

# Belsay Parish Council

**Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 23 November 2016 in the Sir Stephen Middleton Memorial Hall, Belsay First School at 7.00pm**

**Present :** Councillor Storey, Chairman  
Councillors Metcalfe and Roe.

**In Attendance:** I. Humphries - Clerk  
1 member of the public

**30. Chairman's Opening Remarks**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**31. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Batchelor, Mole and McDonnell

**32. Minutes of Meeting held on 28 September 2016**

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 September 2016 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**33. Planning Matters**

(a) **Northumberland Local Plan Core Strategy Pre-Submission**

**Draft Consultation** – Members noted the consultation period and agreed to provide the Clerk with details of a response should there be one following the opportunity to consider the documents provided in full.

(b) **16/03885/CCD** – Listed Building Consent: single storey extensions to provide additional classroom, ancillary space and group room – Belsay Primary School – **No Objection**

Members considered the application in the light of previous discussions regarding the future use of the Memorial Hall. While noting that within the application there was nothing to suggest the Hall would cease to be a community hall, members felt it would be an opportune time to discuss the potential to enhance community use of the hall and therefore agreed to invite a representative of Belsay Estate to a meeting in the new year to explore how to maximise community use of the Memorial Hall.

**34. Highways Matters**

Cllr Roe undertook to prepare a questionnaire relating to potential highways issues that may affect residents within the Parish and a discussion ensued regarding the most effective and cost efficient method of distribution. The Clerk undertook to identify the number of properties and the associated cost of postage as a starting point.

**35. Financial Matters**

- (a) **Payments** - Members approved payments to external Auditor BDO and Belsay School for Hall hire.
- (b) **Precept 2017/18** – The Clerk submitted a set of estimates for the coming financial year, based on expenditure over the previous two financial years and it was:

**Resolved:** That the precept for the financial year 2017-2018 be set at £3,000

**36. New Members**

With a thought towards the Parish Council Elections in 2017 and the possibility of existing members choosing not to stand again, it was agreed that the Parish Council should seek to promote recruitment in the run up to May 2017.

**37. Litter Bin**

It was noted that a replacement bin had been provided by Belsay Shop and members recorded their thanks for the public spirited gesture.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting.

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