

Belsay Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 27 September 2017 in the Sir Stephen Middleton Memorial Hall, Belsay First School at 7.00pm

Present : Councillor Storey, Chairman
Councillors Mole and Roe.

In Attendance: I. Humphries - Clerk
Cllr Dodd - NCC

21. Chairman's Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

22. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Metcalfe

23. Minutes of Meeting held on 26 July 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 July 2017 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

24. Vacancy – Parish Councillor

Members considered representation of the communities within the Parish Council area, noting that Bolam and to some extent the village were currently under represented. Members were in agreement that co-option of new members presented an opportunity to address the imbalance of representation within the Parish.

Recognising the interest of Mr J Sadler in joining the Parish Council members hoped Mr Sadler would be able to attend the November meeting to discuss his interest in membership of the Parish Council.

25. Planning Matters

Members received the following application –

17/03315/FUL Proposed 4 bay garage and construction of underground LPG tank, Nunhill Farm, South Belsay - **No Objection.**

26. Highways Matters

Members were noted progress was being made with production of the survey document in readiness for circulation during October.

Members noted the need for Highways work to repair ruts in the carriageway, A696 opposite Melburne turning (north bound) between the Highlander and The Catch. Concerns were also raised regarding the number of accidents occurring on the A696 northbound after leaving Ponteland between Middle Coates and West Coates.

27. School Memorial

Members were advised of the School's proposal to re-locate the Memorial to the Memorial Hall as part of the redevelopment of the school buildings. Members welcomed the proposal.

28. Financial Matters

The Clerk reported a successful external audit of the Parish Council's accounts and financial systems.

It was agreed that the signatories for cheques be updated following the retirement from the Parish Council of Ms Batchelor and that Councillor Roe be added to those authorised to sign cheques on behalf of the Parish Council

29. School Car Park

Members welcomed the extension of the school car park during the current building works and believed the extension would help provide suitable drop-off facilities once building work was complete.

30. Date and Time of next Meetings

22 November 2017

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

Chairman Date