

Belstead Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 13th January 2016 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present :- David Cobbold (chair), Richard Clift, Trevor Beckett. Samantha Barber (clerk), Cllr Nick Ridley, Cllr David Busby and 2 members of the public.

45.15.16 – Apologies for Absence.

Cllr Barry Gasper, Ken Stowe, Christine Eade

46.15.16 – Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th December 2015.

The minutes from 9th December 2015 had been circulated to all councillors and were proposed as a true record by Richard Clift and seconded by Trevor Beckett. These were signed by David Cobbold.

47.15.16 – Declaration of Interest of any item on the agenda

Richard Clift declared an interest as a member of the PCC in the item for grass cutting at the church.

48.15.16 - Matters arising from the minutes of 9th December 2015

Footpath signs – All of the broken signs have been reported by the clerk, a surveyor has attended and these will be replaced or mended as soon as possible.

49.15.16 – Adjournment for Reports.

County – Dave Busby reported that having been to the Cameo Club for the trial boccia/curling event he would be prepared to fund purchase of the equipment. The clerk will speak to Village Hall/Cameo Club and assist with the arrangements. Highways have been to look at Chapel Lane and the issues with drainage, although there does not appear to be funding at present hopefully there will be in the future.

District – Cllr Nick Ridley reported that the budget is being worked on by Babergh, less money from the government and a constant squeeze on resources makes it increasingly difficult. The draft budget shows an increase of the council tax of 3.5% but this has yet to be confirmed. Car parking charges is being discussed in the District once again with some resistance. Christine Thurlow has been challenged by Nick Ridley regarding the LNR with no answers about whether the agreement regarding the S106 money and the creation of a trust managed by Belstead is still the case. Cllr Ridley will pursue the issue.

Residents – A resident raised a point about issues with noise and traffic from Jimmys Farm when entertainment/festivals etc are taking place. The clerk will contact Babergh with respect to the Public entertainments licence and Belstead being a consultee when events take place.

Police – There is a meeting on Wednesday 27th January at Shotley Village Hall to discuss all police matters to which everyone is invited.

50.15.16 – Church Grass Cutting – Grant Funding

The PCC next meeting is in February and the issue of grass cutting will be discussed then. A grant application to the Parish Council to pay for someone to cut the grass may well follow.

51.15.16 – Planning – LNR Updates

Unfortunately, there are no updates regarding the LNR.

52.15.16 - Finance

The following items were approved for payment

Chq No	Name	Expense	Amount
BACS	Samantha Barber	Clerk Salary	£295.44
BACS	Bels Garden Club	Grant/Memorial	£210.00
645	Village Hall	Hall Hire	£25.00
646	SLCC	Subscription	£29.00
647	Suffolk Wildlife Trust	Subscription	£38.00
648	Z Cobley	Remembrance Wreathes	£15.00

Precept – It was decided that the precept would remain at £7000 and the forms were completed for Babergh.

53.15.16 – Correspondence

Clerks and Councils Direct - magazine

PCSO e-mail – dealt with by the clerk

54.15.16 – Any other business/Items for the next agenda.

There were no items

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.53pm