

Present – Alec Gordon      National Trust - General Manager - Lincolnshire.  
Michael Coney      Belton Village representative.  
Tony Hopwell      Belton Village representative.

## Meeting Minutes

### Action

#### 1. Acceptance of Previous Minutes – 8th November 2016.

- 1.1 The previous minutes were accepted unanimously.

#### 2. Matters Arising.

##### 2.1 Parking at the Old School.

Alec said the work to improve the Wood Yard roadway should be completed by 20<sup>th</sup> March. The possible road spur to the left, inside the wood yard entrance would not be installed.

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##### 2.2 Parking in Main Street.

This had been a problem during the closure of the Wood yard as above. Alec thanked the Village for its forbearance during the work.

##### 2.3 Belton Crime Incidents - NHW.

In this period there had been three incidents: - the abandoned Toyota Celica which had eventually been taken for a joy ride and eventually been subject to an attempted theft, been abandoned outside Home farm removed by the Police. A shed at Bridgewater House had been broken into but nothing taken. Two large metal posts had been taken from the Coach House drive.

##### 2.4 NT Planting of Hedge along East side of Five Gates Lane.

Alec said that this would be done around August, from the junction with Barkston Heath Lane up to the spinney.

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##### 2.5 New Adventure Playground – Progress of Work.

Alec said this was currently in progress with the laying of a tarmac pebble and rubber frost resistant surface in the high volume usage area from the bridge to the kiosk. Other areas would remain as is.

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##### 2.6 NT January Conference – Belton Woods Hotel.

Alec said that this had been a success with many high level speakers. Late invitation to Villagers had been due to a possible limitation on numbers but it was hoped to get an invitation out earlier next time. Future conferences were likely to be on a bi-annual basis.

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##### 2.7 Old School Village Hall.

More blinds are to be installed on the West side windows to exclude glare at pm meetings and more acoustic panels will be provided in due course.

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The Hall was getting more bookings although there was now competition from the new Gonerby Village Hall. The meeting room and sometimes the hall were frequently required for NT meetings but the Stables development would provide such facilities in a few years and free up the Village hall.

##### 2.8 Church Tower Repairs.

Michael said the first stage application to the National Heritage Lottery Fund had been submitted and the help from the National Trust via Melissa Maynard and Alec's letter of support was much appreciated.

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##### 2.9 Larkfleet/Allison Homes Planning Application for 480 Homes at Manthorpe.

Tony said that the SKDC Planning meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> March had seen much objection. The District Councillors voted 14 to 1 with 1 abstention to refuse the application on the grounds that the harm to Belton House, park and garden was not offset by the Public interest. Larkfleet will no doubt appeal.

##### 2.10 Progress of the National Trust Estate Manager Organisation.

Alec said the Trust was still attempting to recruit for the Midlands position. Alison Hopewell from the Hardwick office was currently acting Rural Surveyor for Belton.

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##### 2.11 Belton Horse Trials.

Due 31st March - 2nd April. The Main Street would be coned by the organisers. Village arrangements had been communicated.

#### 3. AOB.

- 3.1 None.

#### 4. Date and Time of Next Meeting.

This was set as Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 14.00hrs in the NT Managers Office.

The meeting concluded at 15.55 hrs.

A. Hopwell – 14th November 2017

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Note: - Any resident wishing to have any item raised, please contact A.Hopwell or M.Coney on 578122 or 593952 respectively. These minutes are also available on the Parish Council Web Site

<http://parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/beltonandmanthorpe>