

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Belmont Rural Parish Council held at Belmont Community Centre, Eastholme Road Belmont on Thursday 13th June 2019.

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Councillors Present

Cllr Adrian Bridges (Chairman)
Cllr Aimee Bridges
Cllr Neil Hooper (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr Des Parish
Cllr Jamie Price

In Attendance

Cllr Tracy Bowes (ward Councillor) Tony Ford – Clerk

Members of the public - One

1. Apologies

The Parish Council received and approved apologies for absence from Cllr Colin Warne

2. Written requests for Dispensation

There were no requests for dispensation

3. Declarations of Interest

To receive declarations of interest on agenda items.

	Yes	No	Agenda Item	Reason	Disclosure
Councillor					
Cllr Adrian Bridges	√		11 &13.10	Personal payment	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest
Cllr Aimee Bridges	√		11 & 13.10	Personal payment to a relative	Non-disclosable Pecuniary Interest
Cllr Neil Hooper		√			
Cllr Des Parish	1		13.3.8	Director Northolme Community Centre	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest
Cllr Jamie Price		√			

4. Minutes

To receive, approve and sign the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 9th May 2019.

The minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman

5. Public Participation

There were no questions from the public.

6. Ward Councillors Report

The Parish Council noted the Ward Councillors Report. (Appendix 1 refers)

7. Previous Actions

With reference to 06/02 -Grit Bins clips Councillor Des Parish highlighted the issue of open Grit bins on Westholme Road & Northolme Road, it was agreed to bring the purchase forward. The Parish Council noted the update.

Action Clerk to purchase Grit Bin clips.

8. Planning Application 3 Forde Lane, Belmont, Hereford,(191475) Proposed single storey leanto extension to form garden room

Cllr Adrian Bridges outlined what the application entailed and was of the view that there was no material reason to object to the application, a brief discussion took place, having considered the matter the Parish Council resolved to support the application.

Action The Clerk to inform Herefordshire Council of the Parish Councils decision

9. Planning Application 2 Holm Oak Road, Belmont, Hereford (191737) Proposed single storey extension to the side and rear. Cllr Des Parish was of the view that there appeared to be a window on the side elevation, Cllr Adrian Bridges highlighted that the window was part of the original wall and the window was part of the main building. Cllr Adrian Bridges expressed the view that the extension accords with the Belmont Plan and Herefordshire Policies and that the side elevation was in line with the fence.

Cllr Des Parish highlighted that the extension backed up to the neighbouring fences, with no access to the rear garden, with the garage already converted to accommodation, in addition the Velux window in the extension meant adjoining property can look in. Having considered the matter, the Parish Council resolved to support the application.

Action Clerk to inform Herefordshire Council of the Parish Councils decision.

10. Handypersons Report

The Parish Council noted the Handypersons March 2019 report. (Appendix 2 refers)

11. Chairman's Petty Cash

Cllr Adrian Bridges left the room and Cllr Neil Hooper took the chair, in the absence of a paper report Cllr Neil Hooper read the information from the Chairman's laptop, once it was clear what the make-up of the reimbursement figure was, it was approved on the understanding that the Clerk would circulate the electronic claim (Appendix 3 refers) once it had been received. Cllr Neil Hooper expressed a view that as the Clerk was aware of the expenditure there was no need for the Parish Council to approve the expenditure. The Clerk informed the Parish Council that from an internal control point of view the current arrangement should continue.

Action Clerk to circulate electronic claim when received.

12. Code of Conduct

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that it was HALCs view that in the absence of the NALC Code that Parish Council adopt the Herefordshire Council Code of Conduct. Having considered the matter, the Parish Council resolved to adopt the Herefordshire Code of Conduct. (Appendix 4 refers)

13. Finance

13.1. Bank Reconciliation. (Appendix 5 refers) as at 13th June 2019 was summarised as follows;

Treasurers Account
 Deposit Account
 Total
 £ 500.00
 £122,049.21
 £122,549.21

13.2. Receipts 1st Precept Payment £30,000 and Interest £42.57

13.3. To authorise payment of invoices as per payment schedule

Ref	Payee	Amount £	VAT	Detail
1	Colin Warne	1,512.40	n/a	02/06/19 (110) May 2019 Handypersons duties
2	Three Counties Hotel	100.00	16.67	24/05/19 (168659) Hire of Room Annual Parish meeting
3	Trackunit Telematics Ltd	118.80	19.80	29/04/19 (442003696) Plant View Subscription
4	Powells Forest & Garden Equipment	314.69	52.45	31/05/19 (038993) Mower Service
5	Came & Co	681.11	N/a	20/05/19 (4219/3087) Insurance Premium
6	HMRC	176.80	N/a	PAYE period 2
7	Information Commissioner	40.00	N/a	29/05/19 (Z2760907) Data Protection Fee
8	Northolme Community Centre Association	18.00	N/a	30/04/19 (01432) Hire of Hall 11-04-19
9	Locks Garage	68.82	3.27	30/04/19(16) Mower Fuel paid by Direct Debit
10	Adrian Bridges	416.59	n/a	Chairman's Petty Cash a/c reimbursement of expenditure

All payments were authorised for payment and cheques to be signed

- Cllr Des Parish left the room for agenda item 13.3.8
- Cllr Adrian Bridges left the room and Cllr Aimee Bridges did not vote for Agenda Item 13.3.10

Noted Clerks Salary Payment by Standing Order on 28/05/2019 as agreed at Parish Council meeting 14/03/19 – Agenda Item 31

14. Weed Spraying

The Parish Council was informed that only one quotation had been received by recorded delivery, however a request had been received from a contractor to send their quotation by email which was refused. The Clerk opened the quotation in the presence of the Parish Council, and with the Chairman confirmed that the contractor was Colin Warne and that insurance documentation and pesticides certificate were enclosed and that the quotation was in the sum of £1,749.00 .The Chairman and the Clerk signed the documents received. Having considered the matter, the Parish Council resolved to accept the quotation from Colin Warne.

Action Clerk to inform Colin Warne of the Parish Councils decision.

15. Grant Application – South Wye Community Association

Having considered the matter, the Parish Council approved a grant of £924.00.

16. Grant Application - Herefordshire Wildlife Trust's WildPlay-Project

Having considered the matter, the Parish Council approved a grant of £618.00.

17. Grant Application – Dore Community Transport

Having considered the matter, the Parish Council approved a grant of £250.00.

18. Cycle Racks

Because the free racks were not available to the Parish Council the Parish Council agreed to the purchase of 4 single racks to be concreted in and to be located next to the post box and notice boards. It was agreed that the concreting in would be done by the Handyperson.

Action Clerk to purchase within a budget of £250.00

19. Bird Boxes

The Parish Council considered correspondence from the Wildlife Trust and agreed to purchase 7 bird boxes (6 for Jubilee Field and 1 for Belmont Pool). The Chairman advised that the Handyperson is unable to to erect the bird boxes as the working height is too high, it was suggested that a tree surgeon would be investigated.

Action Clerk to order 7 bird boxes

20. Herefordshire Area Plan

The Parish Council noted the correspondence from Herefordshire Council and agreed that there would not be a Parish Council representative at Hereford Area Plan meetings, however the Parish Council would keep a watching brief, and would seek professional advice if deemed necessary.

21. Co-option

The Parish Council was informed that Herefordshire Council had been informed of the vacancies, and that the Parish Council was waiting for further instructions on the way forward.

22. New Road Signs

The Parish Council considered the purchase of road signs for Wyedean Rise and Stanbrook Road. And agreed that regarding the Wyedean Rise Nos 53-65 sign the Handperson would be asked to replace the mounting board and Cllr Tracy Bowes would ask Herefordshire Council if they could replace the one on Stanbrook Road.

Action Clerk to ask the Handyperson to replace mounting board on the Wyedean Rise Nos 53-65 road sign.

23. Abbey View East Footpath

Cllr Neil Hooper strongly expressed his frustration at the constant request for a specification that was not promised, he also asked those present individually if they had any idea of what was needed as part of a specification, the Clerk and all Councillors present except for Cllr Des Parish confirmed that they had no idea. Cllr Neil Hooper asked Cllr Des Parish why she had not come forward with the idea. Cllr Des Parish replied that she was the Footpaths Officer and had not been invited to the meeting, and

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if she had she might have came up with an idea, she was also under the impression that there was a sketch. Cllr Des Parish also referred to the County Park Car Park which becomes waterlogged during the winter months from runoff water from the footpath Due to the strong concerns and the likely technical requirements the Parish Clerk suggested that Balfour Beatty be asked to draw up the specification and complete the works, there was a concern regarding the likely costs.

During the debate the Chairman had to call Councillor Parish to order due to the constant interruptions of the Councillor who was trying to speak.

Cllr Neil Hooper then tabled a Sketch (Appendix 6 refers) and Cllr Adrian Bridges gave a brief summary which was considered at length. Cllr Des Parish highlighted that the footpath on the County Park was unstable in the winter due to the mud washed down, Cllr Adrian Bridges highlighted that the Abbey View East footpath would be different in design compared to the one mentioned by Cllr Des Parish. The Parish Council agreed that the drawing would be tidied up and further consideration would be given at the Next Parish Council meeting before the drawing was sent to Balfour Beatty.

Action Agenda Item for the next meeting

24. Grass Cutting Schedule

The Parish Council considered Herefordshire Council's Grass Cutting Schedule dates, Cllr Adrian Bridges tabled a schedule of likely cuts that Belmont Rural would carry out working around the Balfour Beatty planned cuts.

During the debate the Chairman had to call Councillor Parish to order as he was speaking and tabling a motion concerning this item.

However, Cllr Des Parish expressed strongly that the dates were wrong and she did not agree with them, however she was unable to come up with the correct dates, it was agreed that Clerk would double check to see what the dates were and dovetail Cllr Adrian Bridges schedule in with the new dates.(Appendix 7 refers)

25. Tree Warden Report

There was no Tree Wardens report

26. Footpath Officers Report

There was no Footpath Officers Report.

27. Smart Water Kits

The Parish Council considered correspondence from the Police & Crime Commissioner regarding Smart Water Kits and bearing in mind that the high costs the Parish Council agreed not to progress the matter further.

28. For Information Items

Councillor Des Parish strongly raised her concern regarding the siting of the 2 benches on the perimeter of the Northolme Play Area as it was in correct, although an item for information a robust discussion took place, between her and Cllr Adrian Bridges even when he confirmed that this was as stated in the original minutes as reaffirmed in the May 2019 minutes as an update, which was previously approved at agenda item 4 above. The Clerk reminded all that this was a for information and that he would look into the matter. Chairman had to remind Councillor Parish that this was not an agenda item and must be on the agenda for a decision to be made on any item.

Extract from Previous Minutes:- (Appendix 8 refers)

For information items were noted.

- 29. Matters relayed to the Clerk for agenda items at the next meeting
- **30.** Confirmation of Date, time and Location of the next meeting 11th July 2019 @7.30 pm to be held at Belmont Community Centre

Ward Councillors Report Ward update June 2019

Herefordshire Council Updates

Chairperson of the Council – Councillor Sebastian Bowen (Herefordshire Independents)

Vice Chairperson – Councillor Kema Guthrie (Conservatives)

Leader of the Council – David Hitchener (Herefordshire Independents)

New Cabinet Members

Infrastructure - Councillor John Harrington (It's Our County)

Contracts and Assets – Councillor Gemma Davies (Herefordshire Independents)

Finance and Corporate Services – Councillor Elizabeth Harvey (It's Our County)

Health and Well Being - Councillor Pauline Crockett (Herefordshire Independents)

Economy & Communication – Councillor Trish Marsh (The Green Party)

Children and Families - Councillor Felicity Norman (The Green Party)

Transport & Regulatory Services – Councillor Ange Tyler (Herefordshire Independents)

Committee Chair/Vice Chairpersons

Chairperson of Children and Young People Scrutiny – Councillor Carole Gandy (Conservative)

Nice chairperson of Children and Young People Scrutiny – Councillor Diana Toynbee (The Green Party)

Chairperson of Scrutiny – Councillor Jonathan Lester (Conservative)
Vice Chairperson of Scrutiny – Councillor Tracy Bowes (It's Our County)

Chairperson of Planning – Councillor John Hardwick (Herefordshire Independents) Vice Chairperson on Planning - Councillor Alan Seldon (It's Our County)

Chairperson of Adults & Well Being Scrutiny – Councillor Elissa Swinglehurst (Conservatives) Vice Chairperson of Adults and Wellbeing Scrutiny - Councillor Jenny Bartlett (The Green Party)

Chairperson of Audit and Governance – Councillor Nigel Shaw (Conservatives) Vice Chairperson of Audit and Governance – Councillor Christy Bolderton (Conservatives)

General Ward Updates

- Contacted estate agent and council's environmental health team re rubbish left outside a property on Westholme Road, the rubbish has now been removed
- Have received confirmation of a prosecution re fly tipping in the brook along Waterfield Road. The
 person will face to offences fly tipping and Duty of Care, (failing to ensure the waste was transferred
 to an authorised person). Now just waiting for sign off and a court date. It is usually around 6
 months until we have a court date.
- Contacted Tesco to see about getting boy racers banned from the car park
- Having a meeting with Natalie Jay regarding mowing Thursday 13th May
- Two planning applications been received in the ward
- Complaints re disturbances in the car park at Northolme Community Centre

BELMONT RURAL PARISH COUNCIL HANDYMAN WORKSHEET MONTH - May Agenda item 10

Date	Site Location	Work Completed	Hours	Rate/Hr	Total Amount
07-May	Westholme & Northolme	Mowing, litter pick & service	10	19.9	199.00
08-May	Abbotsmead & Wyedean Rise	Mowing and litter	5	19.9	99.50
09-May		Mower service, fuel filter replaced	1	19.9	19.90
10-May	Dorchester Avenue area	Mowing & litter	8.5	19.9	169.15
11-May	Jubilee Field, Abbey View East, Ford Lane	Bridge repair, top sign repainted, cut hedge (C Warne & B Williams)	10	19.9	199.00
13-May	Dorchester Avenue area	Mow & litter, Locks fuel collection	3.5	19.9	69.65
14-May	Northolme playing fields, WyeDean and other areas	Mow & litter	8.5	19.9	169.15
15-May	Northolme playing fields, West Holme and open areas	Mow & litter	8.5	19.9	169.15
16-May	Sidwell Drive, back of flats, Abbey View East, 3 Counties	Mow & litter	3.5	19.9	69.65
18-May	Locks Garage	Collect fuel	0.5	19.9	9.95
23-May	Jubilee Field	Painted bridge	1	19.9	19.90
28-May	Abbey View East & Northolme, Powells & Locks	Mowing, litter, fuel collection & new bolt	8.5	19.9	169.15
29-May	Northolme playing field, Abbey View East bank, Abbey View West paths	Mowing & litter, repair to mower, 2 flails and 1 bolt	7.5	19.9	149.25
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Chairman's Petty Cash



Section 2 - Councillor Code of Conduct

5.2.1 Introduction

5.2.2 This code has been adopted by the council as required by section 27 of the Localism Act 2011. The Council has a statutory duty to promote and maintain high standards of conduct by members and co opted members of the council. The code sets out the standards that the council expects members to observe.

5.2.3 Who does the code apply to?

5.2.4 The code applies to all members of the council and to all co opted members of any committee, sub committee or joint committee.

5.2.5 When does the code apply?

5.2.6 The code applies whenever a member is acting in their capacity as a member, a representative of the council or when they claim to act or give the impression of acting as a member or representative of the council. It does not seek to regulate what members do in their purely private and personal lives, unless such conduct brings the council into disrepute.

5.2.7 What standards of conduct are members required to observe?

5.2.8 When carrying out their role members should always act in accordance with the seven principles of public life, the council's PEOPLE values and the following standards;

	The seven principles of public life	Standards of conduct
Α	Selflessness Holders of public office should act solely in terms of the public interest.	A.1 Serve the public A.2 Only take decisions in the public interest A.3 Treat everyone that they deal with equally and with respect and courtesy
В	Integrity Holders of public office must avoid placing themselves under any obligation to people or organisations that might try inappropriately to influence them in their work. They should not act or take decisions in order to gain financial or other material benefits for themselves, their family, or their friends. They must declare and resolve any interests and relationships.	B.1 Should declare and resolve their interests in accordance with the law and with the provisions of this code of conduct. B.2 Should not place themselves in a position where they either are, or give the appearance that they are, under any financial or other obligation to anyone that might seek to influence them in the performance of their duties as a member B.3 Should not act or take decisions in order to (or attempt to) confer or secure an advantage, disadvantage, financial gain or other material benefits for themselves, their family or close associations

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	The seven principles of public life	Standards of conduct
С	Objectivity Holders of public office must act and take decisions impartially, fairly and on merit, using the best evidence and without discrimination or bias	B.4 Should declare gifts and hospitality that they are offered whether accepted or not where the value exceeds £20 B.5 Maintain confidentiality and not disclose information given to them in confidence. C.1 Act and take decisions impartially, fairly and on merit, using the best evidence and without discrimination or bias
D	Accountability Holders of public office are accountable to the public for their decisions and actions and must submit themselves to the scrutiny necessary to ensure this.	D.1 Be accountable to the public for their decisions and actions D.2 Co-operate fully with any scrutiny appropriate to their particular role or office D.3 Act in accordance with the member and officer relations code D.4 Act in accordance with the constitution procedural rules and codes D.5 Do not prevent another person from gaining access to information to which that person is entitled to by law
E	Openness Holders of public office should act and take decisions in an open and transparent manner. Information should not be withheld from the public unless there are clear and lawful reasons for so doing.	 E.1 Be as open as possible about their decisions and actions and should give reason for their decisions and actions E.2 Complete and maintain an up to date register of interests E.3 Do draw attention to any code of conduct interest when performing their duties as a member E.4 Do not bully, harass, intimidate or attempt to intimidate any person
F	Honesty Holders of public office should be truthful.	F.1 Be truthful F.2 Declare any private interests that relate to their duties as a member and resolve any such conflict in a way that protects the public interest F.3 Only use the resources of the council in accordance with the reasonable requirements set out for their use from time to time.
G	Leadership Holders of public office should exhibit these principles in their own behaviour. They should actively promote and robustly support the principles and be willing to challenge poor behaviour wherever it occurs.	G.1 Actively promote and robustly support leadership principles G.2 Be willing to challenge poor behaviour wherever it occurs G.3 Never undertake any action which would bring the council, members or officers into disrepute G.4 Never make vexatious, malicious or frivolous complaints against other

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The seven principles of public life	Standards of conduct
	members or anyone who works for, or
	on behalf of, your

5.2.9 Code of conduct interests

5.2.10 Registerable Interests

- 5.2.11 The monitoring officer will maintain a register of interests which can be inspected at Herefordshire Council, Governance and Democratic Services, 33-35 Union Street, St Peters Square, Hereford, HR1 2HX and found at Members' Register of Interests.
- 5.2.12 The register of interests contains two schedules. Schedule 1 are interests defined by regulations made under section 30(3) of the Localism Act 2011("the Act"), Schedule 2 are interests that Herefordshire Council considers are appropriate to register and disclose.
- **5.2.13 Schedule 1 Interests** (defined as disclosable pecuniary interests under the Act) may be amended from time to time by regulation but at 25 May 2018 were¹:-

Employment, office, trade or profession	Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried out for profit or gain	
Sponsorship	Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the relevant council) made or provided within the relevant period in respect of any expenses incurred by a person in carrying out duties as a member, or towards the election expenses of that person	
Contracts	Any contract which is made between the relevant person (or body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest) and the relevant council- 1. Under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and 2. Which has not been fully discharged	
Land	Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of the relevant council	
Licenses	Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the relevant council for a month or longer	
Corporate tenancies	 Any tenancy where (to the persons knowledge): The landlord is the relevant council; and The tenant is a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest 	

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 $^{^{\}rm 1}\,\mbox{For further explanation}$ and guidance please see the register of interests form



Securities

Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where:

- That body (to the persons knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the relevant council; and
- 2. Either:-
 - 2.1 The total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or
 - 2.2 If the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares in any one class in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest that exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class

5.2.14 Schedule 2 interests are:

Membership of any body:

- a) exercising functions of a public nature; or
- b) directed to charitable purposes; or
- whose principal purposes include the influencing public opinion or policy (including any political party); or
- d) is not open to the public without formal membership.

This does not include subscription, or membership of any body to which the member is appointed or nominated by the council.'

Any gifts or hospitality which the member has been offered by virtue of their office (whether accepted or refused) where in excess of £20.

Trade Union membership.

5.2.15 Other declarable interests

5.2.16 If a matter to be considered affects the welfare or financial position (positively or negatively) of the member, a member of their family, and or a close personal associate to a greater extent than others in the member's ward: then there is a requirement to declare such an interest.

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5.2.17 Where a member has a registrable or other interest as detailed above the following applies:

What is the	e interest?	Do I have to complete the form and register?	Do I have to declare this interest?	When do I disclose the interest?	Can I participate?	Can I vote?	Do I have to leave the room?
Schedule 1		 √Yes Within 28 days of: election re-election disclosing in a meeting a previously undisclosed interest becoming aware of any change or new interests 	√ Yes verbally At a meeting √ Yes Where making a decision either as an individual member or collectively √ Yes When acting in the capacity of a member If the interest is in the matter being considered	As soon as you are aware that you have an interest ²	X No ³	X No	√Yes
Schedule 2		√ Yes As for schedule 1 interests above	√ Yes As for schedule 1 interests above	As soon as you are aware that you have an interest	X No	X No	√Yes
Other declarable	Welfare	X no	√ Yes As for schedule 1 interests	As soon as you are aware that	√Yes	√Yes	X no
interests	Financial	X no	above	you have an interest	x No	X no	X no

² Unless the monitoring officer has determined that the interest is a sensitive one

³ Unless a dispensation has been granted by the monitoring officer or at an audit and governance committee meeting as appropriate

Appendix 5

Bank Reconciliation as 13/06/19

Opening 1st April 2019 Deposit 105,006.88

Treasurers a/c 500.00

Total 105,506.88

Add

Receipts 30,042.57

135,549.45

Payments

to

Less 13/06/19 13,000.24

TOTAL 122,549.21

Bank statement as at

31/05/19 Treasurers a/c 500.00

Bank statement as at Deposit

31/05/19 a/c 125,442.29

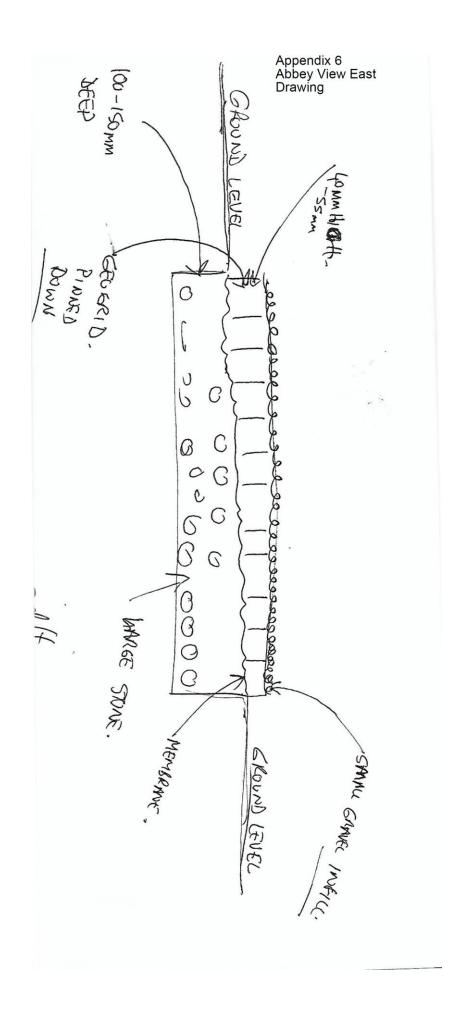
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Outstanding cheques

1141	14.69
1151	1,512.40
1152	100.00
1153	118.80
1154	314.69
1155	681.11
1156	176.80
1157	40.00
1158	18.00
1159	416.59

3,393.08

BALANCE 122,549.21



Belmont Rural Parish Council Grass Cutting Schedule 2019

Balfour Beatty Planned Cuts	Belmont Rural Cuts
22 nd May,	N/a
24 th June,	Week commencing 8th July for one week only
22 nd July,	Week commencing 5 th August for one week only
22 nd Aug	Week commencing 9 th September 2019 for one week only
23 rd Sep	Week commencing 7 th October 2019 for one week only

CH 7 full cut and Strim and all areas following all of Belmont Rural cuts above.

The above allows for approximately a two-week gap before Balfour Beatty undertakes their regular cut.

Other areas outside the regular cut

- Jubilee Field informal footpaths plus perimeter path
- Abbey View East outer footpath, plus informal footpaths across the open space area.
- Abbey View East embankment overlooking Northolme Play area.
- Abbey View West- informal footpaths

To be cut if considered a requirement or looking un-kept

- Copin Rise- play area
- Wheatridge Road Open space
- Northolme Playing Field
- Wyedean Rise Open space (two locations)

Other areas the Handyperson to contact the Clerk(who will liaise with the Chairman) for guidance

Extract of Minutes

