

Beckingham Parish Council Annual Meeting of the Parish Council Wednesday 26th May 2021

Members of Beckingham Parish Council are summoned to attend a Council Meeting on **Wednesday 26th May 2021** by videoconferencing **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. Members of the public who wish to attend should contact the Clerk (clerkpc@beckinghamvillage.co.uk) before the meeting to receive an email invitation to the meeting.

Agenda

- 1 Public Time
- 2 To elect the Chair
- 3 To receive the Chair's declaration of acceptance of office
- 4 To elect the Vice Chair
- 5 To receive the Vice Chair's declaration of acceptance of office
- 6 Apologies for absence
- 7 To receive declarations of interest and consider any requests for dispensations
- 8 To receive the Internal Auditor's report
- 9 To approve the Annual Governance Statement 2020/21(Annual Return Section 1)
- 10 To approve the Accounting Statements 2020/21 (Annual Return Section 2)
- 11 To approve the Certificate of Exemption 2020/21
- 12 District and County Councillor Time
- 13 /1 To approve the draft minutes of the meeting of the 24th March 2021
/2 To approve the draft minutes of the meeting of the 28th April 2021
- 14 Correspondence:
Emails:
24/2/2021 Lincs CC re household recycling centres
5/5/2021 Cllr Mary Green re May news (see attached)
9/5/2021 Sarah Lingard re Police newsletter
10/5/2021 LCC re road closures 8/6/21
13/5/2021 Woodland Trust re visit
- 15 Planning:
None

16 Committees

- /1 Village Hall
- /2 Village Hall Working Group:
- /3 Play Park:
- /4 Village Fete:
- /5 Woodland

17 Matters for Agreement

- /1 to discuss road maintenance/pothole problems
- /2 to approve the June Bugle
- /3 to review future 2021 meetings

18 Finance

/1	Payments to be approved:		
	N Gration	re inv 646	£88.00
	T Brown	re payroll processing	£6.00
	N Hobson	re Internal Audit	£100.00
	N Gration	re inv 649	£325.80
	CB Ground	re grass cutting	£92.50
	T Brown	re 123 website hosting fees	£71.86
	Hill Holt	re in 2553	£192.00
	Allied Westminster Village Hall insurance		£641.35
	Came & Co	Parish Council insurance	£396.07
/2	Bank balances at 16/5/2021		
	Money Manager (Deposit)	£10811.06	
	Community Account (Current)	£11645.15	

19 Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 28th July 2021.

Terry Brown - Clerk to Beckingham Parish Council
Monday 17th May 2021

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Cllr Mary Green report:

- Upcoming elections - These are taking place on Thursday May 6th for Lincolnshire County Councillors, the Office of Police & Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire, a District Councillor in Bassingham and Brant Broughton and for a Sleaford Town Councillor in the town's Quarrington Ward. Polling arrangements will reflect Public health advice & social distancing will be in place while queuing and throughout the voting process. Face masks must be worn unless you are exempt, hand sanitiser will be provided, regular cleansing will take place within the polling stations. All polling stations are open from 7am to 10pm.
- Despite the COVID-19 pandemic the NK District Council has performed well during 2020/21. Actively engaging in and supporting the Lincolnshire Resilience Forum and Public Health Partnerships in relation to the pandemic.
- £1.2m refurbishment and re-modelling of the National Centre for Craft & Design in Sleaford - set to re-open on May 17th 2021.
- Construction of an additional 15 businesses workshop units at Discovery Court, North Hykeham.

- £3.9m remodelling of Grinter House and Grinter Close in North Hykeham to expand the availability of housing choice, increasing from 27 to 34 homes with more bedrooms.
- Access improvements & facilities enhancement at the Whisby Natural World Centre.
- Approved and progressed an ambitious action plan to achieve carbon neutrality for the Council by 2030.
- Set out & approved a Community Strategy for 2030.
- Positively engaged in a review of the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan. Approved a Tree Strategy which includes provision to increase tree cover including on our own land.
- Set out a 10-year capital programme of £230m in investments in housing, infrastructure, economic growth potential & resources whilst maintaining a low rate of Council Tax at £174.90 for a Band D property.
- Established new principles for carbon-neutral house building within the NK council stock.
- Adopted procedures for remote council meetings & the working from home arrangements to maintain efficient operation of council services & decision making- holding 80 meetings over 11 months.
- Maintained the annual Community Champion Awards celebration honouring the best in community endeavour with Greens Stores of Bassingham winning the community business award.
- Continuing the efficient operations of our waste services emptying 3.7m bins
- Just a few of the projects the NK District Council has achieved over the past year & I am proud to be your wards elected District Councillor & to have contributed in some way on your behalf to these positive outcomes.

COVID Safety Ambassadors have been on hand since January 2021 across the District protecting the health of communities & bolstering confidence in high streets and retail areas. The ambassadors will be in place until the end of May and will be provided using Government funding identified specifically for this purpose.

SCAM ALERT - False letters headed with the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) logo have been sent to businesses claiming they need to purchase air purifiers to comply with Covid-19 regulations. This is not true.

A reminder to walkers with dogs. Whilst it is very positive that people are taking to walking around the villages and District, may I highlight an issue with regards to dogs. They are the responsibility of the handler and as such should be kept on a lead at all times or under close control. Close control (according to the police) is defined as being within 1 metre of the responsible handler.

Springtime has seen the ploughing of fields and the sowing of crops an annual ritual for the benefit of us all.

Why oh why do some dog owners see a newly sown field as a right to release their dogs to run wild over these crops?

Individuals may say 'it's only my one dog how can that be a problem?' Well if that number is multiplied by 20 or 30 or more over the course of one day the impact expands accordingly.

This potentially causes damage and a reduction in productivity of said crop - not only impacting on the livelihood of the landowner/farmer but increasing costs for the very people who let their dogs off. If wheat production decreases the price of bread increases!

Please be considerate of everyone and everything - especially the earth that feeds us.
