

Belsay Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 25 November 2015 in the Sir Stephen Middleton Memorial Hall, Belsay First School at 7.00pm

Present : Councillors Batchelor, Chairman
Councillors McDonnell, Metcalfe, Neilson and Storey.

In Attendance: I. Humphries – Clerk
Mr T Mole
Plus 8 members of the public

28. Chairman's Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, commenting on the number of people showing an interest in the work of the Parish Council.

29. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Dodd NCC.

30. Minutes of Meeting held on 23 September 2015

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 September 2015 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

31. Public Participation

Mr Murden referred to the County Council's Core Strategy and enquired as to the Parish Council's awareness of the recent consultation, closing that evening. The Chairman indicated that while the Parish Council was aware of the Core Strategy, an invitation to participate in the consultation had not been received by the Parish Council.

Mr Murden went on to say that the Strategy in its current form proposed villages such as Belsay to be Green Belt with Inset areas in each village set aside for development.

The Chairman indicated that the application for development of the area adjacent to the school had just appeared on the County Council website and therefore the Parish Council anticipated being consulted on the application. She confirmed the Parish Council would honour its commitment to holding a public meeting when considering the application and proposed that this be held on 9 December at 7.30pm, subject to the school hall being available.

32. Vacancy

The Clerk advised that notice of the vacancy had been lodged with the County Council's Electoral Services Officer and no request for an election had been made. Therefore the Parish Council was able to co-opt to the vacancy. Members, previously minded to co-opt Mr T Mole,

Resolved: That Mr T Mole be co-opted to the vacancy created by the resignation of former Councillor Holmes

33. Financial Matters

Precept - The Clerk submitted estimates for the financial year 2016/17, recommending the precept remain the same.

Resolved: The Precept for the financial year 2016/17 be set at
£3,000.00

Expenditure authorisation - The following cheque was authorised –
Hall hire £25.00

34. Correspondence

The following correspondence was received –

- CAN/NALC Newsletter
- CPRE Newsletter
- Grant Aid applications – Air Ambulance and Tynedale Hospice, to be considered at the January meeting

35. Planning Matters

The Parish Council received notice of the following planning applications

15/03600/LBC: Installation of a boiler flue pipe into slate roof and removal of existing boiler flue in chimney stack, English Heritage Estate Office, Belsay Hall - **No Objection**

15/03700/COU: change of use of an existing agricultural building to B8 use – Document storage, Box-it, North West Newham Farm, Milbourne – **No Objection**

15/03766/LBC: Internal alterations to provide two en-suite bathing facilities, 13 The Arcade, Belsay – **No objection**

36. Other Matters raised

- It was noted that the bus shelter would need treatment next year.
- The pole for the bus stop sign in the village had fallen over and needed repair

37. Next meetings

- Special meeting, 9 December 2015 to consider planning application
- Next ordinary meeting, 27 January 2016

There being no further Business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.35 pm

Chairman Date.....