

# Belsay Parish Council

**Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 13 November 2013 in the Sir Stephen Middleton Memorial Hall, Belsay First School at 7.00pm**

**Present :** Councillor R. Batchelor (Chairman)  
Councillors; D. Holmes, E. McDonnell, K. Metcalfe,  
and K. Storey (Vice-Chairman),

**In Attendance:** I. Humphries – Clerk

**35. Chairman's Opening Remarks**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

**36. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Neilson and Councillor Dodd, Northumberland County Council

**37. Minutes of Meeting held on 11th December 2012**

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 September 2013 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

**38. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

Members considered the issues previously discussed relating to cycle races in the area (minuted28 refers)

There was concern that organised cycle races caused disruption to local residents, litter on the road sides and provided no benefit to the area. It was suggested that the County Council should give greater notice of the road closures and ensure litter collection was undertaken after the races.

The Clerk undertook to raise these issues with the County Council

**39. Clerks Report**

The Clerk reported on the information provided on the Parish Council Website. He suggested that the site should either provide only basic information about meetings and contact details of Councillors, or additional information about clubs, organisations and activities in the village be also provided.

Members agreed to seek voluntary contact details for clubs and associations to add to the website.

**40. Financial Matters**

The Clerk provided a budget statement and advised Members

that at the next meeting the Precept for the next financial year would need to be set. Members considered whether any projects may be undertaken during the next year and were minded to retain the Precept at its current level of £3000.

**41. Correspondence**

The Parish Council received a CPRE newsletter and consultation documents in respect of the Northumberland County Council Local Plan Core Strategy.

**42. Planning Matters**

The Parish Council received for information notice of the granting of planning permission in respect of application 13/02729/FUL, Orangery to rear of Bolam Hall Garden Cottage.

**43. Buddhist Monastery**

Members noted the concern of a local resident regarding the construction of a large gazebo adjacent to the lake within the grounds of the Monastery. As it was believed to not require planning permission, Members agreed to note the concerns, but take no further action.

**44. Bolam Lake House**

Councillor Holmes declared a non-pecuniary interest in this matter and took no part in the decision reached by the Parish Council.

Members commented on the ongoing investigation by the Planning Enforcement Officer into works and activity at Bolam Lake House. It is noted that the Shed had recently been extended and Members were concerned that the extension was not permitted development. Based on observations by various Members, it was believed that the Static Caravan in the grounds was being used as a permanent dwelling which would require full planning permission.

The Clerk undertook to raise the reported issues with the County Council Planning Enforcement Officer.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40 pm

Chairman .....

Date .....