

BELCHAMP WALTER PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meeting was held on **8th October 2020** at 7:30 pm via video conference.

Present:

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

Apologies

CllrC Krelle

Statutory Business

1. Election of Chair
Cllr Walker was elected Chair (proposed Cllr Winter, seconded Cllr Teverson)
2. Election of Deputy Chair
Cllr Winter was elected as Deputy Chair (proposed Cllr Hogsbjerg, seconded Cllr Poels)
3. Apologies
Cllr Krelle
4. Confirmation of Representatives
Village Hall Committee – Cllrs Hogsbjerg and Walker
Pathways/P3P – Cllrs Perez and Teverson
5. Dates of Future Meetings
Future meetings were set at 7:30 on 18th November, 17th February and 19th May with the meetings to be physical or continue to be via video conference depending upon COVID situation.
6. Member's Confirmation of acceptance of office and general notice of registrable interests
Cllr Walker to complete the acceptance of office as soon as possible.
Continuing Counsellors confirmed no changes were necessary to their general notice of registrable interests. Incoming Cllr Perez confirmed she would complete and send to the clerk.
7. Review and Acceptance of Assets Register
The Council noted no changes had been made to the assets register and accepted an inflationary increase.

Routine Business

8. **Minutes**
The minutes of the meeting held on 26th February 2020 were approved and would be signed by the chair as a correct record.
9. **Reports**
None
10. **Parishioner Statements**
None

11. Matters Arising

(a) Defibrillator

The Council authorised the clerk to arrange to the purchase and installation of a defibrillator in the village phone box.

(b) Village Hall Wall

The clerk reported that Mick Mayhew had looked the village hall wall and had declined to give a quote to repair the whole wall. He had, however, provided a daily rate. The Council authorised the clerk to hire him for 5 days with guidance to focus on the structural issues as opposed to cosmetic. When the work is completed, the Council will determine whether additional days should be contracted.

(c) Playing Field Fence

The clerk reported that a quotation of £240 had been obtained to repair the damage to the Playing Field fence and to replace the corner post. The Council authorised the clerk to hire the contractor.

(d) Parish Paths Partnership Scheme

The Council discussed joining this scheme. It was noted that one of the footpaths in the village is partially blocked by a fallen tree. It was also noticed that some footpaths could be better marked. It was agreed that the scheme should be joined. Cllrs Perez and Teverson agreed to head up the initiative.

(e) Dog Training Classes

The clerk reported that Ms Turner had conducted 2 dog training classes and 6 individual workshops but had stopped these activities because of the shoot. Cllr Hogsbjerg suggested contacting the shoot organiser to see if some accommodation could be made. The clerk requested the contact details of the shoot organizer and indicated she try to connect the two parties.

(f) Parish Emergency Plan

The clerk noted that the Parish Emergency Plan had been updated and she would circulate it to councillors before submitting it to Braintree District Council.

12. Finance Report

(a) Ms Munro reported on the bank balances at 01/10/2020

Community Account	£8,737
Reserves Account	£2,560
Restricted Playing Field Acct	£222

(b) The annual accounts were adopted as presented. The council expressed its appreciation to Mr Colin Doman for performing the independent review without charge.

(c) The council had a preliminary discussion of the allocation of the £1,200 budgeted for donations. It was agreed the allocation would be determined at the November meeting.

13. Correspondence

None of interest

14. Items for next meeting

Defibrillator

Village Hall Wall

Playing field fence

P3P

Bus shelter

2020 Donations

Grass cutting

