

Belton-in-Rutland Parish Council

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Chairman S Wilby

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 4th August 2021
at 7.00 pm in Belton-in-Rutland Village Hall

Council Agenda

Action

71/2021	Present Steven Wilby (SW) (Chair) Jane Cronin (JC) Jane Thornalley (JT) Christian Receden Davies (CRD) Hugh Neill (HN) Colin Gordon (GC) Matt Ahearne (MA) (Minutes)	
72/2021	Apologies	None
73/2021	Declaration of disposable pecuniary interest	None
74/2021	To agree the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 30th June 2021. An error in the list of present councillors was highlighted and is corrected. Minutes proposed by GC and seconded by CRD.	
75/2021	Public session A village resident raised concerns that the requirement to release meeting agendas in sufficient time prior to Parish Council Meetings was not always achieved. It was acknowledged that the lack of Clerk, transition to a new website, and recent IT issues had proved challenging. However, all accepted that it is an essential requirement that agendas are made available to the public a minimum of 3 clear days before the day of the meeting. That the Parish Council website is at a minimum the only place that the agendas and minutes are required to be published. In addition, whilst only one Parish Council website exists, it was highlighted that there remains historical links via web search engines and the village website to the previous Parish Council webpage. The council will again request that links to historical webpages on the village website are removed/redirected. Rutland County Council will be contacted to remove contact details for the previous Clerk.	
		HN/GC
76/2021	Not used in agenda	
77/2021	Phone box Confirmation that the Parish Council owns the phone box located at the end of Goughs Lane. Discussed possible uses including book, seed, plant, produce exchange. It was recognised that the phone box will need maintaining and a village resident who may be interested was suggested and will be approached MA	
78/2021	War memorial The stone mason has almost completed work on the memorial including repair of the	

dwarf wall recently damaged and the planned work on the memorial itself. Addition of new name plaque will follow repairs. Discussed possibilities to reduce risk of recurrent vehicular damage. Highway Agency to be contacted for advice.

CRD

79/2021 Website
New Parish Council website went live in June. Website traffic to date 272 clicks. There remains one webpage which includes contact details for the previous Clerk which will be removed.

GC

80/2021 PC banking details
Planned to switch account to an online community banking account with updated Parish Council signatories

81/2021 Tree Champion update
The new Tree Champion is overseeing the National Tree Planting Scheme with sites identified around the village and agreed with Highways for location. Further updates in coming months.

82/2021 Village defibrillator
Current contract with Community Heartbeat Trust runs until Dec 2021. A Volunteer Emergency Telephone Service (VETS) exists supported by a list of local residents. In an emergency where a cardiac arrest is suspected a single local telephone number is called which connects simultaneously to the listed volunteers to enable support pending arrival of emergency services. The volunteer list needs updating, and information will be posted on the Parish Council website. Training is available for new volunteers.

83/2021 Resurfacing of Goughs Lane - minute correction
The minutes of the General Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 26 May, 2021 incorrectly stated that the village had funded resurfacing of Goughs Lane at a cost of £150 pounds per household. The meeting minutes of the 26 May 2021 will still stand as they were accurate what was stated at the meeting. An accurate summary of the financial contributions made will be sought.

SW

84/2021 Clerk role
The Clerk position remains vacant. It was discussed how this can be best advertised. Leaflet flyers will be posted around the village and an advert placed on the Parish Council website. It was agreed that a small amount of funds (up to £100) should be used to advertise through community apps/websites.

85/2021 Belton village preschool nomination for Asset of Community Value status
Belton village preschool are able to apply directly as a charitable body and is due to be discussed at their next committee meeting. The Parish Council would be happy to support in any way.

86/2021 Use of village hall for social events
It was recognised that currently wider social mixing for many remains limited and that larger village social events are best deferred at present. However, the village hall remains available for hiring for groups (details listed on village website).

87/2021 Rutland future house planning
Following Rutland County Council's vote to turn down government funding support for the proposed St. George's Barrack development the examination of the Local Plan has been halted. Other parish councils have forwarded various views on these recent events. It was agreed that the Parish Council will write to other councils acknowledging recent correspondence, state that recent and ongoing developments are being monitored, and that we would be happy to receive further updates as appropriate. That the PC will have attendance at the next meeting and report back.

CRD

Planning applications

- 88/2021 Ref. No: 2021/0775/FUL
Lodge Livery Stables New Road Belton in Rutland Rutland LE15 9LE.
Application for livery barn building. No objections.
- 89/2021 Ref. No: 2021/0803/AGP
Land to The Rear Of 1 Littleworth Lane Belton in Rutland Rutland
Application for construction of agricultural building for storage of farm machinery, hay, straw and tools. No objections.
- 90/2021 Ref. No: 2021/0809/FUL
Land NW Of Blue Stones Bungalow College Farm Lane Belton in Rutland Rutland
The conversion of existing agricultural buildings into one residential dwelling. Prior approval granted under Class Q of the General Permitted Development Order (Ref. No: 2021/0369/PAD). Application to change consent to full planning. Increase in proposed property size noted. No objections.
- 91/2021 Ref. No: 2021/0836/FUL:
Land to The North of The Old Rutland Inn Leicester Road Belton in Rutland Rutland
Application for an all-weather horse exercise arena. No objections.

Planning – Decisions

- 92/2021 Ref. No: 2021/0300/FUL
Proposal: Replacement of the glass front door for a traditional four panel solid hardwood door. Granted with conditions.

Finance

- 93/2021 Chair report
The cemetery bin remains outstanding and a permit from RCC will be obtained as soon as possible. **HN**
A letter from the Valuation Office Agency had been received requesting details of the cemetery to ensure correct rateable values. Forms will be completed once received. **HN**
- 94/2021 Receipts
Bank account credited with a sum of £1344. No details are attached to the payment and the source is not clear. The bank will be contacted to enquire further **HN**

95/2021 Payments
 No expenditure to report.

96/2021 Business to be taken forward
 1. Clerk vacancy
 2. RCC Highways advice regarding war memorial

End of Business The meeting closed at 8.38pm.

Next Meeting. To be held in Belton Village Hall on Wednesday 15th September 2021 at 7.00 pm.