

Belton-in-Rutland Parish Council

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Chairman S Wilby

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 15 September 2021

At 7.00 pm in Belton-in-Rutland Village Hall

Council Agenda

Action

- 97/2021 Present:
Steven Wilby (SW) (Chair)
Jane Cronin (JC)
Jane Thornalley (JT)
Christian Receden Davies (CRD)
Hugh Neill (HN)
Colin Gordon (CG)
Matt Ahearne (MA)
Samantha Hendy (SH) (Minutes)
- 98/2021 Apologies – None
- 99/2021 Declaration of disposable pecuniary interest – CRD declared item 110 relates to his application
- 100/2021 To agree the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4 August 2021 – There is an error as to the initials used, should state CG and not GC.
- 101/2021 Public session – A village resident raised a query as to the location of minutes on the website. There are a number of suggested websites for Belton-in-Rutland Parish Council when using a search engine which may cause confusion. For the avoidance of doubt and to provide clarity, the official website address for the Parish Council will be displayed within the notice board. Will also seek to provide a QR code for ease. **SH.**
- 102/2021 Complaint's procedure against a Councillor potentially requires changing to be in line with current guidance – It was noted that it is not clear, within the policies, how a complaint would be investigated. The procedure is to be updated and details provided on the website. **SH**
- 103/2021 PC Forum held in August update – As of 6 September, Rutland County Council voted out the current Local Development Plan. The impact is that any new development plan will take four years to produce and vote into existence, potentially allowing uncontrolled building development around the county. There is a Village Design Statement for Belton-in-Rutland which was produced in 2004. However, it is likely that RCC may not have knowledge of it or it could be seen as out of date. It will be investigated further as to merits of updating the statement. **CRD**

- 104/2021 Highways meeting ref. War Memorial protection – CRD met with Highways Authority. Discussed the possibility of placement of bollards to protect the small wall surrounding the Memorial. These would be in keeping with the surrounding and was suggested cast iron bollards with reflectors may be a solution. There are different styles of bollards available and further consideration will be made with regards to cost, quantity, style. Clarification also to be sought from the Highways Agency as to whether they will bear the cost of the install if the Parish Council purchased the bollards. **CRD**
- 105/2021 War memorial – JC has sent confirmation by email that the Parish Council are happy to accept the quote. However, despite reminders being sent, no further reply has been received. JC will continue to chase and seek alternative recommendations. **JC**
- 106/2021 3 Wards Trust Land insurance and maintenance – 3 Wards Trust wish to rebrand and build awareness of the use of the wildlife conservation area. They are looking for fundraising to provide funds for maintenance of gates and towards payment of insurance. Representatives of 3 Wards Trust are to be invited to provide a presentation to the Parish Council before further consideration can be given. **SW**
- 107/2021 PC banking update - SW has attempted to contact the bank on a number of occasions. Unfortunately, the system has an extraordinary waiting time whilst “on hold”. JC will continue attempts to contact them and SW will provide details required. **SW and JC**
- 108/2021 High Sheriff of Rutland BIR Visit – The High Sheriff of Rutland is due to visit Belton-in-Rutland on Thursday 30 September where he will do a tour of the village. He also wishes to meet representatives of any other organisations within the village i.e. Belton Historical Society, football teams, The Sun etc. He will also be holding a presentation to a local resident. Afternoon tea will be provided and the Parish Council has agreed to fund the same. Approaches will be made to long term residents of the village and representatives of organisations. **SW**
- 109/2021 Clerk role update – Interviews have taken place and SH has been offered the position. Offer letter and contract to be sent to SH **SW**

Planning applications

- 110/2021 Ref. No: 2021/1039/NMA
Church View, 3 Loddington Lane, Belton-in-Rutland LE15 9LA
No objections
- 111/2021 Removed as agenda item information not available
Ref. No: 2021/XXXX/XXX
Little Bit of Rough

Planning decisions

- 112/2021 Ref. No: 2021/0929/CAT
The Finches, 36 Main Street, Belton-in-Rutland LE15 9LB

There are three planning applications for tree felling to be reviewed.

Finance

113/2021

Chair report

Current balance as at 31 August 2021 = £29582.34

£1344 which was received in June where the payee was not known was in fact payment from the transport company for the damage to the memorial.

The claim for VAT has still to be completed, this will be undertaken shortly now the clerk is in post.

Costs are anticipated to be incurred in respect of the plaque and cleaning required to the War Memorial.

A further invoice is anticipated for the maintenance and cutting of the cemetery. Cuttings are currently placed in the compost area at the cemetery.

The green bin service has not been reinstated and the requirement for the same will be monitored.

A Carter-Brown has also been asked to quote for the maintenance of further areas within Belton-in-Rutland.

114/2021

Receipts – None

115/2021

Payments – None

116/2021

Business to be taken forward – Planned meeting 20th October 2021 1900hr

1. VAT claim
2. Safety on A47
3. Telephone Box
4. Hedges at the BT Exchange
5. Empty village properties
6. Affordable housing