

Belsay Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 24 November 2021

Present : Councillor Storey (Chairman)
Councillors, Common, Mole and Sadler.

In Attendance: I. Humphries - Clerk
Cllr Dodd - NCC
P Coombe - Belsay Estate
2 residents

77. Chairman's Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

78. Apologies for absence

An apology for absence was received from councillors Metcalfe and Roe.

79. Minutes of meeting held on 29 September 2021

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 May 2021 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

80. Belsay Estate

Me Coombe was present on behalf of Belsay Estate to advise the Parish Council of a planning application to be submitted in respect of a car park extension to benefit the Blacksmiths Coffee shop and the Estate Office/Woodland Burial businesses.

The proposal would be for a formalisation of the current overflow parking facility in an adjacent field, and would use "Grasscrete" to provide a hard wearing surface which allowing grass to continue to grow. It was anticipated that this facility would be used around 30 days per year.

The Chair thanks Mr Coombe for his presentation and indicated that the Parish Council would comment once the application was out for consultation.

81. Issues raised by the public

Two local residents were present to seek progress on the provision of traffic calming measures in Belsay, particularly outside the school. The Clerk advised that since the previous meeting, other Parish Councils had been asked for information regarding the provision of speed awareness signs in their areas but no response had been received prior to this meeting. An approach had also been made to the County Council with a similar outcome. He explained that this was to be expected and that he would be seeking responses in the following weeks.

The Chair referred to the Highways Survey conducted by the Parish Council a few years back and the lack of interest in this issue within the responses received.

In the ensuing discussion members commented on the possibility of relocation of the Speed Camera adjacent to the former Highlander Pub or provision of a chicane feature in Belsay.

82. Highways Matters

There were no other Highways matters to consider.

83. Planning Matters

There were no planning other matters to consider

84 Correspondence

There was no correspondence to report

85. Financial Matters

Members considered the Estimates provided by the Clerk, noting the shortfall in expenditure over precept income. Given the potential for funds also being required for any traffic calming scheme, it was agreed an increase was necessary and therefore

Resolved: to set the precept for the financial year
2022- 2023 at £5,000

Members also authorised payment to School room hire.

Issues raised by members

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- Members noted that Councillor Diodd was dealing with an issue in Wallridge relating to a trip hazard.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting, wishing all a good festive break.

Chairman Date