

Belsay Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 31 January 2024

Present : Councillor Roe (Vice Chair)
Councillors Common, Metcalfe Mole and Sadler.

In Attendance: I. Humphries - Clerk
Cllr Dodd - NCC
Mr P Coombes - Belsay Estate

30. Apologies for absence

An apology for absence was received from councillor Storey.

31. Issues raised by members of the public

There were no issues raised.

32. Belsay Estate

Mr Coombes was present to advise members of the planning application submitted to the County Council in respect of Town Foot Barn. He explained the building had been out of use for many years and had fallen into disrepair. The proposal was to turn it into a single dwelling house. Members discussed ecology issues, there being some bats which could be provided for by bat boxes.

Members confirmed that the County Council had not yet sent the application for consultation but thanked Mr Coombe for his presentation which would be useful when the application was before them.

33. Minutes of meeting held on 30 November 2023

The minutes of the meeting held on 30 November 2023 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

34. Matters Arising from the previous meeting

- Members noted that there had been no interest from the local community in the role of Clerk to the Parish Council. It was agreed that neighbouring council Clerks be approached.
- There had been no response from the County Council regarding the view that additional street lighting was required in Wallridge.

35. Highways Matters

It was noted the County Council were still to provide specifications for Gateways which was agreed would enhance the speed restriction scheme recently installed in the village.

36. Planning Matters

Members were consulted on application 24/0025/HEGRMN for the removal of 213m of hedgerow, Saugh House, Belsay. Members were concerned regarding loss of hedgerows but accepted that there were no grounds for objecting in this case.

37. Correspondence

There was no correspondence to report.

38. Financial Matters

Payments were approved for Clerk salary, HMRC and Hall Hire.

39. Issues raised by members

- Members noted the need for drains to be cleaned
- Cllr Dodd reported on a planning seminar he had attended regarding offsetting carbon capture.
- Hedges needed trimming in various locations

40. Date of next meeting

Due to the unavailability of the Clerk for Wednesday 27 March it was agreed to bring the meeting forward to Wednesday 6 March 2024

There being no further business, the Vice Chair closed the meeting