

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 – 5th July 2016.

1.1 The previous minutes were accepted unanimously.

#### 2. Matters Arising.

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

Alec said the plans to improve the roadway into and through the Wood Yard by tarmacing the roadway and applying a spray tar and chipping surface finish should be completed this financial year. Work had been delayed pending a satisfactory quote within budget. The possible road spur to the left, inside the wood yard entrance would still be considered when the time came and dependant on funds.

AG

##### 2.2 Parking in Main Street.

Not now generally a problem. However there were occasions of dangerous parking on the apex of the bend outside the Old Forge. On one occasion someone had parked on the small triangle of grass against the wall, opposite the Forge. It was then very difficult for drivers from the Church direction to see traffic exiting from Belton House entrance or anyone exiting that entrance to see traffic from the right. Anyone witnessing such parking should try to dissuade drivers from doing so.

Deployment of traffic cones by the National Trust, from before the Forge up to the Alms Houses, was still planned for popular visitor days but had not been out for August Bank Holiday as this had not been particularly busy.

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

Nothing to report since the last meeting.

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

Alec said that the new Outdoor Manager, Claire Barrett, responsible for Park and Gardens had still not had time to investigate this matter to consider any action. The matter was thus still on-going.

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

All major work completed. Revision of path surfaces to prevent frost damage had been delayed by other work priorities.

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##### 2.6 Belton House – Parking - Roads Refurbishments – update.

All work now completed although there would always be some small parking areas to address by rotating parking to allow grass to recover and to deal with puddling etc.

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##### 2.7 NT Pre-season/Autumn Meeting.

Alec said that this did not take place. It was hoped to have a meeting mid-year in a large venue

A.G

##### 2.8 Old School Village Hall.

Blinds now installed on windows. More acoustic panels were still under consideration.

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##### 2.9 Church Tower Repairs.

Small grants obtained but WREN/Landfill grants no longer available. There was no option but to apply for a National Lottery grant. Michael was seeking support from the Diocese before proceeding. Alec had suggested that Melissa Maynard the NT Learning Officer had some successful experience in grant application and was willing to help. Michael and Tony to arrange to meet with her for advice.

MC/TH

##### 2.10 Village Hall Defibrillator.

Michael had issued all details together with laminated card with contact details of volunteers to all villagers.

##### 2.11 NT Awareness of arrangements for “Churchyard only” visitors to gain entrance.

Tony advised that on 21<sup>st</sup> July a visitor researching family graves had been unable to gain access to the churchyard via Belton House. Alec said that he would reacquaint all staff and volunteers with the procedure to allow this access.

A.G

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

Alec said that the National Trust had again objected to this proposal on the grounds that the changes to the application were insufficient to mitigate the objections made on the previous 2 occasions. The dead line for all objections was 10<sup>th</sup> November.

#### 3. AOB.

3.1 Belton house were revising their fire procedures. Michael suggested that village volunteers could be involved. Alec to consider and advise.

A.G

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

This was set as Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 14.00hrs in the NT Managers Office.

The meeting concluded at 14.52 hrs.

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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>