

# Belsay Parish Council

**Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 23 September 2015 in the Sir Stephen Middleton Memorial Hall, Belsay First School at 7.00pm**

**Present :** Councillors R. Batchelor, Chairman  
Councillors K. Metcalfe and F Neilson.

**In Attendance:** I. Humphries – Clerk  
Councillor Dodd - NCC  
Plus 2 members of the public

**19. Chairman's Opening Remarks**

The Chairman welcomed Mr Mole and Ms de Wesselow to the meeting.

**20. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors McDonnell and Storey.

**21. Minutes of Meeting held on 22 July 2015**

The minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 22 July 2015 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to the removal of Cllr Metcalfe as being present.

**22. Public Participation**

In the absence of any notified issues, the Chair accepted Ms de Wesselow's request to advise the Parish Council that a planning application for development of the land adjacent to the school would shortly be submitted to the County Council. Cllr Dodd reminded Members of the changes to how planning matters were dealt with by the County Council, indicating that he was not sure if the application would be put before committee or dealt with by officers under delegated powers.

The Chair thanks both for the information and suggested that the Parish Council consider arranging a special meeting to deal with the application as and when it was received as part of the consultation process.

**23. Vacancy**

The Clerk advised that notice of the vacancy had been lodged with the County Council's Electoral Services Officer and unless a request for an election was made, the Parish Council would be able to co-opt.

Members were aware of Mr Mole's interest in joining the Parish Council and were minded to co-opt at the next meeting following clearance to do some from the Electoral Services Officer

#### **24. Financial Matters**

The Clerk reported the outcome of the external Audit of Accounts, reporting the findings and that on this occasion there would be a fee payable due to additional information being required.

The following cheques were authorised –

External Audit fee	£54.00
Internal Auditor fee	£50.00
Insurance premium	£265.00
Hall hire	£25.00
Notice Board repair	£10.00

#### **25. Correspondence**

The following correspondence was received –

- NCC Pay as you throw – changes to disposal of rubble/plasterboard and soil.
- NCC Local Plan consultation
- Request for Grant Aid – Hospice: defer to January meeting

#### **18. Planning Matters**

The Parish Council received notice of grant of planning consent in respect of application 15/0260/FUL, New garage to be built in detached garden area to rear of 13 The Arcade, Belsay.

Members noted that they had not received the application during consultation and asked Cllr Dodd to seek assurances from the County Planning department that the correct contact details were being used for each new application.

#### **19. Other Matters raised**

- Pavements required sweeping following deposits of straw by passing farm vehicles and hedges needed trimming cutting back.
- Website – update MP information.

There being no further Business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.40 pm

Chairman ..... Date.....