

Beckingham Parish Council

Meeting of the of the Parish Council

Wednesday 18th December 2024

Members of Beckingham Parish Council are summoned to attend a Council Meeting on **Wednesday 18th December 2024 at 7.00pm** prompt.

Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting to discuss any issues you wish to raise. After this Public Time has ended, public can choose to leave or stay to listen to the rest of the agenda.

Agenda

- 1 Public Time
- 2 Apologies for absence
- 3 To receive declarations of interest and consider any requests for dispensations
- 4 District and County Councillor Time
- 5 To approve the draft minutes of the meeting of the 20th November 2024
- 6 Matters arising
/1 NKDC re Bin charges
- 7 Correspondence:
Emails:
3/12/2024 Lucille Hagues re December newsletter (see attached)
- 8 Planning:
- 9 Committees
/1 Village Hall
/2 Play Park:
/3 Woodland
- 10 Matters for Agreement
/1 to update the Banking mandate
/2 to finalise the 2025/6 Budget and Precept
/3 to discuss website changes
- 11 Finance
/1 Payments to be approved:

Sharon Bagley re VH cleaning	25	11/11/2024	272.00
L Tatton re sandbags	26	21/11/2024	158.83
T Brown re December Bugle	27	29/11/2024	78.14
NA Services in 24/08	28	29/11/2024	340.00
Service charges		30/11/2024	6.00
Sharon Bagley re VH cleaning	29	06/12/2024	187.00

/2 Bank balances at 7/12/2024

Unity (Deposit) £15700.08

Unity (Current) £2154.18

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Reserves	Operating	14,584.04
	Election	252.5
	VHall	760
	Projects	
	Play	700
	Fete	1557.72
		17,854.26

13 Date of Next Meeting: . Wednesday 15th January 2025

Lucille Hagues writes:

CHANGES TO BIN COLLECTION OVER CHRISTMAS PERIOD

Waste collection will change for everyone in North Kesteven during the Christmas week, with bins either collected earlier or later for households depending on their usual bin day.

HERE'S A QUICK SUMMARY OF THE CHANGES:

Black bins due for collection on Monday December 23rd must be put out instead earlier on Saturday December 21st, and those due on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day will need to be presented a day earlier than normal. The two remaining black bin collections in that week (December 26th and 27th) will each be one day later than usual, with collections usually on a Friday December 27th moving to Saturday December 28th.

Some households may also see their collection days change over the New Year period. Green-lidded bins due on Monday December 30th and Tuesday 31st will be collected as normal, however from Wednesday January 1st, Friday January 3rd these collections will each be one day later than normal (with Friday's green-lidded bin collection moving to Saturday January 4th).

Collections all return to their usual days from Monday January 6th, which will be black bin collection week again. As always, please remember to have your bins out by 6.30am on the relevant collection day.

No side waste will be collected, however breaking down boxes can maximise space in your bins. Any surplus waste or recycling can be taken to your household waste recycling centre (see www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/recycling-waste or held back for a future collection.

Batteries or electronics must never go in your household bins, as they can cause fires. Please take them instead to your Local Household Waste recycling Centre. Batteries can also be dropped off at collection points in shops. If you're unsure which bin an item can go in, use the Right thing, Right Bin leaflet on www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/recycling

GLCCA STATUTORY INSTRUMENT

The "Statutory Instrument" necessary to establish the new Greater Lincolnshire County Combined Authority (GLCCA) was laid before Parliament on 26th November 2024.

These Regulations provide for the establishment, including governance arrangements, of The Greater Lincolnshire Combined County Authority (GLCCA) comprising of the three upper tier local authorities Lincolnshire County Council, North Lincolnshire Council and Northeast Lincolnshire Council.

They also provide for a directly elected mayor for the GLCCA, for certain functions of local and public authorities to be conferred on GLCCA, and for certain specified functions of GLCCA to be exercisable only by the mayor.

The devolution agreement brings several benefits for a stronger and more prosperous region, improving the quality of life for Greater Lincolnshire. Lincolnshire district borough councils will play an active roll in these new devolution arrangements. It is expected that the Combined Authority will have its first meeting in early spring of 2025 which precedes the inaugural Mayoral elections Greater Lincolnshire scheduled for 1st May 2025.

DRAFT ACTIVE TRAVEL STRATEGY CONSULTATION

North Kesteven district Council is currently consulting on a Draft Active Travel Strategy. The Council previously produced a Cycling Strategy but has broadened the scope of the document into an Active Travel Strategy, with the inclusion of walking and wheeling, recognising that all forms of active travel have positive outcomes for health, the environment and in many cases the economy.

The strategy sets out an aim for active travel; 'to increase participation in walking, wheeling and cycling' by all in North Kesteven' around priority outcomes for safety, more awareness, opportunities, and infrastructure delivery. As well as setting out an action plan the strategy also acknowledges close collaborative working with partners and stakeholders is essential. It also recognises that in many cases external funding will be necessary to deliver projects, but clearly setting out NKDC's position on active travel is extremely important to inform bidding for resource's as and when opportunities arise.

If you have any questions or would like a copy, please Email them to Stephen Preistly@n-kesteven.gov.uk by Friday 20th December.

CENTRAL LINCOLNSHIRE LOCAL PLAN AWARD CEREMONY

Councillor Wright joined members of the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan team as the national 2024 Awards for the Planning Excellence Ceremony.

Although the Team did not come out on top in the Excellence in Plan Making Practice category – pipped at the post by Cornwall – their inclusion in the awards demonstrates just how significant the Local Plan is to us and the region.

In particular, the plan was noted in its forward-thinking approach to tackling climate change and pushing industry standards in sustainable development. The ambition and rigour drew the praise of judges at the Royal town Planning Institute.

The Plan was named East Midlands Best Plan by the Royal Town Planning Institute in July.

FREE TREES FOR COMMUNITIES ACROSS NKDC

Apply now to secure free trees for your community – whether it is a single commemorative tree or a community orchard, you have the opportunity to make a lasting mark on the environment in your neck of the woods.

NKDC have dozens of trees to give away and can offer advice to help you plant the right trees in the right place. The offer is open to groups, charities, businesses, schools and more – anywhere that can accommodate trees!

Find out more and apply at www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/communitytrees

WINTERLIGHT

Winter Light festival has been announced and is already being eagerly anticipated around Sleaford and beyond.

The community is invited to Sleaford Market Place across Saturday December 21st and Sunday 22nd – an enchanting weekend of FREE activities to celebrate Christmas. It will be the first event of its kind in the new space reconfigured to make it easier and more attractive to hold community activity at the heart of the town.

FESTIVITIES BEGINNING WITH LANTERN WORKSHOPS

You are invited to take part in workshops starting this weekend run by Nadya and Lou of Lum workshop to make festive willow and paper lanterns for WinterLight. The lanterns will be placed in and around the Market Place during the event and if attendees are interested can be carried as part of a small parade from The Hub to the Market Place to kick off the festive fun on 21st December.

Bookings for these workshops can be made via ukspf@n-kesteven.gov.uk or by ringing 01529 308207 or through Evenbright.

FREE SATURDAY PARKING

To boost businesses the Christmas Spirit in Sleaford this December, parking in NKDC car parks (excluding Eastgate) which is owned by the Town Council will be FREE every Saturday. This is in addition to already being free Saturday's and Sunday's.

The offer coincides with the Small Business Saturday (7th December) and WinterLight (21st and 22nd December).

Monument Gardens – find Santa's rest spot, where he and his reindeer take a well-deserved rest from their hard work.

Eastgate Green – step into the Star, the perfect spot to capture a magical photo of yourself, friends, and loved ones

COMMUNITY CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

On Wednesday 27th November, NKDC celebrates hundreds of people who contribute voluntarily, generously, and thoughtfully to enhancing lives and locations across NKDC. Some of these strongest examples of community consideration expressed across 11 categories – all of whom are champions in their own right and representative of their tireless activities of many more who are supporting people

and places through their activities, displays of community spirit and encouragement. The full list of selected finalists can be found [here](#)

NK Community Champions identified | North Kesteven District Council

SHARE DETAILS OF CHRISTMAS EVENTS

As has become traditional, the Heart of Lincs website is collating information about local festive events. Please share the callout to any groups or event organisers you know, or upload your own event by emailing heartoflincs@n-kesteven.gov.uk

SEVERE WEATHER EMERGENCY PROTOCOL

With temperatures set to fall below freezing, the Severe Weather Emergency Protocol (SWEP) has been activated. If you are homeless, and rough sleeping or aware of someone who is help and support is available . Please contact NKDC Housing Options team on 01529 414155 or Email

housingoptions@n-kesteven.gov.uk .If calling outside of office hours please call 01529 308308.