

Belton And Manthorpe Parish Council

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Minutes of the Belton and Manthorpe Parish Council Meeting held on 21st February 2024 at 7.30pm in the St John's Church Rooms, Manthorpe

Present Cllrs Cllr A Charity Cllrs S Thompson, Cllr E Farley. Cllr Ian Stokes (SKDC)

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

Chairman's Remarks. The Chair, Cllr Syddall, was unable to make the meeting, so Cllr A Charity stood in as the Chair for this meeting. He welcomed those in attendance to the meeting.

- 1) **Apologies for Absence** – Cllrs -S Syddall, Cllr R Hallam , Cllr Simpson Lincs CC Cllr P Martin. (nothing had been heard from Cllr Ashford)
- 2) **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.
- 3) **Minutes of the last meeting** held 29th November 2023 – It was RESOLVED to adopt the minutes as a true record, proposed by ST seconded by AC and the minutes, were, duly signed by the Chairman and Clerk. – Matters arising – All covered by agenda items.
- 4) **Belton Liaison Comm/National Trust** – Ian Cooper was not at the meeting, and the meeting had not had any update re the Belton L.C. AC and CM updated the meeting on the meeting they had held with LCC Highways (Rowan Smith) and the Lincs CC Cll – Cllr P Martin. Speeding Traffic through Belton – A matter for L.R.S.P. and the P.C. have been in contact with them and the L.R.S.P. have completed checks. - The average speed of vehicles from the Barkston Lane survey (30mph) was 27.4 There was some evidence that some vehicles were exceeding the speed limit at a speed that would make the drivers liable to action or prosecution by the Police. There have been no injury collisions here recorded in the last 3yrs. The results of the survey together with an analysis of collision data show that the criteria required for either fixed or mobile speed camera enforcement, is not met. P.C. to continue to monitor and collate evidence by their own reactive speed equipment. This site has also been identified as a site where the C.S.W. could be used, but as 3 above there is a lack of volunteers. Again P.C. to collate evidence from their reactive speed sign.
- 5) The safety around the Belton Garden Centre entrance/exit and the junction into Belton was discussed. The speed limit had been reduced there and the L.R.S.P. Mobile camera team do operate on the A607 in that area. It was also discussed re the overhanging foliage at the junction, which made visibility difficult when you are emerging from the Belton junction. Rowan did say that the foliage had been trimmed earlier in the year, but he would arrange for further trimming.
- 6) H.G.V.'s regularly travelling along 5 Gates Lane in contravention of the weight restriction. Inf by Rowan that L.C.C. now have a Lorry Watch scheme, details on L.C.C. web site. P.C. to promote on their web site and inform local "complainants" about the scheme
- 5) **Finance** –CM had circulated a number of papers to be discussed. Financial report was discussed and the payments that had been made were retrospectively agreed. RESOLVED – Proposed ST seconded AC to accept the reports. (Unanimously agreed)
- 6) **Speed Concerns A607 Manthorpe** - A general discussion took place by all present. CM and AC updated the meeting re their recent meeting as in para 4 -Provision of a Pedestrian Crossing on A607 Manthorpe Village. - The criteria for installations of

Pedestrian Crossings is out lined on the L.C.C. Website. Although it was apparent that the criteria for traffic flow would be met. The criteria for the actual number of pedestrians crossing at this point would not be, at this time. L.C.C. need to work to actual numbers now and not potential for the future. If the pedestrian flow increases then it could be looked at. However, if any 3rd party funding was available, even though it did not meet the criteria, the provision may be considered. The cost would be bet £100k and £150k. CM to contact Ian Reilly (Alison Homes) to see if any 3rd party funding may be available. Traffic calming measures on A607 Manthorpe, entering Manthorpe from the Belton end. Rowan will look at the provision of "30" and "Slow" markers on the A607, once the weather has improved. The markings are not that durable and if it were to be done now, they would soon get erased. Speed enforcement on A607 - This is a matter for the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership and as a P.C. we are already in contact with them. The Community Speed watch is also an option and has proved successful in other parts of the County. However, in the P.C. area there are not enough volunteers, at the moment, to make this viable. P.C. to continue to collate the speed figures from the reactive sign

7) Planning Applications since the last meeting – CM had circulated a paper re all the applications received since the last meeting. Most were straight forward and related to tree issues. The P.C. had concerns re road safety issues on the proposed development at Constable Field, Belton Lane. CM had written to Planning re road safety concerns. CM was also asked to forward the letter onto Cllr P Martin Lincs C.C. to ask for his support in this matter.

8) Any Urgent Business – None had been notified

9) Date and Time of Next Meeting – Dates for next year’s meeting were agreed: May 15th 2024 at Belton, 7pm which would include the AGM and the Annual Parish Meeting. August 28th 2024 at Manthorpe, November 13th 2024 at Belton.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 20.40

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