

AGENDA
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Parish Council Meeting
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Manthorpe Village Hall
On Thursday 11th February, 2016

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**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
held at the Village Hall, Belton
On Thursday 26th November 2015**

1. PRESENT: Chairman Councillor K. Gibson , Councillors T. Hopwell, R. Gibson, C. Thornton, J. Miller, County Cllr Ray Wooten, J. Fountain Parish Clerk and Member of the Public E. Bannister.

2. APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from S. Thompson
Cllr. Roy Gibson welcomed Emma Bannister and it was proposed by Cllr. Gibson and seconded by Chairman K. Gibson that Emma Bannister be co-opted onto the Parish Council in place of J. Beaty who has retired.

3. MINUTES: The Minutes of the Parish Council held on 20th August, 2015 were read, approved by all and signed by the Chairman and Clerk as a true record of that meeting.

4. MATTERS ARISING:

Pot Holes in Belton & Manthorpe: Pot holes had been repaired including the large one on Five Gates Road. .

Boots Field: Still not sure who owns Boots Field.

Smoke Pollution in Belton. C. Thornton reported that there has been 5 days of burning bonfires in the wood yard. The fires were left overnight and over the weekend unattended. They were burning timber. Alec Gordon informed Cllr Thornton that they would not be having any more bonfires for the foreseeable future and that he would inform him if they should need to have another.

Cllr. Thornton had contacted SKDC about the smoke from the fires and they informed him what to do should he feel the need to report any future fires.

Cllr. Hopwell to bring the subject up with Alec Gordon at the next Liaison meeting.

Car Parking on Pavement at Manthorpe: Two cars are still being parked on the pavement. Cllr. Wooten to pass on police contact to Clerk to report it. Cllr Miller to provide registration numbers of vehicles. Clerk also to find out if there is any specific width of pavement required for pedestrians to walk safely if vehicles are parked on that pavement.

Waterloo Cottages: On the outstanding item of speed limits on the A607, the Clerk had written to LCC Highways and had been put off once again on the basis that a new policy for determining speed limits was being introduced at the end of the year. The local County Councillor should be contacted to argue for the reduced limit when the policy was in place. Cllr. Wooten to see where LCC Highways are with this.

The Yew tree at Belton: The tree by the A607 which is in need of cutting back and the path out of Belton across towards Belton Woods Hotel which needs clearing were reported to LCC Highways and are being dealt with.

Land Registry: Clerk to get registration Documents from Land Registry for both for Constable Field & Manthorpe Burial Ground. Registration Document for Burial Ground was purchased by Clerk (£23.94) and Deeds for Burial Ground are still held in safe at Chattertons Solicitors.

Clerk asked Land Registry for documentation for Constable Field but was informed that none was available. Clerk spoke to Ringrose & Co. Solicitors who handled the Registration in 1994. They no longer hold copy of the Land Registration. However Parish Council has copy of Invoice sent by Ringrose & Co. for obtaining Registration on behalf of the Council. Clerk to speak to Ringrose again on this subject. .

5. STANDING ORDERS

The new Standing Orders, adapted to meet the Parish Council's requirements, were distributed to all Councillors before the meeting and it was proposed by Cllr. Gibson and seconded by the Chairman that they be adopted. The Parish Council has also re-examined all its policies and the following were discussed, agreed by all and adopted.

B&M Parish Council Planning Policy

B&M Parish Council Financial Regulations

B&M Parish Council Financial Regulations Summary

B&M Parish Council Equality and Diversity Policy

B&M Parish Council Data Protection Policy

B&M Parish Council Complaints Procedure Policy

The Parish Council has delegated its authority to the Parish Clerk, the proper officer of the Council, to carry out all the functions conferred on the proper officer by statute or otherwise in accordance with Local Government Act 1972. This included the authority to aggregate the Parish Councillors' comments on circulated comment sheets, on Planning Applications and then transmit that opinion to SKDC Planning. Cllr Miller happy to update the Website with adopted Policies. Cllr. Hopwell to show Chairman and then pass on information to Cllr. Miller.

6. L.I.V.E.S.

The Parish Council decided to support LIVES Charity again this year and make a donation of £300. Cheque signed by Chairman and Clerk. Clerk to send cheque to Mr. C.J. Townson, Group Co-ordinator.

7. SPEED CAMERA BELTON

Michael Coney sent records of typical week of Belton incoming traffic. Traffic flow individual movements Weekdays :- 2600 per day

Weekends :- 2000 per day

Peak Flow rate (Full Hour) individual movements 400 cars per hour (Morning rush)

Excessive speed in all directions, the worst entering the village from Barkston and 5 Gates direction, in both cases over 70% of the traffic is entering the village in excess of 30mph at speeds of up to 75mph.

The speed sensor is having the effect of slowing many cars but not all. It needs moving to new sites on a regular basis to be fully effective. Cllr Roy Gibson not convinced with figures. Cllr Miller said that it does have deterrent effect.

Cllr Thornton suggested that the junction with A607 entering the village from Syston end should be changed or even closed. Vehicles entering from that junction come in at high speeds and the figures taken by the camera confirm this. Cllr. Wootten suggested that the Council should write the Mr Heaton at LCC Highways stating the figures collected and that changing or closing the junction would be Belton's first priority for the next financial year should funding allow. Cllr. Hopwell to draft.

Cllr. Wootten suggested asking Traffic Police to set up checks. The National Trust does not want the Parish Council to put up static signs in the village.

MANTHORPE

Cllr Miller reported:-

Into Town - 79,176 vehicles in 13 days from 21 April – average weekday of 5,858/day. Peak is morning 8 till 9 with average of 497/hr 8 till 9 and 462/hr 5-6 .

Out of Town - approx 8 weeks from 9 of data June and July 46,000 a week for 4weeks – average weekday of 6,776/day. Peak is morning 8 till 9 with average of 427/hr 8 till 9 and 567/hr 5 till 6 .Camera to be moved to Manthorpe on Sunday. Cllr. Miller to contact M. Coney re move.

8. LCC Highways Self Help & Mutual Aid in Times of Severe Winter

M. Coney sent letter to Highways offering to help store and spread the salt for Belton Village but has had no response. Cllr. Hopwell called LCC Highways South. He was informed that there would only be one, one tonne bag of salt and this would only be if a period of prolonged cold, snow and frost was forecast. Alternate salting/gritting with Syston had been suggested to LCC Highways but this was not considered feasible. Cllr. Hopwell to contact M. Heaton of LCC Highways re salting and gritting again with the figures on traffic taken from the camera.

9. HIGH SPEED BROADBAND BELTON

A cabinet was installed in March. Updates were obtained by Cllr. Hopwell but with no clear time for connection. Western Power will connect the power when cables have been laid. Sub Contractors for Carillion the Civil Engineers, have now started to dig up the pavement in the village from the cabinet by the A607 up to the Mains cable by the Forge and should shortly lay the cable. "On Lincolnshire" has advised that the target completion is early December. Cllr. Wootten has a leaflet which sounds positive which he will email to the Clerk.

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

Precept for 2015/2016 was discussed and it was proposed by Cllr. Gibson and seconded by the Chairman that the Parish Council should ask for £750.

LALC has written to say that it is putting up annual subscriptions which will increase by £4.16 for Belton & Manthorpe. The Council agreed that this was well worth it as LALC had been of great help to the Council recently.

Tree Cutting in Belton – no objections.

NALC Procurement of Audit for Smaller Authorities. The Chairman proposed and Cllr. Hopwell seconded that the Parish Council will go with NALC and not opt out. This was passed unanimously Clerk to inform John Jackson, Internal Auditor, at time of next year's Internal Audit.

The Manthorpe resident whose planning application was refused has emailed his complaint against the Parish Council reference that refusal by SKDC. The situation was discussed. Chairman has sent a holding reply and will draft reply to be sent when it has been approved.

Allison Homes has put in an application to SKDC with proposals for a new sustainable mixed use development on land at Grantham North. The application will go on the website when it is validated. When it is on the website Cllr. Wootten will begin delivering letters to local people. The Parish Council will object as individuals and as the Parish Council. The Parish Council will provide traffic data from the Speed Camera in Manthorpe. Cllr. Wootten to keep Council informed.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.35pm.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at Manthorpe Village Hall on 11th February 2016 at 7.30pm.

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

