

BELTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Belton Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 10th September 2024 at 7.00 PM at Belton Village Hall

Present:

Cllr Burbidge Mullen, Cllr Moscone, Cllr Richards, Cllr Wainwright, Cllr Whitt, 11 members of the public and the clerk.

The parish council meeting is recorded.

2215/2024 - Resolution to receive apologies for absence.

- N/A

2216/2024 – Resolution to receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda.

It was agreed that declarations of interest on items on the agenda would be recorded at the start of each meeting.

Councillors declaring an interest would be entitled to take part in discussions unless the item is prejudicial, councillors would not be allowed to vote on the item or add opinion.

- Cllr Richards, Cllr Wainwright and Cllr Whitt all declared an interest on item 2227 as members of the history group.

2217/2024 – Update on parish councillor vacancy

- The clerk reported that there has been a request for an election. NWLDC will provide the notice on the 12th September and it will go on the website, social media and the noticeboards.

2218/2024 – County/Borough Councillor/Police updates

- It was noted that a copy of the valley beat newsletter is available.

2219/2024 – Public forum

- A member of the public asked about the documents that are available on the parish council website and what format they are in because when you print them off they are not very clear. The clerk confirmed that they are uploaded as PDF documents and will speak with the website provider.
- A member of the public commented about someone on Rempstone Road trying to gain access to a van at 11.20 PM on Friday evening and to make residents aware.
- Cllr Burbidge Mullen approached the forum and asked Cllr Wainwright if he would consider offering an apology for calling her a waste of space whilst he and Cllr Richards verbally harassed her whilst she was up a ladder painting the phone box. Cllr Wainwright said that he was not aware that he said that.
- Cllr Burbidge Mullen approached the forum and commented that the annual chair's report from the annual parish meeting 2024 was submitted to the Maypole but it was edited and was not published as the chair had intended it to be. She commented that she wanted to make the current chair aware that any reports submitted may be edited.

2220/2024 – Planning applications

A copy of planning applications was circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.

- 24/01030/FUL – erection of an agricultural workers dwelling and associated works at Micklin Farm, 15 Low Woods. *Councillors discussed the application and it was agreed that the application is outside the limits of development and this is contrary to the local plan, the area is also an undeveloped green belt and concerns about the close proximity to the road junction. It was also noted that the proposed development is quite a distance from the actual farm and this may set a precedence.*
 - 24/00959/CLP – certificate of lawful proposed use for the erection of a single storey side extension and single storey rear extension at 8 Thompson Avenue. *Councillors discussed the application and agreed that application does not state the materials being used and they are important to ensure it fits in with the street scene, it was also noted that the flat roof is very large and that planning prefer pitched roofs.*
- **RESOLVED: Clerk to submit comments to planning.**

2221/2024 - Resolution to approve minutes of the meeting held on the 14th May, 4th June and 30th July 2024

A copy of the minutes had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.

- **RESOLVED – The minutes for the May and June and July meeting were not approved. It was suggested that we review the format of how minutes are approved.**

2222/2024 - Resolution to approve payments and bank reconciliation

A copy of the financial summary was circulated to councillors prior to the meeting which showed income of £2,254.80 and expenditure of £2,810.74. It was noted that the current account balance before payments was £10,023.22.

- **RESOLVED – payments to be made and bank statements to be presented.**

BUDGET LINE		PAYMENT DETAILS	AMOUNT	VAT
1.	Mowing/stripping/treatment of weeds	Countrywide Grounds Maintenance – August	£404.75	£67.46
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4.	Dog bins	Target Pest Control – August	£33.80	£5.63
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6.	Recreation ground	Playground Facilities	£90.00	£15.00

7.	Clerks salary	H Chadwick – August	£566.32	£0.00
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13.	Website	Cuttlefish	£636.00	£106.00
18.	Hall hire	Belton Village Hall	£75.00	£0.00

2223/2024 – Resolution to approve disabled picnic benches and agree actions

It was noted that the grant application submitted by Cllr Moscone for disabled benches had been approved and a grant of £2,254.80 had been received.

- **RESOLVED – Cllr Richards to circulate details of alternative designs, Cllr Whitt to speak with NWLDC about their recommendations and Cllr Moscone to ask UKSPF Grant about re-application and deadline for spending the money.**

2224/2024 - Resolution to agree working party meeting to review playground reports and condition of benches

- **RESOLVED – Working party meeting agreed to review proposed works identified on reports and review condition of benches so costings can be included in the 25/26 budget.**

2225/2024 - Resolution to approve purchase of a 'no parking' sign to be installed by the pedestrian entrance to the recreation ground and agree actions

Details of a new updated sign circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.

- **RESOLVED – Cllr Moscone to circulate updated quote and councillors to approve via email.**

2226/2024 – Resolution to approve quote for the noticeboard on Saddlers Wells and agree action

A copy of the quotes were presented at the meeting.

- **RESOLVED – Councillors agreed to proceed with quote A, the clerk will instruct the contractor.**

2227/2024 – Resolution to approve the request from the History Group for village maps

- **RESOLVED – Councillors agreed to loan the maps to the History Group for 2 months and then to hold a working party meeting to discuss the option of donating them.**

2228/2024 – Update on the MUGA

It was noted that only one part quote had been received.

- **RESOLVED – Clerk to continue to source quotes for repair and replacement.**

2229/2024 – To discuss the request for support for Christmas lights

The clerk circulated a proposal from a resident to councillors prior to the meeting along with information from LRALC regarding procedures.

- **RESOLVED – Resident(s) to look for alternative group that may be able to hold the funds, article in the Maypole to see level of interest/volunteers, council to revisit if updated proposal received.**

2230/2024 – To discuss the next round of the UK SPF grant application and agree actions

It was reported that the deadline for the next round of applications is the 25th October 2024.

- **RESOLVED – Circulate link for grant application and councillors to submit suggestions prior to October meeting.**

2231/2024 – To discuss the phone box and agree outstanding items

It was noted that a lot of work has been done over the last 6 weeks and volunteers thanked.

- **RESOLVED – Agreed to fit the door once the shelving has been installed, circulate details of flooring option, present quotes for shelving at October meeting.**

2232/2024 – Delegation of responsibilities; village assets outside of the recreation ground

- **RESOLVED – Create list of what needs checking and agree at future meeting, advertise for a volunteer/councillor or paid role to carry out agreed tasks.**

2233/2024 – Clarification of volunteer's roles and confirmation of PLI

It was noted that all volunteers are covered under the parish council insurance provided they have notified the clerk of the specific task they are doing.

- **RESOLVED – Check whether volunteers need to sign an indemnity form.**

2234/2024 – Councillor updates

- Cllr Burbidge Mullen reported that the speed watch is going well and will finish on the 13th September.
- Cllr Burbidge Mullen reported that it is twelve months since the footpath on Church Street was done and we need to raise a complaint about the condition of it.
- Cllr Burbidge Mullen commented that there are a lot of reports of dog fouling.
- **Cllr Burbidge Mullen raised concerns over the increased traffic of slurry lorries through the village.**
- Cllr Richards commented that she has been asked to collect books for the phone box book swap.
- Cllr Moscone commented that she has fitted the handle on the car park gate at the recreation ground
- Cllr Moscone reported that the first set of archives are now with the Leicester office.
- Cllr Moscone reported that images of the parking at the surgery have been sent to highways.
- Cllr Whitt asked if other roads in the village could be looked at for the speed watch scheme next year.

2235/2024 – Proposed agenda items for October meeting

The following items were noted for consideration:

- Policies
- Pavilion insurance
- Noticeboards – opening one side for public use
- New bank account update/bank mandate
- UK SPF grant
- MUGA repair/replacement

2236/2024 – Date of the next meeting.

- Tuesday 8th October 2024 at 7.00 PM in the village hall

The chair closed the meeting at 21:00

AGREED AS A TRUE RECORD OF THE MEETING	
NAME:	
SIGNATURE:	
DATE:	

FINAL MINUTES