

# BELTON AND MANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

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## BELTON AND MANTHORPE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Draft Minutes of meeting held at the School Room, Belton. Tuesday 13th May 2025 at 7pm

- 1) Present: Chairman Cllr. A Charity, Cllrs - S Thompson, Rona Hallam, J Ashford, S Syddall, R Mansel, Clerk C. Morgan. Members of the public, Lincs CC Cllr Paul Martin, SKDC Cllr Ian Stokes + 2
- 2) Apologies – Cllr M Simpson, Ian Cooper (N.T.)
- 3) Minutes: - Minutes of the last meeting, held 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024 had been circulated, unanimously agree that that were an accurate and true record of the proceedings, proposed Sally Thompson seconded Rona Hallam, RESOLVED Chair to sign the Minutes.
- 4) Chairman's Report - **Chairman's Remarks.** The Chair, Cllr Charity, welcomed everyone to the meeting. He then addressed the meeting stating that 2024/2025 had been a relatively quiet year as far as the Parish Council was concerned AC picked out a number of highlights for the year, as he reviewed the Parish Council's work. There had been a vast improvement in communication with the National Trust, in particular Ian Cooper, for which we are all grateful AC outlined the National Trust Plans, which had been completed - upgrading the car parking at Belton House, the work on Belmont Tower, improved signage and traffic management matter re the Lighting Festival at Christmas. The P.C. would like to see a one-way traffic system implemented to make the entrance/exit in Belton village safer. This was on the cards in the past but the planning had been withdrawn at that time due to opposition. The P.C. would like to see the proposals reinstated. Speeding traffic on Manthorpe High Rd continued to be a source of complaint from members of the public. The P.C. had invested in new Solar Powered Speed Indicator Devices which it is hoped may address some of the complaints. A Community Speed Watch initiative had also been set up and the P.C. are very grateful for the local parishioners who were involved in this. AC commented that disappointingly the Ash Tree Solar Farm project had been refused planning permission, but that an appeal had been submitted and an outcome on the decision was awaited. The P.C. continues to have positive engagement with Alison Homes over the Manthorpe Chase development. At the moment the PC were in active discussions re an extension to the P.C. Burial Ground and also the Car Park at the Church. The junction at Belton Lane/A607 is awaiting the erection of Traffic Lights but L.C.C. at this time had not been able to give Alison Homes the "Road Space" to complete the works active discussion were ongoing between LCC and SKDC re the issue. Financially the P.C. is in a sound position, helped by the sale of Constable Field in the previous year. The monies saved there could be used to extend the Burial Ground if needed. In closing AC thanked his fellow Councilors for their support and service, and to the Clerk for doing a good job on administration and finance.

19.15hrs meeting concluded.

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_