

# Belton And Manthorpe Parish Council

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Minutes of the Belton and Manthorpe Parish Council Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2022 at 7.30pm in the Old School, Belton.

Present Cllrs. S Syddall, E Farley, S Thompson, R. Hallam, J. Ashford, A Charity

In attendance Chris. Morgan (Clerk and Proper Officer). –

- 1) **Chairman's Remarks.** The elected Chair– Cllr Simon Syddall addressed the meeting and a one-minute silence was held for the recently deceased Diana Platt, who was a previous Chair of the Parish Council and had done a lot of work on the P.C. and represented the local residents. The Chair then welcomed those present and thanked Cllr E.F. for stepping in as Chair at the last meeting. Things had been quiet and uneventful since the last meeting, so there was very little to say at this stage.
- 2) **Apologies for Absence** – Mary Simpson – Member of the Public
- 3) **Declarations of Interest** – Nothing declared by anyone, and there were no matters on the agenda where any councillors present had any pecuniary interest to declare.
- 4) **Minutes of the last meeting** held 17<sup>th</sup> August 2022 – It was RESOLVED to adopt the minutes as a true record, proposed by ST seconded by EF and the minutes, were, duly signed by the Chairman and Clerk. – Matters arising – All covered by agenda items.
- 5) **Update from National Trust** – Mr. Ian Cooper the Belton House General Manager, was not able to attend the meeting and he had sent his apologies. The Chair had met with I.C. recently and gave a verbal update of ongoing issues at Belton House. This was mainly to do with the projects being carried out at B.H. – The Stables Court Yard and the Car Park. With reference to the Stables Court Yard the local Conservation had attended at BH as well as Heritage England, there had been minor changes made to the initial plans and the plans would now be submitted to SKDC Planning Dept in the usual way. Sixty-five thousand attendees were expected at the Christmas light show there had been a number of marked improvements last year these would again be implemented and it was hoped that the event would be successful with a minimum amount of disruption to local residents. A general discussion took place re the Old School and its future use. IC said he would re-constitute the Village Hall Liaison Committee (a condition of planning) in the New Year.
- 6) **Co Option** –CM updated the meeting, stating that all the relevant notices had been displayed in a timely manner and it was now incumbent on the P.C. to co opt onto the P.C. There had been one person who had shown an interest in this Mrs. Mary Simpson from Manthorpe. Mrs. Simpson was unable to attend the meeting and had sent in her apologies. She had submitted a short antecedent history of herself and this had been circulated, and the matter was fully discussed by those present, RESOLVED – Proposed by AC seconded by RH and a unanimous decision that Mary Simpson would be co-opted.
- 7) **Finance** – CM had circulated the Finance Report and the spreadsheet outlining all income and expenditure. He asked if there were any questions – there were none RESOLVED Finance report accepted and agreed all the expenditure as outlined. Proposed ST seconded AC – unanimously agreed. CM then went on to speak about the proposed budget, this had been circulated prior to the meeting, after a general discussion on this matter it was RESOLVED to adopt the budget as presented. Proposed ST seconded AC – Unanimously agreed.
- 8) **Community Governance Review** -CM gave a verbal update on this informing the meeting that a number of Councillors had attended two separate meetings on this subject since the last P.C. meeting. The latter being held by SKDC when the update was given that the consultation is continuing and that no firm decisions had yet been made. In relation to this P.C. SKDC would be writing to all the residents in the Rosedale with further consultation. The PC would be copied into any communication that SKDC have with the residents. Matter still ongoing.

- 9) **Constable Field - CM** had received an update from David Carter of Dysons Estate agents, basically outlining the issues with any sale including the Pylon sited on the site and the restricted view access to the site off Belton Lane. Mr. Carter’s recommendation was to place the land to Informal Tender and see what interest this would bring and then a decision could be made. RESOLVED to accept the recommendation and David Carter to be contacted by CM and asked to set the process of informal tender.
- 10) **Planning Applications Since the Last meeting.** A paper had been circulated re this, mostly the planning applications had been around tree maintenance and there had been no objections raised re any matters.
- 11) **Civility and Respect** – CM reported to the meeting that this report had been circulated to all, prior to the meeting. The paper was received and formally noted.
- 12) **Gov.UK** email addresses. A general discussion took place with all those present about the benefits of BelMan P.C. adopting gov.uk email addresses as had been recommended by LALC. It was felt that this was an important issue and it was RESOLVED to adopt the recommendations. CM to follow this up and complete the required process that was needed – It was agreed that Cloudnext, who have provided this service to a number of Parish Councils be asked to provide the service to Belton and Manthorpe PC.
- 13) **Community Speed Watch** - A full discussion with those present took place, it was disappointing that not many checks had been completed by the volunteers re this. There were a number of reasons for this, including volunteers moving away from the area. RESOLVED – Further work to be carried out re this in Spring 2023.
- 14) **Any Urgent Business.** None had been notified, however AC asked to bring one matter to the meeting which the Chair agreed to – AC had been contacted by a local resident re the trees on the verges on Low Road Manthorpe, which were in a poor condition with branches having fallen off in the recent storms. The resident had been advised to report this via “Fix My Street” as it is believed that these trees belong to L.C.C. It was also agreed that CM would also report this as it was a matter of concern to a number of residents in the area.
- 15) **Date and Time of Future Meetings.** – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023, 7.30pm at Manthorpe. Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023 7pm at Belton this to include the Annual Parish Meeting and the AGM. Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2023 7.30pm at Manthorpe. Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm at Belton.

**There being no other business the meeting closed at 2055hrs.**

Signed Chair.....Clerk.....Date.....