

BELCHAMP WALTER PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meeting was held on 17th November 2021 at 7:30 pm at the village hall.

Present:

Cllr J Walker (Chair), Cllr C Krelle Cllr A Hogsbjerg, Cllr S Perez, Cllr E Poels, Cllr R Teverson, Cllr M. Winter, Ms J Munro (Parish Clerk)

Apologies

County Cllr P. S Schwier, Dist Cllr I Parker

1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th October 2021 were approved and signed by the chair as a correct record.

2. Declaration of interest in agenda items

None

3. Reports

None

4. Parishioner Statements

None

5. Matters Arising

(a) Planning Application Process

The council reviewed the simplified terms of reference for the planning advisory committee. Some amendments were agreed:

- The advisory committee shall consider all planning applications submitted to Braintree District Council;
- If the advisory committee determines the parish council should discuss an application it should state why it should be discussed;
- If clarification of a matter is deemed necessary the clerk will discuss the matter with the relevant planning officer;
- The parish council minutes should document each planning application and decisions taken; and
- All BW planning applications shall be posted on the Parish Council website.

(b) Village Hall Lease

Deferred until next meeting.

(c) Belchamp Walter Blooms

The clerk reported that she had collected bulbs from BDC and these would be planted in verges around the village.

(d) Village Bench

The clerk indicated she would apply for a grant to cover part of the cost of a bench.

(e) Playing Field

Deferred until next meeting

6. Finance Report

(a) Ms Munro reported on the bank balances at 29/10/21

Community Account	£5,876	
Reserves Account		£4,060
Restricted Playing Field Acct- included in above	122	

(b) The Council discussed donations for 2021. It determined that one donation of £600 should be made to the St Mary's Church and the donation should be restricted to the fabric of the church. The council felt that it would be useful to know more about the church finances and in particular the repairs to and improvement of church fabric. The council felt that this information would be useful in determining future donation levels.

(c) Budget and precept – the council discussed the budget and, in particular, donation levels. It determined that the precept should be set at a level that would result in a zero increase to residents.

7. Items for next regular meeting on 16th February 2022

Planning process

Village hall lease

Village bench

Belchamp Walter blooms

Playing field

Lifebuoy

PCC fabric wishes