



Belmont Rural Parish Council

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Belmont Rural Parish Council held at Belmont Community Centre, Eastholme Road Belmont on 8th February 2017.

Councillors Present

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

In Attendance

Tony Ford – Clerk.
Cllr Tracy Bowes Ward Councillor

Members of the Public – 11

1. Apologies

There were no apologies for absence.

2. Written requests for Dispensation

There were no requests for dispensation

3. Declarations of Interest

Declarations of interest on agenda items were as follows:-

| Councillor | Yes | No | Agenda Item | | Disclosure |
|---------------------|-----|----|-------------|---|--------------------------------|
| Cllr Adrian Bridges | | √ | | | |
| Cllr Aimee Bridges | | √ | | | |
| Cllr Andrew Cooper | √ | | 10.3.2 | Trustee South Wye Community Association | Disclosable Pecuniary Interest |
| Cllr Neil Hooper | √ | | 21 | Consideration of personal quote submitted | Disclosable Pecuniary Interest |
| Cllr Ron Loft | | √ | | | |
| Cllr John Newman | √ | | 10.3.2 | Trustee South Wye Community Centre | Disclosable Pecuniary Interest |
| Cllr Des Parish | √ | | 10.3.3 | Trustee Northolme Community Association | Disclosable Pecuniary Interest |
| Cllr Gemma Watkins | | √ | | | |

4. Minutes

To receive, approve and sign the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of The Parish Council held on 11th January 2018.

Subject to changes at: Item 14, Paragraph 3, Sentence 2 should read A member of the public also queried

The minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting.

5. Minutes

To receive, approve and sign the minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on 22nd January 2018.

The minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting

6. Public Participation

To receive and consider questions from the public.

- A parishioner raised the issue of cars parking on the pavement on Dorchester Road and Westholme Road and asked what the Parish Council could do with the support of the PSO. Cllr Adrian Bridges also highlighted the obstruction to wheelchairs and buggies.
- Cllr Andrew Cooper also raised the concern of cars parking on grass verges, and promised to get photographic proof.
- Cllr Tracy Bowes informed the Parish Council that she had reported parking on the pavement on Westholme Road and the police had been out, the Parish Council was also informed that Cllr Edwards and Cllr Tracy Bowes had asked the Planning Department to put notices up about the parking issue but they were unable to do so.
- Cllr Tracy Bowes also informed the Parish Council that a PSO had done some visits and that she had recently raised a query regarding the impact of parking on the pavement had on a disabled person.

7. Ward Councillors Report

The Parish Council received and noted the Ward Councillors Report. (Appendix 1 refers), in addition to the update regarding rubbish in the brook and the fallen tree on Abbeyview West at the end of CH7.

8. Previous Actions

The update from the Clerk was noted.

9. The Hereford Transport Package (HTP) Consultation

Cllr Des Parish raised a concern that neither Herefordshire Council or Balfour Beatty had not made a special visit to the Parish Council bearing in mind the impact on the parish, all councillors were in agreement. Cllr Adrian Bridges raised a further concern regarding the time of the invite as it did not take account of councillors who had to go to work.

A discussion took place as to whether it would be best to have or not have a public meeting when the consultation/exhibits were at the library.

A Parishioner

- highlighted the adverse impact the road would have on the area, with the lengthening of the bend bringing it nearer to houses in Belmont. North of the river has not been impacted on in the same way as Belmont.
- questioned whether the road would be done and if it did there would be environmental impacts as the wind comes from the west and the road runs from the west

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- asked if the Parish Council meeting would be held before the end of the consultation period.
- informed the Parish Council that they had spoken to the highways department and was told that the bend in the road was to reduce the impact on animals and plants and felt that preference should be given to people.
- felt that regarding air quality monitoring should be carried out in the east and the west and a comparison made.
- highlighted that on Canterbury Close access to the field once the road goes in between 10 to 100 cars would be parking along Dorchester Road at the roundabout.

Action - Cllr Tracy Bowes to ask Balfour Beatty to attend any public meeting arranged.

Action - Cllr Neil Hooper to put a link on the Parish Council Website to consultation information.

10. Finance

10.1. The Bank Reconciliation (Appendix 2 refers) as at 8th February 2018 was presented and the balances summarised as follows

- Treasurers Account £ 500.00
- Deposit Account £ 114,315.70
- TOTAL £ 114,815.70**

10.2. Receipts £5.28 (interest)

10.3. To authorise payment of invoices as per payment schedule

| Payment Schedule 8th February 2018 | | | | |
|--|--|---------------------|------------|--|
| Ref | Payee | Amount £ | VAT | Detail |
| 1 | R.A.Ford | 17.52 | N/a | Additional expenditure above imprest account level (To close the account) |
| 2 | South Wye Community Association | 18.00 | N/a | 31/01/18) 11127 Hire of library 22/01/18 |
| 3 | Northolme Community Centre Association | 18.00 | N/a | (31/01/18) 01203 hire of room 11/01/18 |
| 4 | HMRC | 168.80 | N/a | Period 10 PAYE |
| 5 | Herefordshire Wildlife Trust | 618.00 | N/a | Agenda Item 26 Grant application Project WildPlay Rangers |

- Cllr Andrew Cooper and Cllr John Newman left the meeting for agenda item 10.3.2
- Cllr Des Parish left the meeting for agenda item 10.3.3

All payments authorised for payment and cheques to be signed

To Note Clerk Salary Payment by Standing Order on 29th January 2018 as agreed at Parish Council meeting 9th March 2017 - Agenda Item 24

11. Budget Monitoring Report

The Parish Council considered the Budget Monitoring Report as at 11th January 2018 (Appendix 3 refers) and received explanations for relevant budget heads. The updated was noted

12. Questionnaire on 18/19 Priorities

The Parish Council considered the summary of the questionnaire (Appendix 4 refers. Cllr Des Parish informed the Parish Council that she was disappointed in the number received and felt that there were a lot of old people in the parish, and also felt that for future surveys consideration should be given to making the form simpler. The summary and Cllr Des Parish's comments were noted.

13. Footpath repairs on Abbey View East.

Cllr Des Parish raised a concern about the possible specification and felt there was a need to get specialist/ professional help with it and suggested Josephs. Cllr Adrian Bridges highlighted that the key to sorting out the flow of water over the footpath was to raise the footpath. The Parish Council only intend to do the three quarters that was not a public footpath. Having considered the matter it was agreed that the Clerk would liaise with Balfour Beatty on the matter to see what was needed to move the project forward, but would send in an indicative outline design.

Action the Clerk to contact Balfour Beatty.

14. Parish Wide Weed Spray

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that having contacted the contractor who had carried out the work to enquire about completion and was informed that following comments from a parishioner at a Parish Council meeting who stated that he could have done a better job for less, he decided not to finish the job. The Clerk confirmed that there was an amount unpaid relating to the outstanding work, which would not be paid. The Parish Council was disappointed and surprised to hear that the contractor failed to complete a job due to adverse comments made by a parishioner. The update was noted.

15. Grit Bins

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that the bins used by Herefordshire Council, had a black base and yellow top and suggested that the ones to be purchased should be the same. The cost was £70.00 based on information to date. Having considered the matter, it was delegated to the clerk to purchase three grit bins plus grit salt, with bins to be located as precisely agreed.

Action Clerk to purchase the grit bins to match those used by Herefordshire Council and deliver to Councillor Adrian Bridges, who would liaise with the Community Centres and Local Resident for installation.

16. Location of Grit Bins

The Parish Council considered and agreed the additional locations for grit bins at the following locations :-

- Westholme Road – by the footpath to Belmont Pools
- Abbotsmead Road – by telephone box
- Whitefriars Road – opposite Chancel View
- Northolme Road – By pedestrian crossing CH7, but consideration to this location due to the locality of the stream
- Dorchester Way – by Street light between BH & AM

The following location was considered and agreed not to take forward

- Wyedean Rise – opposite 31 on the green

Action – Clerk to inform Balfour Beatty of the locations agreed

17. Litter Bins

The Parish Council considered the locations for litter bins and agreed the following locations:-

- End of Westholme Road - rusted away – to replace
- Dearhurst Drive by the Royal Mail Box – extra one needed – new
- Open space Northolme Road kickabout / small children's play area by memorial bench

Action Clerk to inform Balfour Beatty of the Parish Councils decision

18. Parish Councillor Resignation

The Parish Council considered and accepted Cllr Derek Preedy's resignation, Cllr Adrian Bridges highlighted the contribution that Cllr Derek Preedy had made during his tenure, who had helped to get things done to improve the environment across the parish. Cllr Des Parish noted the strongly worded letter from Mrs Preedy and was upset regarding comments made, she also had a concern that Councillors had been giving him advice and wanted to know what the advice was.

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that Mrs Preedy was upset and concerned about her husband and bearing in mind Derek Preedy's health it was in the best interest of the Parish Council and Derek Preedy that the Parish Council drew a line under the matter and moved on. The Parish Council agreed

Action The Clerk to draft a letter of thanks to Derek Preedy for Cllr Adrian Bridges to sign.

19. Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

Cllr Des Parish reminded the Parish Council that the date of the meeting had been previously agreed. Having considered the matter it was agreed that the date previously agreed would not be changed. (10th May 2018).

20. Annual Parish Meeting

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that the date had been previously set, a discussion took place as to the time and it was agreed that the time and date previously agreed would not be changed. It was also agreed that Age UK would be asked to attend.

Action Clerk to invite Age UK to the Annual Parish meeting.

21. Noticeboard on Abbotsmead Road

Having declared an interest in this agenda item Cllr Neil Hooper left the meeting.

The Parish Council was informed that Cllr Neil Hooper had looked at the noticeboard and sent correspondence to the Clerk:-

"As agreed at our last meeting I have been to measure the Perspex in the notice board. However, I am unable to as there is an internal frame that has to be removed to gain access to the Perspex to get exact measurements and then will need to be refitted to keep the board in service. This will obviously take some time.' And that Cllr Neil Hooper had put the cost at £160.00 plus VAT to do both sides".

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The Clerk informed the Parish Council that he had looked at the noticeboard and it would need dismantling and putting back together and it would be cheaper to do it all at once.

Cllr Des Parish commented that as the Parish Council intended to purchase new noticeboards therefore only one side of the noticeboard should be repaired..

Having considered the matter, the Parish Council resolved that only one side (Abbottsmead Road side) of the noticeboard will be repaired.

Action Clerk to send order to Cllr Neil Hooper.

22. Work Plan - P3 and Lengthsman Scheme 2018/19

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that with regards to the P3 scheme the maximum grant from Herefordshire Council would be £110.00 in 2018/19 and that the Parish Councils contribution would be £33.00. making a total of £143.00, in view of the small amount the Clerk recommended that the activity carried out to be two footpath inspections, which the Parish Council agreed to.

With regards to the Parish Employed Lengthsman (Handyperson) the Clerk recommended that the total budget should be £3,000.

Having considered the matter the Parish Council resolved that the recommendations from the Clerk be accepted and that it be delegated to the Clerk to complete the form and send to Balfour Beatty.

Action Clerk to complete the Annual Maintenance Plan 2018/19 and forward to Balfour Beatty.

23. Handyperson Services

Before the quotes were opened Cllr Des, Parish confirmed that the two envelopes containing quotes had not been opened and were correctly marked as required.

The Clerk open the quotes and read out each one, with the costs as follows:-

No 1 Quote £19.90 per hour

No 2 Quote £12.00 per hour

- Cllr Neil Hooper commented that it would seem that compared to the previous quotes one contractor had increased their quotation and the other had reduced theirs.
- Cllr Adrian informed the Parish Council that within the Neighbourhood Plan the Parish Council had a commitment to support local business within the Parish. Cllr Des Parish commented that the advertisement did not say the contractor had to live in the parish.
- Cllr Aimee Bridges felt that the £12.00 per hour was not viable and looked too cheap in relation to the likely costs including petrol.
- Cllr Neil Hooper asked if contractor 2 was the same contractor who did not complete the weed spraying, the clerk informed the Parish Council that he was unable to comment.
- Cllr Adrian Bridges suggested that in view of the Parish Councils commitment to local business that there could be a trial period for Contractor 1, following a discussion it was agreed that the way forward was for a 12 months contract.

Having considered the matter the Parish Council resolved not to accept the quote from contractor 2 on the grounds that the figure of £12.00 per hour was not viable and that the Parish Council had a commitment to support local business within the Parish and to accept the quotation from contractor 1 in the sum of £19.90.

Action Clerk to inform contractors of the Parish Council decision.

24. Library Consultation

Cllr Adrian Bridges informed the Parish Council of the soft market test and that Northamptonshire Council had a Model. However in light of recent press comments from the said Council on their finances, that at the request of Cllr Adrian Bridges that this matter was deferred until more information was available.

25. Vehicle Survey

The Parish Council considered the results of the vehicle survey (Appendix 5 refers), having considered the matter the Parish Council agreed to note the report and would consider the option of further surveys in the future.

26. Wildplay

The Parish Council considered the application for a grant from Herefordshire Wildlife Trust for the Wildplay Rangers project, having considered the matter the Parish Council resolved to donate £618.00. to the Herefordshire Wildlife Trust. The clerk was also authorised to update the balances as previously reported.

Action Clerk to inform Herefordshire Wildlife Trust of the Parish Council decision.

27. Parish Council Open Days

At the request of Cllr. Adrian Bridges this item was deferred until the next meeting.

28. For Information Items

The Parish Council noted the Clerk's report on 'for Information Items'

29. Matters relayed to the Clerk for agenda items at the next meeting

There were no items

30. Confirmation of date, time and location of the next meeting

8th March 2018 @7.30pm to be held at Northolme Community Centre

Ward Councillor Report – February 2018

1. A replacement has been found for Matt and her name is Natalie Jay, she will start work on 19th February and will undertake a few weeks training before being introduced.
2. I have been chasing the County council to replenish salt in bins around Belmont since the snow fall in December. Despite repeated chases they have yet to be filled. I have now raised the issue with the cabinet member responsible, Councillor Durkin and have been promised an update within 48 hours.
3. I have also liaised with the police and planning enforcement about parking on grass verges on Westholme Road. Planning Enforcement have specified there is nothing they can do about parking on Verges, but I am still “debating” it with Councillor Edwards.
4. I have also contacted the police about vehicles parkin on the pavement on Whitefriars, stopping wheelchair users from using the footpath.
5. The leader of Herefordshire Council has resigned and a new leader will be appointed at the next full council meeting in March.
6. I have also asked BBLP to go and do a site visit near the sheltered housing complex on Eastholme Road. Representatives have suggested tree roots are causing a potential trip hazard.

Bank Reconciliation as at 8th February 2018

| | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Opening 1 st April 2017 | Treasures Account | 500.00 |
| Opening 1 st April 2017 | Deposit Account | 126,940.10 |
| | Total | 127,440.10 |
| Add | Receipts | 55,021.62 |
| | Total | 182,461.72 |
| Less | Payments to 08/02/18 | 67,646.02 |
| BALANCE | | 114,815.70 |
| 1 st February 2018 | Bank Statement Treasures Account | 500.00 |
| 1 st February 2018 | Bank Statement Deposit Account | 115,155.90 |
| TOTAL | | 115,655.90 |
| Less Outstanding Cheques | | |
| 1047 | 17.52 | |
| 1048 | 18.00 | |
| 1049 | 18.00 | |
| 1050 | 168.68 | |
| 1051 | 618.00 | |
| Total o/s payments | | 840.20 |
| BALANCE | | 114,815.70 |

Budget Monitoring Report as at 11th January 2018

| | 31.03.16 Actual | 31.03.17 Budget | 31.03.17 Actual | 31.03.18 Budget | 11/01/18 Actual | Variance | |
|----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------|
| INCOME | | | | | | | |
| Precept | 46,904.00 | 55,000.00 | 55,000.00 | 55,000.00 | 55,000.00 | 0.00 | |
| Grants Received | 3,628.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| Bank Interest | 53.00 | 50.00 | 39.00 | 0.00 | 16.34 | -16.34 | |
| Other Income | 0.00 | 0.00 | 157.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| VAT | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2,183.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| | 50,585.00 | 55,050.00 | 57,379.00 | 55,000.00 | 55,016.34 | -16.34 | |
| EXPENDITURE | | | | | | | |
| General Expenditure | | | | | | | |
| Staff Costs | 12,351.00 | 13,400.00 | 9,654.00 | 13,000.00 | 7,590.42 | 5,409.58 | |
| General Office Costs | 1,271.00 | 1,300.00 | 716.60 | 1,400.00 | 580.37 | 819.63 | |
| Insurance | 629.00 | 800.00 | 621.40 | 850.00 | 967.70 | -117.70 | Note 1 |
| Room Hire | 413.00 | 675.00 | 339.00 | 700.00 | 460.50 | 239.50 | |
| Repairs and Maintenance | 103.00 | 7,500.00 | 3,715.35 | 0.00 | 414.69 | -414.69 | Note 2 |
| Handyman | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 12,000.00 | 8,090.00 | 3,910.00 | |
| Kerb weed Spray | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,200.00 | 610.00 | 590.00 | |
| Newsletter/ annual report | 1,517.00 | 3,000.00 | 537.83 | 3,000.00 | 634.00 | 2,366.00 | |
| Grants and Donations | 8,400.00 | 28,800.00 | 2,754.00 | 10,500.00 | 8,100.00 | 2,400.00 | |
| Hire of Equipment | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2,107.22 | -2,107.22 | Note 3 |
| Subscriptions | 1,262.00 | 1,400.00 | 1,431.00 | 1,400.00 | 0.00 | 1,400.00 | |
| Audit Fees | 450.00 | 550.00 | 450.00 | 550.00 | 450.00 | 100.00 | |
| Election Fees | 59.00 | 4,800.00 | 0.00 | 4,800.00 | 0.00 | 4,800.00 | |
| Training | 773.00 | 350.00 | 60.00 | 1,000.00 | 181.80 | 818.20 | |
| Website Expenditure | 429.00 | 600.00 | 679.25 | 750.00 | 489.25 | 260.75 | |
| VAT | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2,182.60 | 0.00 | 5,630.67 | -5,630.67 | Note 4 |
| Cash | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2,172.31 | -2,172.31 | Note 5 |
| Community Action Day | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,300.00 | 23.40 | 1,276.60 | |
| Data protection Compliance | | | | | | 0.00 | |
| Wild flowers Jubilee Field | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 300.00 | 655.14 | -355.14 | Note 6 |
| Tree Surgery | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 3,000.00 | 2,000.00 | 1,000.00 | |
| BBQ | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,000.00 | 0.00 | 1,000.00 | |
| Grit Bin | | | | | | 0.00 | |
| Fuel | | | | | | 0.00 | |
| Miscellaneous Exp | 0.00 | 250.00 | 73.08 | 250.00 | 0.00 | 250.00 | |
| Increase in Reserves | | | | | | 0.00 | |
| | 27,657.00 | 63,425.00 | 23,214.11 | 57,000.00 | 41,157.47 | 15,842.53 | |
| Reserves | | | | | | 0.00 | |

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|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------|------------------|---------|
| Playing Field Drainage (Professional Support) | | | | | | | 0.00 | |
| Noticeboards | | | | | | | 0.00 | |
| Footpath Maintenance | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 15,000.00 | 0.00 | | 15,000.00 | |
| Footpath on Stoneleigh Drive | | | | | | | 0.00 | |
| Neighbourhood Development Plan | 0.00 | 1,000.00 | 69.00 | 300.00 | 685.00 | -385.00 | | Note 7 |
| Parish plan | 0.00 | 5,000.00 | 0.00 | 2,000.00 | 0.00 | | 2,000.00 | |
| Election Fees | | | | | | | 0.00 | |
| Mower | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 20,000.00 | 21,008.00 | -1,008.00 | | Note 8 |
| Other Equipment | 0.00 | 0.00 | 7,409.81 | 0.00 | 1,093.31 | -1,093.31 | | Note 9 |
| Tools | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,000.00 | 247.24 | | 752.76 | |
| Other assets | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,035.10 | -1,035.10 | | Note 10 |
| tree Surgery | | | | | | | 0.00 | |
| Traffic Calming | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 15,000.00 | 905.00 | | 14,095.00 | |
| Pond | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 10,000.00 | 0.00 | | 10,000.00 | |
| Spring & autumn Cut and Collect | | | | | | | 0.00 | |
| Shed | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 5,000.00 | 0.00 | | 5,000.00 | |
| Capital and other projects | 1,567.00 | 2,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | | 0.00 | |
| | | | | | | | 0.00 | |
| | | | | | | | 0.00 | |
| Total | 29,224.00 | 71,425.00 | 30,692.92 | 125,300.00 | 66,131.12 | | 59,168.88 | |

Bank Expenditure as at 11/1/18

66,131.12

Bank income as at 11/01/18

55,016.34

Note 1 - Insurance

| | |
|------------------|---------------|
| Annual insurance | 598.22 |
| Mower Insurance | 369.48 |
| | 967.70 |

Note 2 - no budget head identified

Note 3 - no budget head identified

Note 4 - no budget head identified

Note 5 Petty Cash

| | |
|------------|-----------------|
| BBQ | 1,500.00 |
| Chairman's | 588.37 |
| Clerks | 83.94 |
| | 2,172.31 |

Note 6 - Budget over spend

Note 7 - Budget overspend

Note 8 Mower

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|---------|------------------|
| Mower | 17,658.00 |
| Sweeper | 3,350.00 |
| | 21,008.00 |

Note 9 - other Equipment

| | |
|--------|-----------------|
| Laptop | 888.31 |
| Blower | 205.00 |
| | 1,093.31 |

Note 10 other assets

| | |
|---------------|-----------------|
| Gate | 323.60 |
| Goal Posts | 504.00 |
| Hi Vis Vests, | 207.50 |
| | 1,035.10 |

Questionnaire on 2018/19 Priorities

| | | P | R | E | F | E | R | E | N | C |
|---|--|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | Priorities | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 1 | Support for activities For older People e.g. lunch club | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 2 | Improving the Play Area behind Northolme Community Centre to make it more accessible | 0 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 3 |
| 3 | Support to Notholme Community Centre | 1 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 4 | Maintenance and Enhancement of Footpaths on Public open space | 6 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 5 | Continued support for Belmont Library | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 6 | Support for activities for children e.g. kids activities | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| 7 | Support to Belmont Community Centre | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 0 |
| 8 | Support for activities for families – Family Fun day | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 3 |
| 9 | Benches/Picnic areas (Suggest locations below) | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 |

Key 1= Favourite 9= least Favourite

Number of questionnaire returned - 17

Not all preferences ticked

3 spoilt – (one Gave presence 1 to all priorities, one gave preference 1 for 7 priorities and preference 9 for 2 priorities, one gave preference 6 for 4 priorities and preference 3 for 4 priorities).

Comments

| | |
|--|---|
| | Volunteer group to clear litter, leaves. Help with planting etc. Parking on pavements is a growing hazard |
| | Improve top end of path from Belmont Rd by side of the 3 Counties into estate and install lighting. Cars are regularly being parked opposite road junctions and some parked on the junction close to dotted line . A mention next newsletter. |
| | Dog bins on/around Abbeyview Park.... Concentrated in |
| | Please/Please can we have salt bins at the top of Dorchester Way. We the locals will spread the salt |
| | Uneven pavements make walking with a Rollator walking frame very difficult. In particular from my house at no.63 on the left hand side of road towards Belmont Pool |
| | Belmont Community Centre already has a lunch club |
| | I would like it if someone could find spare time to teach computers and I phone at Northolme |
| | Northolme Playing Area or Copin Rise |
| | Fund resources to facilitate the efficient use of the recently purchased equipment e.g A tow trailer to assist the team which is able to be attached to the sit on mower. |

Vehicle Survey Report

Belmont Rural Speed survey – Analysis

General

Individual speed / traffic flow surveys were undertaken at the following locations in Belmont Rural Parish Council. The reason for the surveys was to understand the current speeds and traffic flows in relation to the possible introduction of chicanes.

Northholme Road (2 locations)

Southholme Road

Abbotsmead Road

The surveys were undertaken using Automatic Traffic Counts (ATC) in the form of pneumatic tubes left in position to operate for a 24 hour, 7 day period. Full details on the surveys including all the recorded data is attached to this report.

Terminology

The 85th percentile indicates the speed at which 85% of drivers do not exceed. It is the measure used by enforcement agencies when considering whether to carry out speed enforcement in an area and provides a good indication of the adherence to the legal speed limit.

Opposing traffic – To enable chicanes to operate efficiently, there needs to be reasonably equal opposing traffic flows throughout the day. As chicanes need to be constructed so they are wide enough to allow long wheeled base vehicles access, if there is little or no opposing traffic to ensure vehicles are required to give way, they are unlikely to be effective and could potentially increase speeds as drivers *test their skills* through the chicane.

Location A – Southholme Road . Survey Period 18/1/18 – 24/1/18

Northbound traffic

Average daily traffic – 2975 of which 95% were cars

Peak period – (1) Between 7 and 9am – indicates commuter traffic leaving the area (week days)

(2) Between 4 and 6pm (Thursday and Friday only) – could indicate blockage on A465 and vehicles using estate roads to progress. No recorded road works or significant incidences during this period.

Average daily speed – 24.9mph

85th percentile - 30.2mph

Southbound traffic

85th percentile – 29.2mph Average daily traffic 2525 of which 92% were cars. Heavier use by HGV's compared to Northbound

Peak period – 4-6pm – indicates commute traffic returning to the area (week days)

Average speed – 25.4 mph

85th percentile – 29.2 mph

Opposing traffic - The surveys indicate that at peak travel movement periods, the majority of vehicles are travelling one way. Tidal flow type of traffic movements such as these, mean that vehicle speeds are unlikely to be affected by the introduction of chicanes or other road narrowing measures.

Location B – Abbotsmead Road. Survey Period 10/1/18 – 16/1/18

Northbound traffic

Average daily traffic 946, of which 94% were cars followed by vans and motorcyclists / cyclists

Peak period – between 4 – 6 pm indicates commuter traffic returning to area (weekdays)

Average speed - 26.6 mph

85th percentile – 30.6 mph

Southbound

Average daily traffic 858, of which 94% were cars followed by vans

Peak period – between 7-9 am (weekdays) indicates commuter traffic leaving the area.

Average speed – 25.6 mph

85th percentile – 30.3 mph

Opposing traffic - The surveys indicate that at peak travel movement periods, the majority of vehicles are travelling one way. Tidal flow type of traffic movements such as these, mean that vehicle speeds are unlikely to be affected by the introduction of chicanes or other road narrowing measures.

Location C – Northolme Road (Nr Stanbrook Road). Survey Period 10/1/18 – 16/1/18

Northbound traffic

Average daily traffic 784, of which 91% were cars followed by vans and motorcyclists / cyclists

Peak period – between 4 – 6 pm indicates commuter traffic returning to area (weekdays)

Average speed – 24.9 mph

85th percentile – 29.1 mph

Southbound

Average daily traffic 682, of which 94% were cars followed by vans

Peak period – between 7-9 am (weekdays) indicates commuter traffic leaving the area.

Average speed – 23.7 mph

85th percentile – 27.0 mph

Opposing traffic - The surveys indicate that at peak travel movement periods, the majority of vehicles are travelling one way. Tidal flow type of traffic movements such as these, mean that vehicle speeds are unlikely to be affected by the introduction of chicanes or other road narrowing measures.

Location D – Northolme Road (Nr Byland Close). Survey Period 10/1/18 – 16/1/18

It is noticeable that the location of this ATC is close by the community centre which may influence regular vehicle movements though out the day and the ATC was located on a bend which is reflected in the lower speeds of vehicles

Northbound traffic

Average daily traffic 269, of which 93% were cars followed by vans and motorcyclists / cyclists

Peak period – between 4 – 6 pm indicates commuter traffic returning to area (weekdays)

Average speed – 22 mph

85th percentile – 24 mph

Southbound

Average daily traffic 180, of which 92% were cars followed by vans

Peak period – between 7-9 am (weekdays) indicates commuter traffic leaving the area.

Average speed – 20.3 mph

85th percentile – 21.8 mph

Opposing traffic - The surveys indicate that throughout the day there is a steady flow of opposing traffic which provides some evidence a chicane may be effective in this location. However, even though the split of vehicles travelling in each direction is quite equally divided it must be pointed out that the total number of vehicles travelling along Northolme Road is unlikely to be high enough to ensure that vehicles will be required to give way to oncoming vehicles so negating the speed reducing effect of a chicane or other road narrowing measure.