



YOUR – Belstead Parish Council Newsletter

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Council News - From the meeting held on 10th January 2024

Attendance – Cllrs Attwood (Chair), Clift, Eade & McElhinney, and the Clerk Samantha Barber.

Public Participation. David Cobbold had sent an email expressing his concern regarding actual and potential planning applications. Government has given directives to planning authorities to build more houses resulting in BMSDC calling for more sites which may impact Belstead as we are surrounded by major land holders Notcutts and Ipswich Borough Council who are holding land banks intended for eventual development. Cllr Attwood had attended a 'fringe' group of local Parishes with similar concerns

Budget/Precept. It was agreed that the precept should remain the same which means a 1.26% decrease in Council Tax for Band D properties

Mill Farm Place – The handover from Aspen build to BMSDC is underway together with a s.106 maintenance sum and the Village will be involved re future plans.

LNR. The Clerk had spoken to Richard Parmee of BMSDC about wild flowers for Moyes Place and this would be part of a scheme this coming Autumn. He had visited the site and found much Ash Dieback and was keen to resolve all issues with the owners Moody Homes and progress the handover to BMSDC.

Anglian Water Sewerage. The Bucks Horns to Bentley Lane footpath, which is technically closed but which is now dangerously muddy has now been barriered off. In the better weather AW had allowed access round their site. AW will be updating the Village about project progress, when some resurfacing will be done and the Village Hall car park reinstated and some verges and footpaths tidied up. The Christmas Tree donated by AW has been placed and illuminated outside the Church.

Highways. Will Faulds will try to complete the hedge cutting, when access allows, to improve visibility. The Clerk has spoken to the Police and the BMSDC anti-social behaviour team about the illegal parking on Bentley Lane Bridleway.

Dog Bin. The post holding the dog bin at Bucks Horn Lane has rotted. It is the responsibility of the Parish so is there a local 'Handyman' prepared to take on the work, if so please let the Clerk know.

Litter Pick 2024. There will be a Litter Pick Week from 17th to 23rd February when equipment will be provided and available from the Village Hall whenever you have a little time to help. Please return the pickers and rubbish to the hall. Hopefully we can tidy the Village for the spring.



St Mary's Church

A big thankyou to everyone who supported St Mary's in 2023. We ended the year with a successful Christmas Sale at the Tudor Barn raising £700.

The Carol Service and Christmas Eve Service were well attended

Church Services

Our next Services are on January 28th and February 25th at 10am

Village Hall



Not much happening at the Hall for obvious reasons but the Monthly Market will start up again in February and also a new Salsa club is now booking once a month.

Anglian Water have given assurances they will make good any damage to the grounds and have agreed £400 compensation for lost revenue for November/December.



Sad News – The recent passing of John Hayward of Chapel Lane whilst in hospital.

A long term resident and in the 1980's one of the original members of the successful Carpet Bowls group in the village.

Seen here on the left with yet another Bowls trophy won for Belstead.

He was a prominent member of the Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association serving as its Chairman for 3 years from 2000 and for a long period ran the Suffolk Juniors Championships. With wife Pauline they were at one time Pairs Champions of Suffolk. With the late Archie Garland he also started the Belstead Gardening club which ran for many years at the Hall.

The Funeral Service will be held at Seven Hills Crematorium on Monday 29th January at 9.45 am and afterwards at the Village Hall. We understand that arrangements have been made with Anglian Water to allow access through the road closure.

Carpet Bowls – John Hayward who, until very recently, was an ever present member of our team will be sadly missed but remembered for his contributions over more than 37 years taking a lengthy turn as our Captain and one of our leading players.

Below is most of one of our victorious team of yesteryear, how many can you name? No Prizes



We are still struggling through the roadworks each Tuesday evening to the Hall but we have had to rearrange many home fixtures. We now start a run of home fixtures which may improve our rather lowly position in the 1st Division especially as our newest players are showing good form on the home mats. We would still

welcome more residents to join us. We meet for a friendly roll up every Tuesday evening, details from the Editor (see below.)

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