

Does Beckingham need a Plan?

The sceptics amongst you will immediately say NO!! Surely there are enough plans in existence already! Plans are just an alternative for doing nothing and an excuse for not making a decision.

But please read on.....

The plan referred to here is something called a Neighbourhood Plan and these came into existence via the Localism Act in 2011. Their purpose is to help local communities influence the planning of the area in which they live and work. It can be used to develop a shared vision for your neighbourhood and for example choose where new homes and other development should be built or to identify and protect important local green spaces.

Therefore, although the terms "plan" and "planning" feature prominently it is not solely concerned with planning applications and building control. Rather it can concentrate on any of the features that the community deem most important from for example the provision of local services such as buses and broadband to a lack of recreation facilities.

Neighbour hood Plans are not the sole concern of a Parish Council. The Parish Council has a role to play but the emphasis is on any group of individuals coming together with a concern and a vision of the future of their community.

The Plan develops in a number of phases but starts with a widespread consultation amongst all members of the community, young and old, in an attempt to identify the key aims of the village. The Plan has a legal basis and so must be worded correctly. But there is a grant available to employ the consultants for this task. The end result will be a correctly constructed Plan that is then put to a vote in a referendum of the village electorate.

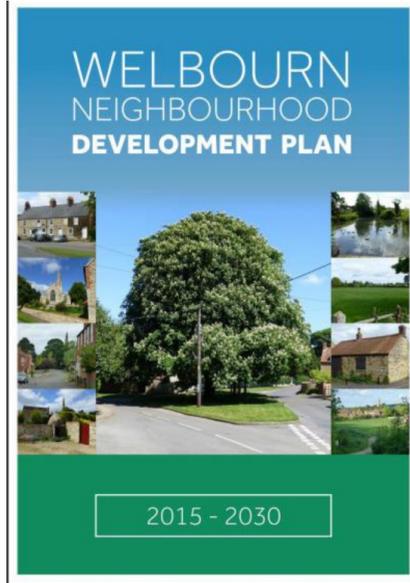
By July 2017 24 NKDC areas either had a Neighbourhood Plan successfully passed through a referendum or were in the process of developing a plan. These include for example nearby Bassingham, Branston, Thorpe-on-the-Hill and Welbourn.

This topic will be discussed at the 2018 Annual Parish Meeting to be held on Wednesday 30th May.

2018 Annual Parish Meeting Wednesday 30th May. 7.30pm

All welcomeplease come

All contributions for the next Beckingham Bugle welcome-
News....Adverts....Articles.....Jokes.....Announcements
The deadline for the next June 2018 issue is May 14th 2018
Email all your news items and events to terry@saltby.net



The Beckingham & Sutton Bugle

March 2018



Beckingham and Sutton Village News and Information

We are going to have a village fete this year.....

The date has been set at June 16th and we are planning to have events running all day and into the evening. We propose to close Chapel Street for the day, and mid morning there will be a fun-run of 5 and/or 10k starting and ending in Chapel Street. Following that will be a (plastic) duck race down at the river with the finish line at the bridge and there will be prizes! Details of racing duck purchase to follow. We already have 100 ducks numbered up and in training, but will get more if needed!

More competitive events will follow during the afternoon and these currently include The All Lincolnshire Snail Racing Championship (to International rules), worm charming, hook a duck, classic car and motorcycle displays - and so on. We will have a scarecrow competition all round the village with the theme of the Royal Wedding, and this will be combined with a treasure hunt (with prizes!).

In the evening we will have a party in the Village Hall which will feature a hog roast, stand-up comedian and live music - this will be a ticket only event for villagers and their guests.

The church committee will run a super cake and tea marquee (thank you ladies) and alternative refreshments will be on offer for kids (and dads).

These are our ideas at the moment but we don't have it all rigidly planned - any other fun ideas will be gratefully received!

Drop Rob a line on robin_333@yahoo.co.uk or over a drink at the club.



Village Hall Social Club events.....

SOCIAL PROGRAMME:

17th March (Sat) St Patrick's Night
24th March (Sat) Quiz and Raffle
7th April (Sat) James Bond Night
12th May (Sat) Eurovision Final
19th May (Sat) Royal Wedding

SPORTS PROGRAMME:

All England's Six Nations games on TV have been covered. Remaining fixtures are:
10th March (Sat) v France k.o. 4.45pm
17th Mar (Sat) v Ireland k.o. 2.45pm
14th April (Sat) Grand National start 5.15 pm

23rd March Curry Evening jointly with the PCC.....

For more village news and to stay up to date with the latest Parish Council business visit the Village website at: www.beckinghamvillage.co.uk

Village news

Where has Pump Lane gone?

Since moving to the village, I love to cycle into Newark to shop and in an effort to keep fit instead of always taking the car!. I looked on the map to find a way of avoiding the A17 and saw a lane through to Barnby called Pump Lane.

On the map, the lane begins at Fenton, travels through the lovely scenery surrounding the villages, following the river Witham, past Barnby Manor and into Barnby, thence continuing through Barnby to Newark. Great I thought, I'll try it!

However it was not so easy, I could not find the beginning of Pump Lane in Fenton..... it seems to have been built on? Where has it been moved too? So I started my journey at Sutton cum Beckingham, cycling into the small village and down a rubble filled track, not easy on the bike!

However, I made it onto what I thought was Pump Lane. I followed the lane through glorious countryside until I reached the river behind Barnby, where it all began to go wrong! I could not find the lane that went past the Manor, it was also gated and locked. So I had to find another way! I swung the bike along the banks of the river, following the signs and continued on in my quest to find to my dismay, more locked gates and difficult stiles to mount with a heavy bike. I came upon a very narrow bridge at the back of Barnby church, this seemed the only way to get to Barnby?

I struggled with the bike, over another high stile, to get onto the bridge to cross the river. I then ended up in the Churchyard. It seemed really irreverent walking through the church graveyard to get to the road. When I asked a Barnby Local, apparently this is the correct way now to Barnby?!

Such a shame, this would be a lovely route for families take a day out, picnic and travel through such beautiful countryside.

Did I go the wrong way?

Lynd Sills



Community Award

The award recognises and celebrates groups and communities within the historic county of Lincolnshire who encourage and protect the landscape and wildlife of the county

Does your community take special care of your local environment?
Is wildlife in your locality encouraged and protected?
Does your community work to reduce its environmental impact?
Would the work of your community inspire others?

Open to any type of community group including local councils and non-profit organisations

Local Conservation – Urban Gardening – Woodlands
River Enhancement

You can enter either directly or you can nominate a group for the award who you feel should be recognised for their work

How to enter: simply write 250-300 words describing what you or your nominee does and how it contributes to the Lincolnshire environment

www.lincolnshireenvironmentalawards.org.uk
Closing date: 31 March 2018



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www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/faultreporting or use www.FixMyStreet.com

Social Club news..

Golf

The former Packhorse Golf Club has reconvened itself and will be affiliated to the Social Club, so that members can enjoy a drink at the "19th Hole" after their game. Enquiries to Adam Cropper email: adcrop@me.com. or text 07539074219.

The Management Committee is hopeful that this will be the first of several such affiliations. Darts, whist and bridge have all been suggested but need one or two keen supporters to get them off the ground. Looking ahead we want to set up an Entertainment Sub-Committee to provide some ideas for the future and help organise events. If you are interested being a member of this group please get in touch with either Phil Wells (Chairman) or Jane Wells (Secretary) 01636626667 or text 07930990950 or 07813840440

If you are a village resident and not already a member and wish to become one, please contact Wendy Williams (membership secretary) email: wend68@btinternet.com or text 07719668354

Interested in lower price Oil?

The Barnby Oil Consortium is set up for villagers living in Barnby and Beckingham to help keep oil costs down. An order is placed 4-5 times a year and due to the large numbers ordering each time the prices are considerably lower than ordering as an individual.

If you are interested please contact Janette Barlow who does the searching round/ bartering and ordering on barlow.gablesottage@gmail.com

The more members ordering, the cheaper the oil.

ThanksJase Hunt



Many of you will have seen that the VO group, responsible for contesting the Windfarm application at Fulbeck, are disbanding and are distributing their funds to worthy causes.

We also formed a group called KNOT, if you remember – way back in 2010, to combat the windfarm application at Noble Foods across the A17, and that has not been formally disbanded. We have £1800 in the bank account and I think there should now be an open discussion about how this money should be used as the threat of another application is now negligible.

My initial thoughts are that it should be spent on something that benefits the village as a whole and is lasting. Lawrence Tatton, PC Chair, has suggested that we could include it as a topic in the Annual Parish Meeting in April where anyone could put forward suggestions.

If you have any thoughts in the meantime, I would be glad to hear them.

Graham Else (07889 751217)

FROM BECKINGHAM PARISH CHURCH

Some dates for your diary.....

Services Times

1st Sunday of the month 6pm. Compline, a short service to pray for a peaceful night.

3rd Sunday of the month 10-30am. Morning Worship.

4th Sunday of the month 9-am. Holy Communion.

Services at The Willows, Hillside until Easter, the church being too cold for comfort. Easter service times will put in the notice board.

Wednesday March 7th we are having a Lent Lunch at The Willows. This is a simple lunch of soup and bread, we charge £5, which goes to a charity set up by the late Rev. Alan Megahey. It would be great to see you.

Friday March 23rd. is Curry Night. Details to follow.

Love and blessings to you all,
Gill. Green xx Churchwarden