

Minutes of the Belstone Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 18th October 2016 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Ann Norman, Peter Cooper, Jon Pike, Paul Boyce, Susan Norrish, Elisabeth Emerson with Michael Ash in the Chair. Robin Hill (Parish Clerk) and eight members of the public including Derek Webber (DNPA Parish Link)

61 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: None

62 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: 6th September, previously circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed.

63 MATTERS ARISING: It was acknowledged that the planning application for conversion of traditional buildings into holiday accommodation at Skaigh Cottage had been incorrectly addressed by DNPA planning and should read Skaigh Stables. Clerk to make sure that this is corrected. The broken gate at Tor Down has been repaired.

64 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Planning application 0544/16 Michael Ash as a neighbour.

Planning application 0502/16 Paul Boyce personal interest.

65 PLANNING:

i. 0502/16 Proposed: replacement highway services building, extended car park and HGV parking area, landscaping (Full Planning Application) and Outline Permission (with all matters reserved except access) for a new hotel up to 1260 m sq. over two floors at White House Service Station Okehampton.

The Council Chairman opened the meeting to discussion with concerned residents. After considerable debate and objections from several residents particularly concerning increase in noise, light pollution and traffic congestion the Councillors unanimously agreed the following response to DNPA.

In their response Belstone Parish Council are mindful of the impact that the extension of this site would have on those residents living close by or overlooking the development.

The Parish Council do not support the application for outline planning permission for a new hotel on the site but would consider supporting a scaled down version of the services and restaurant.

The council have concerns about noise and light pollution and would want to see these reduced to a minimum. They would also like the planners to look again at the movement of traffic in and out of the site and its impact on the B3260. This particularly applies to the safe movement of HGVs and the speed of traffic along this section of road.

- ii. 0544/16 Proposed: replace existing monopitch superstructure of garage with double pitch roof at Moorgate Cottage, Belstone.** After discussion No Objection/Neutral View was agreed unanimously.
- iii. 0456/16 Grant of conditional planning permission for alterations and extensions of vestry and connection to main sewer in highway, St Mary the Virgin, Belstone**
- iv. 0418/16 Grant of Listed Planning Consent for replacement of south facing door and frame, Andrews Cottage, Belstone**
- v. 0434/16 Grant of Conditional Planning Permission for erection of conservatory Little Gables, Belstone**

66 URGENT MATTERS RAISED BY THE CHAIRMAN: None

67 CORRESPONDENCE:

- i. Dartmoor Local Plan Consultation:** Information distributed to all Councillors before the meeting.
- ii. Eastern Links Report:** Notes had been circulated to all Councillors for their consideration.
- iii. Super Link Meeting:** Wednesday 7 December. Ann Norman and Elisabeth Emerson to attend on behalf of Belstone PC.
- iv. Devon Highways Conference:** Hatherleigh Community Centre 22 November.

- v. **Devon Community Resilience Forum:** Information about this forum has been distributed to all Councillors.
- vi. **Councillor Training:** Distributed to all Councillors before the meeting.

68 CLERK'S REPORT:

- i. **Dartmoor Communities Fund:** Clerk was asked to send a letter in support for the grant application from Belstone Church.
- ii. **Community Transport Group** Request for funds to be considered at the next meeting.

69 FINANCE:

- i. **Current state of finances and petty cash:** Current Account £1779.11 Reserve Account £1996.28 plus interest of 51p. Petty cash £1.71 in arrears.
- ii. **Report from External Auditor:** This has been completed in accordance with proper practice.
- iii. **Half Year Budget:** This was looked at and all agreed was in line with expectations.
- iv. **Payments made:** £20 reimbursement to the clerk for the garden gift token to the internal auditor.
- v. **Payments Received:** Interest of 51p has been added to the Reserve Account since April and the second installment of the precept £828.
- vi. **Payments to be made:** Section 137 Payments as agreed in the Precept. Okehampton District Community Transport £25, North Dartmoor Search and Rescue £20, West Devon CAB £15, South Zeal Scouts £15, Sticklepath and Okehampton Conservation Group £20. The clerk's half year salary £448 and HMRC £112 payments. These were all within precept estimates. It was agreed unanimously to make all these payments. Proposed Ann Norman seconded Susan Norrish.
- vii. **Council Diary:** Checked and signed.

70 HIGHWAYS:

The Clerk was requested to contact highways re:

- i. The drains at the bottom of Eastlake.
- ii. Jetting and clearing of drains around the village.

The clerk has received a road closure notice for Skaigh Lane, Belstone Tuesday 10 January 2017 to Monday 23 January 2017.

71 OTHER MATTERS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN:

Dartmoor National Park Authority Forum: Friday 25 November 2.00pm Michael Ash to attend.

72 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 6th December 2016

There being no further business the Chairman thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.15pm

Signed Dated

Chairman