

# Belstead Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 13th July 2016 in the Village Hall at 7pm

**Present:** David Cobbold, Ken Stowe, Trevor Beckett, Christine Eade, Richard Clift, Cllr Dave Busby, Cllr Nick Ridley, Cllr Barry Gasper, clerk Samantha Barber and one member of the public.

## **11.16.17 – Apologies for Absence.**

There were no apologies

## **12.16.17 – Minutes of the Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2016.**

The minutes from the meeting had been circulated to all councillors and were proposed as a true record by Trevor Beckett and seconded by Ken Stowe. These were duly signed by David Cobbold.

## **13.16.17 – Declaration of Interest of any item on the agenda**

No declarations were made

## **14.16.17 - Matters arising from the minutes of 18<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

Broadband – Ken Stowe had received the following response to his e-mail to Jane Storey, Cabinet Member for Broadband and Rural Affairs.

*I have checked the [betterbroadbandsuffolk.com](http://betterbroadbandsuffolk.com) website and from the map it appears that the village of Belstead is the area to the south of the A14 that has partial or no coverage and that this is not expected to have an upgrade before 2017. This classification could indicate that your parishioners are eligible for the intermediate solution of either wireless or satellite broadband. I refer you to the [betterbroadbandsuffolk.com](http://betterbroadbandsuffolk.com) website - those of your parishioners that get a broadband speed of less than 2MBPS and are not expected to have superfast broadband available to them in the next 12 months can apply for an interim broadband service. This can be delivered as either wireless or satellite, depending on where you are. I would encourage your parishioners to apply to make use of this interim service if they do not want to wait.*

Anglian Water – Mains drainage. As stated in the newsletter talks are still ongoing with Anglian Water.

## **15.16.17 – Adjournment for Reports.**

**County** – Dave Busby reported that as the results of consultation and decisions at Cabinet, various changes will be made to the Park and Ride scheme. Discussions have taken place with the liaison person between SCC and Kier. The county has taken in five Syrian families and are supporting their integration. Devolution remains an ongoing topic of consultation and discussion. An e-mail link for the consultation document has been sent to all councillors and will be placed on the website. The implications of devolution were discussed at length. David was questioned about the A14 and possible improvements mentioned in the EADT.

**District** – Nick Ridley and Barry Gasper reported that the boundary commission will be giving a presentation at the next Babergh Council meeting. It is expected that there will be a reduction of District Councils and the matter of merging Babergh and Mid Suffolk will be raised again. The headquarters matter remains under discussion. At the recent joint scrutiny committee meeting it was decided that regular scrutiny of the financial plan will take place.

Devolution and affordable housing are also due to be scrutinised. Grants were another item looked at by Scrutiny and Gillian Hilder had given a good presentation regarding grants available from Babergh/Mid Suffolk which in turn help to secure significant grants from outside sources. Community Groups and Parish Councils are urged to make use of the help available to secure these.

### **16.16.17 – Planning**

B/16/00630 – Wayside. Demolition of existing single storey dwelling house and replacement with new two storey dwelling.

The council considered the application and had no issues and no comments to make.

### **17.16.17 - Finance**

The following items were approved for payment

<b>Chq No</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Expense</b>	<b>Amount</b>
BACS	S Barber	Clerk Salary	£258.44
BACS	SALC	Website Training	£58.80
BACS	Sharward Services	Newsletter	£25.00
100651	Belstead VH	Hall Hire	£50.00

There is currently £11985.30 in the community account and £6324.39 in the high interest account.

### **18.16.17 – Correspondence**

Police Forum Agenda  
Suffolk Wildlife Magazine  
Ipswich Borough Council Consultation  
Clerks & Councils Magazine - all to be circulated

Garden Club – A letter had been received from the New Garden Club. The old garden club account has been closed with the remaining £40.16 given to the New Garden Club who had decided at a recent meeting to send the money to the Parish Council to part reimburse for the start-up grant given. After much discussion it was agreed that the Garden Club would be thanked for their gesture but the money would be returned to them. There was a vote with four in favour and one abstaining. The clerk will write to the Garden Club and return the monies.

### **19.16.17 – Any other business/Items for the next agenda.**

Very little progress is being made with the development at Grove Hill, however the access has been cleared as part of existing planning requirements and various surveys are still taking place.

Village Gates – It was noted that the gates at the entrance to the village need a little attention, this was discussed and David Cobbold will speak to the Garden Club to see whether a tidy up of the areas is something that the club could undertake. It was mentioned that at some point the gates would need to be painted and this would most probably come under the remit of the Parish Council.

Dog Fouling – There is an issue in the village hall grounds and the pedestrian gate has been locked.

Speed Signs – The possibility of flashing speed signs was talked about in the village and Dave Busby will investigate and gather some information.

The level crossing consultation was discussed. Some of the current crossings are intended to be closed. In particular, the Pannington Hall crossing was mentioned.

Jimmys Farm – The road closure for the Harvest Festival appears to have been finalised although the clerk has received no details. Dave Busby will check and forward any traffic notices

Next meeting date Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8pm