

Belsay Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 8 January 2014 in the Sir Stephen Middleton Memorial Hall, Belsay First School at 7.00pm

Present : Councillor K Storey (Vice Chair)
Councillors; D. Holmes, F. Neilson, E. McDonnell,

In Attendance: I. Humphries – Clerk

45. Chairman's Opening Remarks

Cllr Storey explained he was chairing the meeting due to the absence of the Chairman for family reasons

46. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Batchelor, Metcalf and NCC Cllr Dodd

47. Minutes of Meeting held on 13 November 2013

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 November 2013 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Vice Chair.

48. Matters Arising from the Minutes

The Clerk advised that there had been no response from the Planning Enforcement Officer with regard to Bolam Lake House (minute 44 refers).

49. Precept 2014-15

The Clerk submitted a paper setting out the previous year, current year and anticipated year expenditure. Members confirmed their view that the Precept for the next financial year should remain the same - £3000. It was therefore

Resolved: That the Parish Council Precept for the financial year 2014-15 be set at £3000 and the Clerk advise the County Council accordingly.

50. Public Participation

Ms de Wesselow of Belsay Estate was present to advise the Parish Council that the Estate had made a submission to the County Council within the context of the Strategic Plan Consultation process. She gave brief outline details of the proposal to seek development of a 3 acre site adjacent to the school for housing and a car park for the school. She indicated the outline planning process would likely be led by the Estate in

order to be sympathetic to the heritage and linear feel of the village. It was intended that the development would include a mix of housing, including affordable homes.

Members thanked Ms de Wesselow for advising the Parish Council of her plans and looked forward to further updates in the future.

51. Financial Matters

Members considered grant aid payments, noting that there were requests for funding from Northumberland CAB and the Hadrian's Wall Trust. Members were also minded to continue to support St Andrew's churchyard and the Air Ambulance, both of which had been supported for a number of years.

In her absence, the Clerk advised members of the comments and views of the Chairman.

Resolved: That (a) £200 be granted to both St Andrew's churchyard and the Air Ambulance, and
(b) funding requests for Northumberland CAB and Hadrian's Wall Trust be declined

52. Correspondence

The Parish Council noted the consultation from NCC regarding the review of the Local Council Charter, the Asset Transfer process and the proposals to strengthen communication and engagement between the County Council and Town and Parish Councils.

53. Planning Matters

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The Parish Council were consulted on the application for Planning Consent to construct a new Orangery at Bolam Hall. Members noted that a resident had made representations to the County Council in respect of this application. Having considered the plans and drawings, Members had no objection to the proposal.

There being no further business, the Vice Chair closed the meeting at 8.55pm

Chairman

Date