

**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
Held at the Manthorpe Village Hall
On Thursday 11th February 2016**

1. PRESENT: Chairman Councillor K.Gibson, Councillors T. Hopwell, R. Gibson, C. Thornton, J. Miller, S Thompson, E. Bannister, County Cllr R. Wootten, J. Fountain Parish Clerk

2. APOLOGIES: No apologies received.

3. MINUTES: The Minutes of the Parish Council held on 26th November, 2015 were read, approved by all and signed by the Chairman and Clerk as a true record of that meeting.

4. MATTERS ARISING:

Boots Field: County Cllr Wootten to ask SKDC if the field is registered with the Land Registry.

Smoke Pollution in Belton.: Cllr. Hopwell met with Alec Gordon at National Trust Liaison meeting and he confirmed that there will be no more bonfires for the foreseeable future.

Parking on Pavement at Manthorpe: Clerk contacted the Police and reported the situation. Sergeant Gilmore from Grantham responded and sent out notices to the people concerned asking them to stop parking their vehicles on the pavement near the junction of High Road and Low Road, Manthorpe. One of the vehicles has now stopped using the pavement as a parking lot but the red Renault Clio NX59 ZYL still continues to do so. This continues to be a problem with people trying to pass the vehicle with pushchairs etc and blocking the view of traffic coming from Grantham when drivers are turning out of Low Road onto the A607. Clerk to contact Sgt Gilmore for further advice.

Speed Limits – A607 - Belton: The new Policy on speeds limits has now been published. The Councillors will look at the policy and find out what the position is on limits for the A607. The Council is still determined to try and get the limit reduced on the stretch of the A607 from Manthorpe, Belton through to Syston. Cllr Wootten to forward Policy to Clerk.

The Yew tree at Belton: LCC Highways has, as promised, cut back the path out of Belton across towards Belton Woods Hotel but has not as yet cut back the Yew tree. Clerk to write and remind LCC Highways of the situation.

Land Registry: Clerk still waiting for a response from Ringrose Solicitors on Constable Field entry which the Land Registry was unable to locate.

5. SPEED CAMERA: The camera has been in Manthorpe since the end of November. Cllr Miller to turn the camera to the other direction for a time. The information from the camera has been used as part of the Parish Council's objection letter to the SKDC re the Planning Application from Allison Homes to erect 550 homes on land located adjacent to the Manthorpe estate.

6. HIGH SPEED BROADBAND BELTON: High speed broadband is now up and running in Belton.

7. SMALLER AUTHORITIES AUDIT APPOINTMENTS:

After reading the latest correspondence reference the above the Council has decided that it will still opt in to the new scheme and pay the £100 for 5 years which covers the cost of providing an external auditor should the electors submit any queries concerning the Council's finances.

8. ALLISON HOMES: The Parish Council has submitted a letter of objection to SKDC reference the Planning Application from Allison Homes. County Cllr Wootten

has delivered 1,600 letters by hand to local areas explaining the situation and asking for support to object to the Planning Application. He has also asked, through an article in the Journal, for local drivers to keep a log for two weeks keeping track of the time spent in traffic in the mornings on the A607 to highlight traffic problems that already exist. The consultation period on the application is ongoing and the application will probably not be considered until July.

9. GRITTING IN BELTON: LCC Highways has responded to the Council's letter reference gritting in Belton saying that there is no money available to add Belton to the gritting route and the Council's proposal to share with Syston was not possible. Clerk to send further letter to LCC Highways. In the meanwhile Michael Coney has purchased a spreader and salt and has been spreading in Belton at his own expense.

10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS: Clerk reported that the Planning Applications received since the last meeting were as follows:

Planning Application S15/3189 A sustainable urban extension to Grantham comprising not more than 550 dwellings etc – Land to the North of Longcliffe Road. The P.C. sent its objections to this application to SKDC. The notes of the informal discussion held on the 8th January 2016 are appended to these minutes.

Planning Application S15/3470 – National Trust – Alteration of listed building (Stables to Belton House) No objections

Planning Application S15/3493 – Mr Nigel Martin – 13 \High Road, Manthorpe . Installation of summer house (detached timber outbuilding) No objections

Planning Application S16/0076 National Trust – installation of fire detection system. No objections

11. FINANCE: Clerk reported that two cheques had been raised and approved by Chairman as follow: Cheque No. 000396 for £698.00 to D. Sharpe for Burial Ground Maintenance Invoice number 720 30th November 2015.

Cheque No. 000397 for £330.00 to J. Fountain, Clerk for Quarterly Salary. This being the fourth payment for the year included the £100 pay rise for the year 2015/1016 which was agreed belatedly.

12. CORRESPONDENCE:

Boundary Changes make no difference to Parish Boundary.

All other correspondence was looked at and filed.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Cllr R. Gibson reported a very large pothole at the edge of the Five Gates Road which needs urgent attention.

Cllr Thompson also reported 3 large pot holes in Belton village in front of the Coach House, on Main Street.

Cllr Miller reported both lots on "fixmystreet.com". And they have been passed on to LCC Highways.

The trees at the north end of Low Road are in need of attention. Clerk to report to LCC Highways.

The meeting was closed at 9.15pm

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at Belton Village Hall on Wednesday 25th May, 2016 at 7.00pm

Chairman.....Clerk.....Date.....

**Extraordinary Meeting Friday 8th January 2016
Held at Belton Village Hall.**

The Parish Council had originally decided to have a discussion on Friday 8th January about the letter of objection it was going to put together with reference to SKDC Planning Application S15/3189 (Building of 550 homes on land in Manthorpe).

However, The Grantham Journal, reported in that Friday's edition that Belton & Manthorpe Parish Council were holding a 'meeting' about the Application which, it reported, was to be held at Manthorpe Village Hall at 7.00pm that evening.

With residents of Manthorpe and Belton, who were very eager to attend any meeting concerning the proposed project, contacting the Council about the article it had no alternative but to let residents and the Journal know that although it was only intended to be a discussion amongst the Councillors about the best way to word their objection as a Council to the proposed project, should the public wish to come along they were welcome to do so at the correct venue of Belton Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Twenty members of the public attended and the Council listened to their objections to the project and offered advice as to the best way of voicing their protest.

County Cllr Ray Wootten was also present and offered to help with any queries and urged the public to object on a personal basis by writing in to SKDC giving their valid reasons for their objection.

The Council thanked the public for attending and the meeting closed at 8.45pm.