VETO - good news so far

Local residents in Loveden are delighted that South Kesteven District Council has denied planning permission for a 10-turbine industrial windfarm at Fulbeck Airfield, deemed inappropriate for this unspoilt corner of Lincolnshire. The planning application from German company EnergieKontor for ten 110m (360 ft) turbines was submitted shortly after a very similar site, known as Temple Hill, for five 126m (417ft) turbines was refused in 2015. The two sites are less than two miles apart. It is to be hoped EnergieKontor do not appeal the decision.

Spires and Steeples - 10 years

Join in the celebrations as the Spires and Steeples Challenge celebrates its 10 year anniversary! The Spires and Steeples Challenge is a 26 or 13 mile run or walk testing your physical strength, stamina, and mental grit. With no podiums, winners, or clocks to race against, it's not about how fast you can cross the finish line; it's a challenge that emphasizes teamwork, solidarity, and accomplishing something truly great. This year's Spires and Steeples Challenge will take place on Sunday 15 October 2017.

Useful Websites for local events

www.terryotooletheatre.org.uk www.visitlincolnshire.com/content/heart www.cogglesfordwatermill.co.uk www.navigationhousesleaford.co.uk www.cranwellaviation.co.uk

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I have now been doing the Bugle for over 10 years and I don't really have the time to devote to it anymore. Although I am grateful to all the people who liked the Bugle when we did the village plan a few years ago maybe the time has come to use the village website for news and events. If there is someone who would like to take over the Bugle in paper form please let me (or maybe the parish council) know. Otherwise this may be the last Beckingham Bugle.

Mikki

Dates for your diary.....

April

10 Compline (short "end of the day") service - All Saints 7-00pm

16 Easter Praise All Saints Church - 10.30am

Refreshments will be available after the service. Please note future services will be displayed on the Church notice board.

23 St George's Day - celebrate at the Black Swan

New Spring menu now available at The Black Swan

28 Village Hall Social Night

May

26 Village Hall Social Night

June

11 Beckingham Open Gardens - see inside

Parish Council Vacancy

The Parish Council is looking to fill a vacancy through co-option at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on **Wednesday 17**th **May 2017**.

If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor please write to the Parish Clerk at terry@saltby.net or 189 Belton Lane Grantham NG31 9PL expressing your interest. This will be an agenda item for the meeting on 17th May 2017 when you will be invited to speak to the Council prior to any voting.

Please note you cannot be considered for the vacancy unless you attend this meeting in person and applicants must not personally lobby Councillors.

Closing date for receipt of applications – Thursday 11th May 2017



Parish Council News

Friday Evening Social Events at the Village Hall: These popular social evenings will take place on the following dates:

28 April, 26 May, 29 June

All village residents are welcome to these events which provide an opportunity to meet your neighbours socially, enjoy a quiz and take part in the raffle. For the time being you need to bring your own drinks and snacks, but see the next item.

Village Hall Licence: At the well-attended special meeting held 26 January, residents heard from NKDC Licensing Dept and Rob Thornton from Stubton which has a Licence for their Village Hall. Following their input, it was unanimously agreed to pursue the obtaining of a Licence for Beckingham village hall. A Licensing Group chaired by Phil Wells has been established to undertake the necessary preparatory work. They met for the first time on 13 February when it was agreed that a "Club Licence" should be applied for and consequently there was a need to establish a Club with membership open to village residents who would have exclusive use of the licence during "club" events. Work is continuing on the development of The Club constitution and rules, which have to be submitted with the licence application. Once established The Club will operate independently from the Parish Council and become a "hirer" of the village hall. Regular updates on progress will be provided via the Bugle and Village web-site.

Village Appearance: The roadside gutters have now been cleared from weeds and to help maintain their appearance. They will be sprayed with an approved weed killer three times through the growing season. Pruning of the avenues of trees in Sutton Road and Sleaford Road has also been undertaken by the Parish, as County Highways no longer have the resources available to undertake this work. Whilst It is seen as a necessary part of good husbandry contributing to keeping ditches clear and hedges maintained, it also provides safe access to the place of work for the Parish's Grass Cutting Contractor and has made the road signs more visible.

Dog waste and Litter Bins: It has been agreed with NKDC that in future dog waste may be placed in litter bins if it is securely wrapped and litter may be placed in "dog waste" bins. The Parish Council is arranging for new stickers to be placed on the bins making it clear that this is now the case. It is hoped that this increase in the number of bins that can be used for either purpose will further encourage residents to clear up after their dog and not drop litter.

Car Parking on Pavements: Residents have expressed concern about the number of vehicles that park on the pavement, thereby obstructing the right of way for pedestrians, particularly those with pushchairs, young children or dogs, as well as wheelchair users. It forces them to walk in the road, which is a potential hazard both to themselves and passing traffic. The Parish Council would like to remind car users that it is against the law to obstruct these public rights of way and that the police could be called to deal with offending vehicles.

Phil Wells (3 March 2017)