



Belmont Rural Parish Council

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Minutes of the Belmont Rural Parish Council Extraordinary meeting held Thursday 23rd February 2017 held at Northolme Community Centre, Northolme Road, Belmont at 7pm.

Councillors Present

Cllr Adrian Bridges (Chairman)
Cllr Aimee Bridges
Cllr Andrew Cooper
Cllr Neil Hooper
Cllr Ron Loft
Cllr John Newman
Cllr Des Parish
Cllr Derek Preedy
Cllr Gemma Watkins

In Attendance

Cllr Tracy Bowes (Ward Councillor)
Tony Ford – Clerk.

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1. Apologies

There were no apologies.

2. To receive declarations of interest and written requests for dispensations

There were no declarations of interest and no written requests for dispensations

3. Public Participation

There were no questions from the public..

4. Purchase of Mower and Secure Storage Facility

Councillor Hooper informed the Parish Council that following the last Parish Council meeting that the Parish Council had been informed that Balfour Beatty would only do six cuts on relevant areas across the parish, excluding Jubilee Field; Abbey View East and Abbey View West., which would mean that the Parish Council would do four additional cuts, across the parish. Councillor Parish highlighted that the Jubilee Field Management Plan stated that Jubilee Field would only be cut once a year and under the circumstances felt four cuts was too much. A parishioner also raised their concern regarding the impact of four cuts on Jubilee Field. Cllr Hooper informed the Parish Council that Jubilee Field, Abbey View East and Abbey View West would be cut twice

Cllr Parish highlighted that the Parish Council had not seen the Balfour Beatty schedule showing areas where they would be cutting; Cllr Hooper informed the Parish Council that he had only received the schedule in the afternoon and had not had the time to circulate it. A parishioner informed the Parish Council that he was not aware that the first container was to be located in Jubilee Field until it was being sited, and would not want another container located there. He was also unhappy that the wild areas and bramble would be cut. He also

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felt that the cost comparisons were superficial, and wanted to know why Balfour Beatty who had specialist equipment was not asked to do the additional cutting and that he agreed with Cllr Parish's view. Cllr Bowes (Ward Councillor) informed the Parish Council that it was likely that Balfour Beatty would sub-contract the work as they did not have the resources in house.

Cllr Parish asked about training of drivers, the Parish Council was informed by Cllr Hooper that all drivers would receive training free of charge.

Cllr Parish raised the issue of trees and bramble having to be cleared so that the new container could be sited and queried whether residents in Dorchester Way had been consulted. No formal consultation had been carried out, however once the second container had been sited landscaping would be carried out to hide its impact. A parishioner who lived in Dorchester Road informed the Parish Council that the siting of the second container did not bother him.

Cllr Adrian Bridges informed the Parish Council that he was willing to meet with residents to discuss the Bramble hedge and related matters..

Cllr Hooper recommended to that the Parish Council accept the quote from Company B as taking account of the maintenance costs they would be cheaper over the long term.

Having considered the matter the Parish Council resolved to accept the mower quote (£17,563.00 Ex VAT) from Company B. (Cllr Parish voted against the resolution)

Cllr Hooper recommended that the Parish Council accept the quote for the container from company B as they can guarantee delivery on the day required.

Having considered the matter the Parish Council resolved to accept the container quote (£1,755.00 Ex VAT) from Company B. (Cllr Parish voted against the resolution)

Cllr Hooper abstained from voting on both items.

After the vote Cllr Hooper informed the Parish Council that company B mower quote was 'Powels of Wormbridge' and company B container quote was 'Container Container'

Action – Cllr Hooper to send to the Clerk all relevant documentation and paperwork.

Action – Clerk to circulate the Balfour Beatty Schedule.

Action – Clerk to raise an order for the mower and the container. and associated items

The meeting closed at 20.00hrs

Signed *Claudia Bridges*

Date..... *09 MARCH 2017*



To: All members of Belmont Rural

Dear Member,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extra ordinary meeting of the **Belmont Rural Parish Council** has been requested and will be held at **Northolme Community Centre**, Northolme Road, Belmont on **Thursday 23rd February, 2017** starting at **7.00pm**. All members are summoned to attend.

The business to be transacted is set out in the agenda, which is detailed below.

AGENDA

1. Apologies

1.1. To receive apologies for absence.

2. To receive declarations of interest and written requests for dispensation.

2.1. To receive declarations of interest.

3. Public Participation

Members of the public can comment on any matter on this agenda

4. Purchase of Mower & Secure Storage Facility

4.1. To consider the purchase of a Flail Mower for Parish Council use at a cost not to exceed £17563 ex VAT plus one off costs of approximately £1300 ex VAT and yearly costs of approximately £700 ex VAT and the purchase of a 20ft (half) container for mower at a cost not to exceed £1890.00 ex VAT.

Meeting convened by
Councillor Adrian Bridges
Chairman, Belmont Rural Parish Council
Dated:18 February 2017

Members of the public are welcome to attend Parish Council meetings and may, at the discretion of the Chairman speak on certain agenda items. For further information, please speak to the Clerk at the following address:

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