

**Beckingham Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council**  
**Wednesday 18th December 2024**

**Present:** Cllrs Lawrence Tatton (as Chair), Andy Brewer, Robert Tatton, Scott Toomer, Philip Wells  
Members of the public – none  
Terry Brown - Clerk

Minute	Action
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**24/088 Public Time**

Cllr Tatton reported:

- /1 he had recent meetings with the local PCSO Sarah Lingard.
- /2 that the problems caused by the tree with unknown ownership at the corner of Hillside and Chapel Street (see 24/062/2) had now been resolved.
- /3 that there had still been no response to comments re recent changes to road access onto the A17 from the mobile home site to the east of the Village. The Clerk is to contact Cllr Overton again. action Clerk

**24/089 Apologies for absence**

None

**24/090 To receive declarations of interest and consider any requests for dispensations**

None

**24/091 District and County Councillor Time**

No report.

**24/092 To approve the draft minutes of the meeting of the 20th November 2024**

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

**24/093 Matters arising**

- /1 NKDC re Bin charges The Clerk was asked to contact NKDC to confirm how the charges**  
The Council noted the recent communications with NKDC on this matter and that charges for this service were now to be expected.
- /2** Cllr Tatton reported on communications with LCC re the relationship between the Parish Council and LCC for weed spraying in the Village and that LCC had confirmed that the Parish Council did not have the authority to carry out such maintenance activities.

**24/094 Correspondence:**

Emails:

3/12/2024 Lucille Hagues re December newsletter (see attached)  
Noted

In addition:

12/12/2024 Chris Green re All Saints 2025/26 grass cutting  
see 24/097/2

**24/095 Planning:**

None

**24/096 Committees****/1 Village Hall**

Cllr Toomer reported on recent meetings with the staff at the Camp and the arrival of some displaced Afghan families.

Cllr Tatton reported on the completion of successful repairs to the Village Hall but that there remained the possibility of further work to be done.

**/2 Play Park**

No report

**/3 Woodland**

Research into the purchase of a sign board is ongoing.

action Cllr Tatton**24/097 Matters for Agreement****/1 to update the Banking mandate**

An application to add Cllr Toomer to the banking mandate was signed by three Councillors

**/2 to finalise the 2025/6 Budget and Precept**

Following the receipt of an application for grant for All Saints grass cutting in 2025/26 Councillors agreed a grant of £525 to be carried into the 2025/26 budget.

Following an initial review at the November meeting a 2025/26 of precept of £15200 to support a budgeted expenditure £17252 was agreed (see attached.)

This would mean a payment of 110.04 as the Parish Council element of the 2025/26 Council tax demand for a Band D payer, a 10% increase on 2024/25

**/3 to discuss website changes**

Further to discussions at the November meeting Councillors agreed to a change of Parish Council website to beckinghamvillage.net hosted by Hugo Fox and with the Clerk's email as [clerk@beckinghamvillage.net](mailto:clerk@beckinghamvillage.net).

The exiting arrangements would be maintained in the interim to redirect email traffic to the new host.

**24/098 Finance****/1 The following payments were approved**

Sharon Bagley re VH cleaning	25	11/11/2024	272.00
L Tatton re sandbags	26	21/11/2024	158.83
T Brown re December Bugle	27	29/11/2024	78.14
NA Services in 24/08	28	29/11/2024	340.00
Service charges		30/11/2024	6.00
Sharon Bagley re VH cleaning	29	06/12/2024	187.00

**/2 Bank balances at 7/12/2024 were reconciled to:**

Unity (Deposit) £15700.08

Unity (Current) £2154.18

**/3 Reserves at 7/12/2024**

Reserves	Operating	14,584.04
	Election	252.5
	VHall	760
	Projects	
	Play	700
	Fete	1557.72
		17,854.26

**24/099 To receive items for the next agenda**

**24/100 Date of Next Meeting:** Wednesday 15th January 2025

The meeting ended at 8.00pm

<b>Beckingham Parish Council Budget and Precept 2025/26</b>					
		2024/25			2025/26
		Budget	2.11.24	Expected 31.3.25	Budget
Income	Precept	13200	13200	13200	15200
	NKDC litter	83	83	83	83
	LCC Grass	336	0	782	782
	Donations				
	Vat refund	1100	218	586	1100
	Grants				
		14719	13501	14651	17165
Expenditure	Salaries	3056	1385	2870	2882
	Admin expenses	420	176	420	420
	IT	100	86	71	250
	Training	0	0	0	500
	Bugle	260	151	300	300
	Audit	100	100	100	100
	Subs	150	0	0	150
	Grass mowing	2500	2640	3000	3000
	Play field	1000	1443	1700	2000
	Woodland	1500	53	100	1000
	Roads	500	1100	1500	1500
	Insurance	1200	1283	1283	1300
	Projects	1600	0	0	1000
	Donations	300	350	350	525
	Litter	150	125	125	125
	Village Hall	1000	0	960	2000
				2225	
	Misc	200	0	0	200
		14036	8892	15004	17252
	Year surplus			-353	-87
Reserves	Operating		14584	14231	14318