

# Belsay Parish Council

## Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 6 March 2024

**Present :** Councillor Storey (Chair)  
Councillors Metcalfe and Mole

**In Attendance:** I. Humphries - Clerk  
A. Howlison  
4 Residents

### **41. Apologies for absence**

An apology for absence was received from councillor Common.

### **42. Issues raised by members of the public**

Four residents of Redhouse Barns and Belsay village were present to seek support for a footpath between the Redhouse Barns residences and Belsay as there was no footpath beyond the former Police House.

Members supported the resident's efforts and agreed to ask County Councillor Dodd to take this matter forward. Members also recommended residents write individually to Neil Snowdon of the County Highways Department.

### **43. Clerk**

The current Clerk introduced Annie Howlison and recommended her as a suitable candidate for the role of Clerk to the Parish Council. Following an informal conversation, members were pleased to offer the role of Clerk to Ms Howlison on the terms advertised with a commencement date of 1<sup>st</sup> May. It was further agreed that the salary at SCP 23 was in need of updating to current value and that this would be discussed at the May meeting.

### **44. Minutes of meeting held on 31 January 2024**

The minutes of the meeting held on 31 January 2024 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

### **45. Matters Arising from the previous meeting**

There were no matters arising that were not on the agenda for this meeting

### **46. Highways Matters**

It was noted a senior Police Officer was highlighting highway blackspots and had noted ones within the Parish council area. It was agreed that an

invite be extended to attend a future meeting to discuss this common concern.

**47. Planning Matters**

Members had previously been consulted on application 24/0025/HEGRMN for the removal of 213m of hedgerow, Saugh House, Belsay. It was now reported that the application had been withdrawn.

**48. Correspondence**

Posters relating to the recruitment of staff and raising awareness of the requirement to bring photo ID to polling stations for the forthcoming elections in May were received.

**49. Financial Matters**

Payments were approved for Clerk salary and Hall Hire.

**50. Issues raised by members**

The Chair advised members of his intention to step down from his role as Chair at the Annual Meeting in May. He would continue to serve as a Parish Councillor during the 2024/2025 municipal year.

**51. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Council would be the Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on 29 May 2024

There being no further business, the chair closed the meeting.

