

Belsay Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 12th November 2014 in the Sir Stephen Middleton Memorial Hall, Belsay First School at 7.00pm

Present : Councillors R. Batchelor, Chairman
Councillors D Holmes, K. Metcalfe F Neilson and K Storey.

26. Chairman's Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

27. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor McDonnell.

28. Minutes of Meeting held on 10 September 2014

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 10 September 2014 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

29. Matters Arising from the previous meeting

Members commented on the size of the wind turbine erected at Black Heddon and took the view that it was bigger than that described by the applicants at a previous meeting.

Members agreed that in future, site visits be undertaken so that members may get a true perspective of the details of the planning application before reaching a decision. It was also agreed that the County Council be informed of the Parish Council's concerns especially as the consultation process had failed in regard to that application.

30. Financial Matters

The Clerk advised members that the Audit of Parish Council accounts by BDO had raised no concerns. Members considered the Estimates for the current year and the projections for 2015/16 as presented by the Clerk and it was –

Resolved that: (a) the Precept for the year 2015/2016 be set at £3,000, and

(b) From 2015 onwards the Clerk be responsible for PAYE with HMRC, and

(c) The Clerk's salary be increased to £1260 per annum with effect from April 2015

31. Correspondence

The Parish Council received the following correspondence –

- NALC Annual Report
- Community Action Annual Report
- Light up a Light event information
- Legacare grant aid request – be be considered at the next meeting

32. Planning Matters

Members received notification of the granting of planning consent in respect of 14/02565/LBC – conversion of existing listed dwelling and adjacent buildings into five dwellings at Woodhouse, Belsay.

33. Notice Board

Members commented on the deteriorating condition of the Parish Council noticeboard and agreed to obtain costs for a replacement noticeboard.

34. Date of next meeting

Due to other commitments of the Clerk, it was agreed to move the date of the next meeting scheduled for 14 January to Wednesday 7th January 2015 at the usual time of 7.00pm

There being no further Business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.50 pm

Chairman

Date