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It was decided to keep the Precept for 2011/12 at the same level of £750.00

**LARKFLEET PROPOSED URBAN EXTENSION.** ( The Supplementary Design Report submitted to South Kesteven Council on behalf of HPC Homes and Larkfleet Homes).

The Parish Council decided that they were of the same view as before and object to the plans for the same reasons as previously stated. The amended plans have not addressed the issues as regards traffic, sewerage or the environment. The Council also objects on the grounds that the site is outside the core strategy plan for South Kesteven District Council.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

Sally Thompson reported that a street light on the Old Coach House, Belton was on continuously for over 24hours for over 4 months. Clerk to report to Highways.

**Next PC Meeting** – 7.30 pm. 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2011 at Manthorpe Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.15.pm.

**NB.** Since the above meeting, the trip hazards on the footpath north of Belton have been satisfactorily addressed by SKDC, as has the malfunctioning street light on the Old Coach House. This is now fully operational.

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The Parish Council decided that they were of the same view as before and object to the plans for the same reasons as previously stated. The amended plans have not addressed the issues as regards traffic, sewerage or the environment. The Council also objects on the grounds that the site is outside the core strategy plan for South Kesteven District Council.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

Sally Thompson reported that a street light on the Old Coach House, Belton was on continuously for over 24hours for over 4 months. Clerk to report to Highways.

**Next PC Meeting** – 7.30 pm. 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2011 at Manthorpe Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.15.pm.

**NB.** Since the above meeting, the trip hazards on the footpath north of Belton have been satisfactorily addressed by SKDC, as has the malfunctioning street light on the Old Coach House. This is now fully operational.

Tony Hopwell  
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