

BELTON AND MANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

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Draft Minutes/Notes of the Belton and Manthorpe Parish Council Meeting held on 30th November 2017 in The Old School Village hall in Belton at 7.30pm.

Present Cllrs K. Gibson (Chairman) E. Bannister, M Morris, S. Syddall, S Thompson, C Thornton, J Miller.

In attendance Chris. Morgan (Clerk and Proper Officer) Retired previous Clerk J Fountain.

- 1) **Chairman's Remarks.** Cllr Gibson thanked the previous Clerk, Janet Fountain, for all her previous work and commitment to the Parish Council over the last 15yrs and made a presentation of the Council's gratitude. J.Fountain then left the meeting. The new Clerk – Chris Morgan was welcomed to his first meeting
- 2) **Apologies for Absence** – No apologies from the Belton and Manthorpe Councilors as they were all present. Apologies were recorded from the Lincs. County Councilor Ray Wooten, who was not in attendance due to ill health. Cllr Miller, at this point gave apologies that he would have to resign his position after this evenings meeting. Due to personal matters he was not able to give the time that was needed to efficiently act as a Councilor. This was accepted by the Chairman and Cllr Miller was thanked for all his work that he had done for the Parish Council. A short discussion then took place as to the best way forward to replace Cllr Miller and it was RESOLVED that as this was mid term, the P.C. would look to try and co opt someone else to take this position. **ACTION – ALL CLLRS**
- 3) **Declarations of Interest** – No declarations received from anyone present.
- 4) **Minutes of the last meeting** held on 7th September 2017. – It was RESOLVED to adopt the minutes as a true record, and the minutes were duly signed by the Chairman and Clerk.
- 5) **Broken Manhole covers A607 Belton** – It was noted that the holes had been filled with sand, but it was felt that this was still a problem and a trip hazard and an unsatisfactory solution. RESOLVED Clerk to contact O2 again to see if a more permanent solution could be completed. **ACTION CM**
- 6) **Variation of Speed Limit A607.** A discussion took place re the request by the P.C. to L.C.C. Highways to examine the speed limit between Manthorpe and Barkston. Replies by the local M.P. and the Highways Dept were noted. RESOLVED – Issued to be closed, as the relevant process by L.C.C. to reduce the speed limit was now in place. Timescales to be monitored.

- 7) **Alison Homes Appeal.** The meeting was updated by those Cllrs who had attended the Public enquiry re the appeal (Cllrs. Gibson, Morris, Thompson and Thornton) It was felt that the Inspector was almost certain to rule against the Council and that Alison Homes would get planning permission. Timescale of when a decision would be made and publicized was unknown. No further appeal would be allowed, no matter what the decision was.

- 8) **Update re BT Phone box in Manthorpe.** Noted that the phone box had now been removed. RESOLVED – matter now closed
- 9) **Overgrown Hedges Low Rd Manthorpe.** 38 was a little better, having been trimmed. 20 was still unoccupied, but new owner was known and Cllr Thompson offered to speak with the new owners to try and improve the situation **ACTION – Cllr Thompson**
- 10) **Manthorpe Burial Ground.** Cllr Morris informed the meeting that he was now responsible for this and explained the process and procedure. He also spoke about the current costs and recommended that the current charges should remain as they are at present and be reviewed in May 2018. It was pointed out by Cllr Gibson that there is a right of way through the Burial Ground and that the new proposed work to extend the Parish Church buildings may impinge on the footpath. **ACTION CM to write to Father S Craddock to ensure that they were aware of this.**
- 11) **Authorisation of payments since last meeting.** – RESOLVED to approve the following accounts for payment a) 5.10.17 Cheque 421 in sum of £265.20 Clerks Q2 wages. B) 31.10.17 Cheque 422 in sum of £88.40 Clerks wages 1.10.17 to 31.10.17. c) Cheque 423 Clerks expenses 1.4.17 to 31.10.17 in the sum of £65.54 d) 23.11.17 Cheque 424 Burial Ground Maintenance 2017, to D.R. Sharpe in the sum of £812.

CM explained to the meeting the challenge of getting the Bank Mandate sorted out with Lloyds. The main reason for this was the fact that the P.C. accounts date back to TSB days and they are on a different "platform" to the "platform that Lloyds now use. Lloyds have advised to open new accounts with their updated platform and this will prevent these issues occurring in the future. RESOLVED CM to open new accounts with Lloyds, and also to try and ensure that the new accounts can be used online. To look at investment opportunities re some of the monies in the savings account." **ACTION CM**
- 12) **Precept 2018.** Discussion took place over what the precept application to S.K.D.C. should be. RESOLVED the full amount of £2000 should be requested **ACTION CM to complete and submit the relevant paperwork to S.K.D.C.**
- 13) **Planning applications** – S17/2189 – No objections, S17/2301 No objections. S17/2155 – Outline planning permission from Downtown. A full discussion took place over this. It was unanimous that all were concerned about entry/exit to/from the east to the proposed new plans. Belton Lane was deemed as unsuitable for use by the anticipated increase of traffic and would be a road safety risk. RESOLVED CM to submit the P.C.'s comments to S.K.D.C.
- 14) **Payroll Support** – RESOLVED Ladywell Accountancy Services to be asked to commence the payroll support for the Clerk. **ACTION KG to write to Ladywell** with a view to commencing asap.
- 15) **Retention of Documents** – RESOLVED P.C. to adopt S.L.C.C. guidelines re retention of documents.
- 16) **Correspondence.** Clerk outlined relevant correspondence since the last meeting. a) L.C.C. were asking for feedback re the Impact of the Part Night Street Lighting Policy. A general discussion took place by all present. RESOLVED CM to respond and provide feedback to L.C.C. b)

Community Speed Watch, new initiative by the LRSP. General discussion took place. RESOLVED CM to go through the policy/processes received and precis and forward to all Parish Councilors. C) email from Mrs. C Gibson, re the dog waste bin at Manthorpe. Mrs. Gibson is no longer able to empty and dispose of the dog waste. RESOLVED Letter of thanks to Mrs. Gibson for the past support with this. CM offered to continue and empty the bin every other week. This work would be part of his employment and any additional mileage incurred could be claimed for – agreed by those present. **ACTION CM to write a letter of thanks to Mrs. Gibson**

- 17) Cllr Thompson brought up the problem of dog waste along the Ginnel at Belton – RESOLVED to monitor and if culprit is identified letter would be written. – Cllr Thompson also requested that a letter of thanks should be sent to Michael Coney at Belton re his continued support to the P Council in emptying the dog waste bins in Belton. ACTION CM to write to M.Coney. Cllr Thompson also reported that the 30mph sign at the south entrance to Belton village had still not been replaced and that there was only one sign there at the moment ACTION CM to notify LCC Highways.

- 18) **DATE and Time of next meeting** – RESOLVED as publicized – February 22nd at Manthorpe.

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