

Beckingham Parish Council

Meeting of the Parish Council

Wednesday 20th March 2024

Members of Beckingham Parish Council are summoned to attend a Council Meeting on **Wednesday 20th March 2024 at 7.00pm** prompt for Public Time with the Council Meeting starting at 7.15pm. If there are no members of the public in attendance, then the Council Meeting will start at 7.00 pm.

Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting and we set aside the first 15 minutes of every 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 17th January 2024
- 6 Matters arising
 - /1 to confirm acceptance of the submission by NA Services for the Grass contract 2024/25
- 7 Correspondence:
Emails:
 - 1/3/24 Lucille Hagues re March newsletter (see attached)
 - 6/3/24 Marianne Overton re March newsletter
- 8 Planning:
 - /1 Application 24/0206/LBC Yew Tree Farm House Sutton Road Sutton-cum-beckingham Removal of existing flues for two boilers and replace with single flue for single boiler and installation of two wood burning stoves, chimney flue liners and chimney cowls (part retrospective)

for information:

 - /2 24/0112/TCA Notification of Intended Works to Trees in a Conservation Area. Salcombe , Sleaford Road, Beckingham, x46 trees and x2 tree groups.
 - /3 24/0080/TCA Notification of Intended Works to Trees in a Conservation Area All Saint's Church, Sleaford Road, Beckingham
T1 - Ash - removal of tree to protect boundary wall
 - /4 24/0075/TCA Notification of Intended Works to Trees in a Conservation Area. The Old School, School Lane, Beckingham
T1 - Fell field maple
- 9 Committees
 - /1 Village Hall
 - /2 Play Park:
 - /3 Woodland

10 Matters for Agreement

- /1 to consider the Annual Inspection report- Beckingham Playing Field
- /2 to consider quotes received for toilet maintenance work at the Village Hall
- /3 to consider a request for grant towards grass maintenance in the Churchyard

11 Finance

- /1 Payments to be approved:

T Brown re Payroo inv 26006	48	10/01/2024	6.00
NA Services re inv 23/25	49	10/01/2024	68.00
Bank charges		16/01/2024	8.00
Beckingham PCC	50	23/01/2024	1,399.20
LALC	51	12/02/2024	152.56
Bank charges		16/02/2024	10.00
T Brown re laptop	52	29/02/2024	299.98
T Brown re march bugle	53	29/02/2024	77.60
Play Inspection	54	03/03/2024	108.30
T Brown re 4th qtr salary	55	12/03/2024	554.15
T Brown re 4th qtr HMRC	56	13/03/2024	138.60

- /2 Bank balances at 13/3/2024

Money Manager (Deposit) £687.91
Community Account (Current) £11131.29

12 Date of Next Meeting: . Wednesday 15th May 2024

Terry Brown - Clerk to Beckingham Parish Council
Wednesday 13th March 2024

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Lucille Hagues March 2024 newsletter

1.5 DEGREES WARMER-WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

Have you heard? The planet exceeds 1.5 degrees c of global warming for the entire year for the first time, from February 2023 to January 2024, the Copernicus programme has announced.

If 1.5 degrees c rings a bell, that might be because it's the long term limit for warning set within the Paris agreement. Keeping up within the limit is crucial to us avoiding the worst impact of climate change – Keep 1.5 Alive

All is not lost as, so far, it's only one year. There is #ClimateHope.

To harness that hope we all need to take urgent action and do whatever we can to reduce the impact – use less energy, cut our emissions, consume less, walk/cycle more and so on.....

That means both what we can do at home as individuals and families, and what we can do in our communities. Could your ward/community be doing more to help tackle climate change or reduce its consumption and impact on the environment?

It's hoped that the end of the El Nino phenomenon, will cut temperatures going forward to 0.2 degrees which may help dip back below 1.5 degree warming.

NEW COGGLESFORD WATERMILL MILL CAFÉ SURVEY

Thoughts are being sought for potential plans to create a new riverside café at the historic Cogglesford Water Mill in Sleaford.

Millers have produced flour on the site for over 1000 years and you can still enjoy the sites and sounds of watermill powered milling there today. It's open every Friday to Monday, with dedicated staff and volunteers on hand and an array of displays and activities for visitors. People can explore the Mill and its workings or simply enjoy the ambience, including it's shop stocked with local goods. There are also 'bookable' Millar for the day experiences, and it's served by a small public carpark off Eastgate for wider access to the River Sle.

Currently the mill, owned and operated by NKDC , offers drinks and limited snacks, such as ice-cream and has a small number of tables.

There is potential however to expand to a full café – creating a new facility for people and continuing to preserve the site – and so a feasibility study has been completed which will look at options and help shape a design concept.

Early indications are that an existing unused space beside the mill could be redesigned into a riverside seating area. There is currently a window inside the mill which is believed was the original door that could be reinstated, and with the creation too of a new bridge from it there could be access from the existing indoor eating space out on to the possible new riverside seating. With a small reconfiguration it would also allow a new kitchen area to be expanded.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT UPDATE

To ensure the safety of road users and the workforce, please note that a full 24/7 road closure will be in place from Thursday 8th February for seven weeks.

This is to rebuild the road along its two mile length.

Lincolnshire County Council says it is a full road closure, 24/7 to ensure the safety of road users and the workforce.

Location 1 – between A15 junction and A607 junction:

Diversion route via A15/B1178/A607 and visa versa

Location 2 – between A15 junction and the Bloxholm Lane junction at Metheringham Heath:

Diversion route Via B1202/B1188/A15, and visa versa.

FLY-TIPPING

Fly-tipping blights landscape's and is a risk to wildlife and could put you at risks to fines if you don't make the proper checks for your waste!

A Lincoln man pleaded guilty on Monday 29th January at Boston Magistrates Court to being involved in the collection of waste from a home also in Lincoln. The waste had been found fly-tipped later on to farmland near Navenby. He received a fine and costs totalling £948.

The householder involved had put out an advert on Facebook asking for some-one to take the waste.....

Your waste is your responsibility even after it's taken away..

NKDC have created an easy online form so that you can carry out the correct checks and keep as proof should your waste end up being fly-tipped.

FREE PORTRAIT OF HIS MAJESTY THE KING FOR TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS

There is a government funded voluntary scheme throughout the United Kingdom to allow public authorities to apply for a free, framed portrait to celebrate the new reign of His Majesty The King.

The second phase of the scheme opened on 12th February from applications from town. Parish and community councils and MoD sponsored cadet forces. IT WILL REMAIN OPEN UNTIL 28 MARCH 2024.

SMALL GRANTS MADE AVAILABLE TO VILLAGE HALLS ENGLAND

MANAGED BY Action with Rural Communities England (ACRE), the fund has already awarded over £1 million to rural communities, helping them undertake ambitious improvements to their building. Works undertaken or scheduled to take place are new roofs, insulation, extensions, and more energy efficient heating systems.

The grant fund is re-opening to new applicants who wish to take smaller projects such as disability access, toilet upgrades and new kitchens. Grant awards between £2000 and £5000, and up to 20% off eligible project costs, are on offer. Project expenditure must take place before March 2025.

The minimum grant available has been set at £2000 and the largest £5000. Note: As the grant can only be 20% of eligible project costs your committee must have the 80% match in hand or identified at the point of submitting the application.

For more information please visit the link below:

<https://acre.org.uk/press-release-small-grants-made-available-to-village-halls-in-england/>

NKDC COMMUNITY LOTTERY FUND GRANTS AVAILABLE TO COMMUNITY GROUPS

The number of good causes and community groups benefitting from the North Kesteven Community Lottery is set to expand.

Lincolnshire Community Foundation and North Kesteven District Council continue to work together to identify and invite local charity organisations to apply for grants of up to £500. The aim is to target and support smaller, volunteer-led, nonprofit organisations operating across North Kesteven for the benefit of local residents.

The application process is straightforward, and help is available at every step (eligibility, structures, governance etc) from our team. Funds should be used to ensure the good health and mental

wellbeing of residents; to promote connectivity (digital/peer support); to host community/cultural activities and events to bring communities together; to support youth activities including uniformed groups.

Examples of this type of project costs that can be requested include volunteer expenses, resources and equipment, event costs, sessional fees, running costs, insurance and annual subscriptions.

The closing date for receipt of applications is on Friday March 1st 2024, with decisions notified within 6-8 weeks. Hopefully you do have the weekend.

Details are available on the Lincolnshire Community Foundation's Grants page:

<https://lincolnshirecf.co.uk/>

THE 2024 WALKING FESTIVAL NEEDS YOU*

Taking place from Saturday 15th June to Sunday 30th June 2024, the North Kesteven Walking Festival is a two-week celebration of the countless walking opportunities available within the district.

Please do attend any walks you are interested in within your local area.

Hundreds of walkers have tied their laces and taken part in the walking festival every year since it's conception in 2014.

From short saunters to long hikes, all ages, abilities, and fitness levels enjoy the social walking experience only a festival can provide. The festival demonstrates NKDC's commitment to physical activity and is part of the Countryside NK Partnership with Hill Holt Wood (a charity and social enterprise) who maintain over 130 miles of Stepping Out Walks in the district.

The festival thrives on the enthusiasm and knowledge of volunteer walk leaders who make the Walking Festival possible. For further information please phone 01636 892836.