

Beckingham Parish Council
Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
Wednesday 28th August 2023

Present: Cllrs Lawrence Tatton (as Chair), Phil Wells, Andy Brewer, Scott Toomer & Angela Smith
 District Councillor Lucille Hagues
 Terry Brown/Parish Clerk
 No members of the public

Minute	Action
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23/043 Public Time

None

23/044 Chair's Announcements

None

23/045 Apologies for absence

None

23/046 To receive declarations of interest and consider any requests for dispensations

None

23/047 District and County Councillor Time

Cllr Hagues had previously submitted her August newsletter (see attached). Cllr Hagues noted the Chairs complaint about a lack of response by Lincs CC to a long standing fly tipping problem and would chase with NKDC

action Cllr Hagues

23/048 To approve the draft minutes of the meeting of the 5th July 2023

These were accepted by the meeting and signed by the Chair.

23/049 Matters arising

/1 to discuss recent developments in local planning issues

No report

/2 to confirm the current defibrillator condition.

Cllr Toomer confirmed that new pads were required.

action Clerk

23/050 Correspondence:

Emails:

11/7/2023	Lincs CC re litter picking kits
12/7/2023	Lincs PCC re funding
14/7/2023	Marianne Overton re summer newsletter
19/7/2023	Marianne Overton re Solar Panels Fosse Green
19/7/2023	Lincs CC re road survey
28/7/2023	Lucille Hagues re newsletter
2/8/2023	Marianne Overton re August news
11/8/2023	NKDC re Appeal Ref: APP/R2520/W/22/3292337 3 Greenacres, Poplar Meadow, Sleaford Road, Beckingham

Noted

23/051 Planning:

**/1 22/1257/HOUS Three Chestnuts Sutton Road Sutton-cum-beckingham
 Convert existing garage/workshop space to provide annex
 accommodation to dwelling and extend rear elevation of dwelling
 to create an undercover 1st floor balcony area.**

This has been approved by NKDC

/2 23/0296/LBC Roofing repairs, renew roofing felt, re-use existing pantiles and replace damaged tiles with reclaimed tiles. 3 Chapel Street Beckingham
No objections

/3 Replacement of amenity block (part retrospective). | 3 Poplar Meadow Sleaford Road Beckingham

The meeting noted that the Appeal against NKDC had been allowed by the Planning Inspectorate.

23/052 Committees

/1 Village Hall - see 23/053/5

/2 Play Park

The meeting approved the idea of installing goal posts on the Park. Cllr Brewer is to research costs and materials. action Cllr Brewer

/3 Woodland

The meeting agreed to a future donation of small oak trees

23/053 Matters for Agreement

/1 to consider a public seat related issue (Cllr Wells)

A grant was approved in principle towards improvements in the graveyard infrastructure with the sum allocated to be dependent on the submitted costs.

/2 to discuss the Road Safety Partnership

The Clerk was asked to write to three agencies to express concern at the increasing practice of U turns across the carriageway at the two entrances to the Village from the A17. action Clerk

/3 to approve the September Bugle

This was approved for circulation. action Clerk

/4 to renew or nominate Trustees to the Randolph Pattinson Trust

Mr R Milne and Mrs A Matson were re-appointed as Parish Council trustees.

action Clerk

/5 to consider quotes for Village Hall decoration

The meeting accepted a quote received of £2780 for internal decorations. The Parish Council is to receive a 50% grant from the BVHMC toward the cost. action Cllr Brewer

23/054 Finance

/1 The following payments were approved:

Bank charges		16/06/2023	11.00
NA Services inv 23/03	18	02/07/2023	840.00
NA Services in 23/04	19	04/07/2023	280.00
L Tatton re inquiry expenses	20	09/07/2023	28.00
Fenton Manufacturing	21	15/07/2023	809.82
Bank charges		17/07/2023	8.00
Aeroscape360	22	27/07/2023	225.00
NA Services inv 23/05	23	05/08/2023	560.00
NA Services	24	07/08/2023	2,033.90
NKDC re election costs	25	12/08/2023	47.50

/2 Bank balances at 13/8/2023 were reconciled to:

Money Manager (Deposit)	£1518.45
Community Account (Current)	£17956.56

23/055 To receive items for the next agenda

None.

23/056 Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 4th October 2023

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.

Cllr Hagues August Newsletter:

HACKNEY CARRIAGE @PRIVATE LICENSING POLICY

The General Licensing Committee at North Kesteven District Council is set to review and amend its Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy, with a proposal to remove the upper age limit for vehicles licensed by the Council.

Currently the policy is not to licence any Hire Vehicle once it reaches its 10th anniversary of registration unless it meets the exceptional conditional criteria detailed within the policy. This age policy was previously introduced to offer some flexibility for the trade when licensing cars, balanced against the increased emissions concerns around older diesel vehicles.

But now, following the tightening of emissions criteria under the VOSA MOT requirements, along with future proposals to further tighten the national emissions standards, the committee believes that a relaxation of the current age policy will offer more flexibility for the trade, whilst ensuring that hire vehicles (which require testing to MOT standard every six months) still meet the strict national emissions criteria.

AN EVENING OF CELEBRATION AT THE NK BUILDING EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Some of the best examples of building excellence were championed at the annual awards for clients of North Kesteven District Council's Building Control service.

The 2023 North Kesteven Building Excellence Awards were an opportunity to bring together construction professionals, clients and Building Control technical experts demonstrating that the District of North Kesteven excels in creating new homes and buildings that are equal to – or in fact better than – other buildings in the country.

NKDC has an emphasis on building for the future, building for climate resilience and building to a net zero standard for improved lives and environmental wellbeing. This is carried through to the new Local Plan which informs building standards and principles for not only NKDC but also Central Lincolnshire partners and neighbours in West Lindsey and the City of Lincoln.

NORTH KESTEVEN SALUTES OUR ARMED FORCES

More than 300 years of combined service in the armed Forces has been honoured through the presentation of Veteran's Badges, in a continuation of a long held custom by the council.

The 13 veterans of the British armed Forces present at a celebratory lunch for Armed Forces Day had put in a collective 180 years of service between them, with individual contributions of between two and 37 years. Their badges were presented by NKDC's District Council Leader Cllr Richard Wright who, as a veteran himself, said it was a pleasure to say "thank you for everything you have done."

Additionally, Veteran's badges have been sent to a further nine veteran's who were unable to attend.

The badge presentations followed the formal raising of the Armed Forces Day flag in the presence of serving personnel,

forces families, service, veteran and civic representatives plus school children and the wider community gathered at Sleaford Market Place.

ARCHAEOLOGY

Have you been involved in an interesting History or Archaeology themed project? Have you published a book, created a new trail, organised an event, produced an exhibition, some new educational resources or similar?

If so, you may like to submit your project to be considered for the 2023 Flora Murray award which is organised by the Society for Lincolnshire History and Archaeology (SLHA) History and Archaeology Societies. Individuals and Local groups are invited to submit their projects to the Society for Lincolnshire History and Archaeology to be considered for the 2023 Flora Murray Award. The closing date for entries is Thursday 31st August.

The Annual Flora Murray Award consists of a cheque for £200 and a framed certificate. Winners of the award will also receive free copies of the Society's Journal and magazine for 12 months. An additional award known as the SLHA Award for Excellence is granted at the Society's discretion.

EAST MIDLANDS GAMBLING HARMS SERVICE

A free NHS service has been launched to offer specialist treatment and support to people in the East Midlands who are struggling with a gambling problem.

The East Midlands Gambling Harms Service which is based in Derby, will provide specialist therapies, treatment and recovery to those affected by gambling addiction and gambling problems in Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire, Nottinghamshire and Rutland.

The team providing the service will include clinical psychologists, therapists, mental health practitioners and psychiatrists as well as experts-by-experience – people who have recovered from a gambling addiction themselves.

Most support will be provided through virtual treatment programmes and group workshops. Further support and advice will be available to family members and carers, with the support of other agencies to help with the problems such as mental health, debt management and housing.

The service is accepting referrals and individuals who are concerned about their gambling can either refer themselves or ask a health worker to make a professional referral for them. The service is run by DERBYSHIRE HEALTHCARE NHS TRUST.

NORTH KESTEVEN LOTTERY GRANT AWARDS

In partnership with the Lincolnshire Community Foundation (LFC) fifteen good causes across North Kesteven have received grants from the North Kesteven Lottery Grant Awards.

Grants up to the value of £6738.94 have been awarded this year. The deadline for application was 31st March 2023. The Grant awards received twenty bids with a value of just under £9,500. Out of the bids received fifteen were approved with the full £6738.94 budget being allocated.

Funding has been targeted at organisations that deliver positive outcomes, supporting current and ongoing needs of people living in North Kesteven, ensuring their good health and wellbeing is maintained – such as by reducing isolation and promoting cohesion, promoting connectivity, delivering community/cultural activities and events, or youth activities, including uniformed groups.