrum and PCllr Tuxford
GYBC – PCllr B Williamson & PCllr D Barker

NCC – PCllr B Williamson

3. APOLOGIES

PCllr Greenacre who is unwell – the Chairman reported he had given instructions for flowers to be sent – the invoice is for £23.50p – it was left with PCllrs to contribute.

CCllr Walker – due to go in hospital

BCllr Thompson

4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS & DECISIONS

Planning application

06/07/0034/F conservatory 5 Belle of the East Way for JR Gillis – no objections

Decisions

There were no decisions.

5. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4 JANUARY 2007

A copy of these Minutes had been distributed to all Parish Councillors prior to the meeting.

Amendments

Agenda 1 Essex & Suffolk Water remove taken replace with *worked*

Agenda 1 PSCO's should read PCSO's

Agenda 8 Village Maintenance – PCllr Eggleston report - Hedge cutting Silver Gardens should *read the hedge needs cutting*

Agenda 8 Village Maintenance – Planting schemes in the village – clarification PCllr Rudrum raised the matter due to seeking sponsorship for planting the flower beds

PCllr Tuxford proposed the Minutes be accepted as amended

Seconded PCllr Nichols

All in agreement

The Minutes were signed

6. MATTERS ARISING

Notice Board

Is now in place

Play equipment

PCllr B Williamson expressed concern at the fact the urban areas play equipment is being funded wholly by GYBC, whereas in rural areas Parish Councils' are having to part fund.

It was agreed to request from M/s Dixon the document produced by the Borough Council giving priorities to qualify for play equipment and any short falls.

Bell Lane Playing Field Light

Is being looked into.

Allotment Minutes

GYB Services have been requested to give their opinion on the condition of an Oak tree

Litter bin in Sandy Lane

A letter to all the parishioners in Sandy Lane will be delivered in with the VVoice.

Waveney DC LDF

PCllr D Barker gave the following report:

Areas suggested for development being 48 with 8 brown field sites.

Current government regulation is a minimum of 30 and 50 max dwellings per hectare. In Waveney the average density for 2004/5 is 23.74 below the government minimum of 30, because planning permission was granted earlier. Terraced streets are 50-70.

The areas for development close to the parish highlighted are:

2 at Lound
4 at Blundeston

LEPRA

PCllr Clark a date is to be arranged to discuss holding a 'cookie' party

Berry Close

PCllr Eggleston reported a parishioner had complained at the fact GYBC had cut down all the boundary trees between Minsmere Close and Berry Close. The residents had not been notified of the work. The contractors had not given any consideration to residents - commencing work with chain saws early in the morning. It was agreed PCllr Eggleston will decide in what form a letter would be sent to BCllr Thompson and BCllr Stone

PCSO's

PCllr C Williamson asked PCllr Fuller the results of his meeting with PCSO's concerning parking of vehicles. PCllr Fuller informed the meeting he had not had a meeting, however he had visited the area and thought there was not a problem. It was left with PCllr Fuller to arrange a meeting with the PCSO's.

7. ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL & PAYMENT

A list of the following accounts was distributed to PCllrs prior to the meeting

ACCOUNTS AS AT 10.1.07

Rose Maintenance £380.36

SAWeymouth
Net salary Dec 2006 £544.21

Computer

Finding out problem
loaning computer/new hard drive
down loading work twice.
Another problem with computer reading
Word language from emails all
programmes updated
£90.00

Post:

15.12 £6.76
29.12 £9.24
16.12 Rec letters £2.00
19.12 Rec letter £2.12
A.cs 9 x 32 20.12)
2 x 32p 22.12 letters)£3.52
£23.64

£657.85

Mrs Skoyles £117.00

Mrs Eggleston
Sub for planting -£150.00
Less
Plant as receipts +£147.05
Bal -£2.95
Key New Rd SF +£2.95
Breathing Space jiffy env +£0.79
Breathing Space postage +£4.50

£5.29
£171.67
£160.04

BT
SSAF Notice board

PCllr Fuller proposed these accounts should be accepted for payment

Seconded PCllr Clark

All in agreement

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

A copy of the Financial Statement to 31 December 2006 had been distributed to PCllrs with meeting documents. Estimated expenditure to the 31 March 2007 is to be produced for the next full Parish Council meeting.

8. DOGS WALK

Due to previous concerns with dog owners walking their dogs on the Bell Lane PF and allowing them to foul it had been agreed there would be an Agenda item so that the matter could be discussed fully.

The points raised under public participation were considered.

The following items were discussed:

- a. It was reported the dogs are not fouling the dog walk – but it would appear the dog owners may not be using it.
- b. At the Summer Fete PCllrs had received complaints from parishioners concerning the amount of dog fouling on the field. PCllr Eggleston stated the Community Caretakers had included in their reports dog fouling on the field. It was felt there was more fouling on the field when the children are on holiday.
- c. PCllr Eggleston stated the PF was there for the younger generation not for dogs and on health & safety grounds it must be a priority to keep the PF for use for children and parents.
- d. It was felt since the PF was no longer fenced there would be a problem to keep the dogs off the field.
- e. Consideration was given to erecting notices.
- f. People can be prosecuted for allowing their dogs to foul
- g. A way forward may be by having volunteer Dog Wardens, as previously suggested.
- h. It was suggested to have the item in VVoice advising people they can be prosecuted - asking parishioners to submit photos of offenders, and that the Schools should be notified of the problem and asking them to advise parents of the PC concerns.

PCllr Scott proposed GYBC Enforcement Officers be notified of the problems on the PF and Bell Lane. Suggested times when offenders may be walking their dogs was between 7 -8am and in the evening after dark.

GYB Services and Norfolk County Council are to be requested to clear Bell Lane and footpaths within the area of dog fouling. At the same time request a schedule when the footpaths are cleansed and litter picked.

VVoice and the GYarmouth Mercury to carry an article on the dog fouling on the PF. Possible loss of the PF for use of dogs and that the PC are considering Volunteer Dog Wardens to cover the village. Dog sacks and gloves are to be obtained to be given to Dog Club.

Seconded PCllr B Williamson

All in agreement

The PClerk left the meeting at this point due to illness

9. VILLAGE VOICE

The Chairman introduced the item and gave an explanation of the background and answered questions on the paper presented from the members who produced the VVoice.

He, the Vice Chair Cllr Rudrum and Cllr Tuxford declared a personal interest and stated that they intended to withdraw from the meeting during the discussion and decision making process.

Cllr B Williamson was asked to take the Chair for this part of the meeting.

The members withdrew and Cllr Bernard Williamson outlined the process and the two decisions to be made, namely to agree with the VV becoming an external publication with no links to the PC and whether the name be transferred with the publication.

Discussion followed concerning each issue.

1) 'That the Village Voice be transferred to an external group for publication.'

Proposed by Cllr Peter Nichols and seconded by Cllr Jack Fuller

The members present agreed that it should be by a majority of: 4 for, 0 against and 4 abstentions.

2) 'That the name Your Village Voice be transferred with the publication.'

Proposed by Cllr C Williamson seconded by Cllr B Clarke.
This was carried by 4 for, 3 against and 1 abstention.

A further issue was discussed concerning the need for any community or charity publication to have an ethical policy regarding its articles and advertising. Discussions took place with reference to the issue.

3) It was proposed that 'the members who intended to run the publication be recommended by the Parish Council to have an ethical policy regarding both its articles and its advertising copy.'

Proposed by Cllr B Williamson from the Chair and seconded by Cllr J Eggleston
This was carried by 7 for, 0 against with 1 abstention.

This section of the meeting closed and the PCllrs Scott, Rudrum and Tuxford rejoined the meeting.

10. VILLAGE PLAN

Left for PCllr Eggleston & PCllr B Williamson to read the Village Plans obtained from Martham and Winterton on Sea Parish Council.

11. CORRESPONDENCE SHEET & PCLLRs REPORTS ON CORRESPONDENCE

Go East – given to PCllr D Barker

12. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Howards Common – confidential item

Go East – report to be given by PCllr D Barker

The meeting closed at 9 36pm.