

Beckingham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 19th February 2020

Present: Cllrs L Tatton (as Chair), P Wells, S Toomer & A Smith
District Cllr Mary Green
Terry Brown/Parish Clerk

Minute	Action
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20/013 Public Time

None.

20/014 Chairman's Announcements

None.

20/015 Apologies for absence

Cllr A Brewer

20/016 District and County Councillor Time

Cllr Mary Green reported:

"Nominations for the annual NK Community Champion awards are now open. Now in their tenth year the awards celebrate the hundreds of volunteers who give their time to help others in North Kesteven. To nominate head to <https://www.nkawards.org>

On the 30th January 2020 I proposed a motion to Full Council to aim to reduce the noise emitted from Fireworks to 90dB. Any sound over 85dB is viewed as harmful to your hearing and a Fireworks display averages around 120dB. Unfortunately, the motion was defeated, however the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Panel have taken up the baton and the Motion will come back to Full Council in the coming year, when I hope it will be successful.

The Norton Disney Rendering Plant planning application was heard by the LCC Planning Committee on 3rd February 2020 at The Bentley Hotel. The venue was chosen as a high number of interested parties were anticipated and the committee were not disappointed! They voted unanimously to reject the application, we will now wait with bated breath for a re-submission and/or an appeal.

The Hearing by the Planning Inspector took place at NKDC Council offices on Tuesday 11th February 2020. Both the Applicant and the DC put forward their cases & we will wait for the outcome in approximately 4-6 weeks' time.

There is a new Deputy Leader of the council Cllr Ian Carrington has been appointed following Cllr Cawrey standing down from the role.

Residents can now sign up to the annual garden waste service online. Visit <https://n-kesteven.gov.uk/gardenwaste>

The restoration of Mrs Smith's cottage in Navenby is progressing and NKDC are working together with The National Lottery Heritage Fund to bring the museum back into use after structural issues were found which closed the museum in 2012

Businesses wishing to support NKDCs Breastfeeding Friendly initiative should get in touch with the Partnership Team. You will then receive a sticker to display in your window to show you are a 'Breastfeeding friendly' business.

A successful funding application has enabled the start of work on the Witham/Slea Blue/Green Infrastructure Corridor project. The project will be delivered in partnership with SKDC, NKDC, Environment Agency and the National Trust with grant funding from the European Regional Development Fund. The aim of the project is to enhance natural habitat environments, improve river flows, providing improved opportunities for footpaths and travel links as well as engagement and learning offers about the natural environment to residents and visitors."

20/017 Members' Declarations of Interest.

None

20/018 Approval of the minutes of the meeting 8th January 2020.

The minutes were approved unanimously and then signed by the Chairman.

20/019 Matters outstanding from previous meetings:

/1 to review progress on the Playing Field development

Cllr Tatton confirmed that planting was expected to commence at the end of the month subject to satisfactory ground conditions.

/2 to review progress on the A17 safety

No report

20/020 Correspondence

Emails:	16/1/2020	LALC re Environmental Award
	20/1/2020	Linc CC re grass cutting
	21/1/2020	NKDC re Community Sports Central
	22/1/2020	Pat Woodman re Cluster meeting
	28/1/2020	Woodland Trust re project start date
	28/1/2020	LALC re newsletter
	2/2/2020	Marianne Overton re newsletter
	5/2/2020	Police re monthly beat news

Noted:

In addition the meeting noted the following late arrived items:

Letters:

10/2/2020	Vic Rampton re All Saints PCC
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Emails:

17/2/2020	Lincs CC re Lincoln Transport Strategy
18/2/2020	Notts CC re Nottinghamshire Minerals Plan

20/021 Planning

**19/1708/HOUS Gamekeepers Corner School Lane Beckingham
Single storey side extension**

Noted and the Clerk was instructed to write to NKDC Planning to raise concerns over access to the adjacent Packhorse Cottage causing the damage to the roadside grass verge.

Action Clerk

19/1683/HOUS Tailors Cottage 5 Chapel Street Beckingham

Removal of existing outbuilding (poly tunnel), erection of garden office/hobby room, addition of wooden trellis to external garden wall, replacement rear upvc door with timber framed double doors and removal of internal breeze block stairwell wall to replace with reclaimed timber beam and post.

Permitted

In addition, the meeting considered:

20/0176/FUL Norfolk House Sleaford Road Beckingham

Demolition of existing garage and associated buildings and erection of a dormer bungalow on the edge of the Beckingham conservation area. The site will be split between Norfolk House and the new development.

and

20/0179/CADEM Land at Norfolk House Sleaford Road Beckingham

Demolition of existing garage and associated buildings on the edge of the Beckingham conservation area.

After a careful consideration the meeting instructed the Clerk to reply to NKDC expressing the Parish Council's support for these two applications. Action Clerk

20/022 Committees

Village Hall:

Cllr Tatton reported:

"Another healthy period for the VH from 8/1/20.

Income has been in the order of £875, from the Social Club letting, Yoga classroom hire, and 2 private functions. In addition, there was a donation of £400 from the Social Club towards the cost of the new blinds that have been fitted in each room.

Expenditure was around £640, consisting of an EoN bill that appeared to be excessive for the month, but this was down to a reading date issue, the subsequent month's bill that has not yet been requested is minimal and therefore the 2 periods balance out at the usual rate of consumption. The other outgoings being a deposit for the new blinds and the purchase of some crockery. This leaves a balance of £2780.00

Surplus chairs and tables which were stored in the porch have been donated to a local club, which frees space in the porch. Other equipment and paraphernalia stored in the storeroom has either disposed of or rationalised to make better use of the available space. The curtains in the main hall which are well past their sell by date have been removed and blinds installed. To improve the visual aspect of the television in the lounge, a blackout blind has been fitted. For these improvements the Management Committee is grateful for the donation received from the Social Club. It is hoped that these improvements will contribute to an enhanced atmosphere in the Hall and demonstrate that funds raised are being used to improve the property."

Village Hall Improvements Working Group

Cllr Wells tabled the attached draft minutes and talked through the problems, constraints and rationale for the draft plans that had been drawn up and outlined the next steps that needed to be taken.

Play Park:

Cllr Wells reported no immediate concerns.

Village fete:

Cllr Toomer reported on the continuing progress made for the 2020 Fete to be held 18th July and that the funds raised would be used for a Village Memorial.

20/023 Matters for Discussion

/1 to approve the 2020-22 grass cutting tender

Cllr Tatton proposed some minor amendments to be made to the tender documents for the Clerk to then pursue three tender responses if possible. Action Clerk

/2 to approve the March 2020 Bugle

The draft was approved with two minor alterations and with an agreed distribution date of the weekend 29th February.

/3 to receive notice of The Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No.2) Accessibility Regulations 2018

The Clerk outlined some of the possible problems for the website that might result from these latest changes. He is to attend a meeting in March 2020 to get more information.

/4 to consider a 2020 entry to Best Kept Village competition.

The Council agreed to proceed with an entry in 2020.

20/024 Finance

/1 Payments to be approved: None

/2 Bank balances at 26/1/20 were confirmed as:
Money Manager (Deposit) £6804.70
Community Account (Current) £7398.99

20/025 Date of next meeting

Wednesday 25th March 2020 at 7pm

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

BECKINGHAM VILLAGE HALL IMPROVEMENTS

WORKING GROUP (WG)

Minutes of 3rd Meeting held on 17 February 2020

At 1 Hillside Cottages, Hillside, Beckingham LN5 0RQ

Present: Cllr Phil Wells, Ian Higginbotham, Gill Green, Jane Wells

In attendance: Olav Holm – Johansen (Evolution Design)

- 1. Chair's Introductory Remarks:** Ian Higginbotham was welcomed to the meeting. He had agreed to attend in place of Andy Brewer who was temporarily standing down.

The Parish Council (PC) had agreed to engage Evolution Design to complete the necessary drawings and plans to enable planning permission and Building Regulations to be applied for. It had now been established following a preliminary enquiry to NKDC's planning dept., that planning consent would be required for the proposed extension to the building. The plans had now been produced and the meeting had been convened to enable the WG to consider the issues that they raised and agree a recommended way forward for consideration by the PC which was due to meet on 19 Feb.

- 2. Apologies for absence:** None

- 3. Minutes of meeting held on 26 Nov. 2019:** These were agreed

- 4. Matters arising:** PC had accepted the recommendations from the WG

- 5. Presentation of plans and next steps:** The latest plans were laid before the WG and from the ensuing discussion the following points emerged:

- Some of measurements for the side elevations were approximate because there had not been access to the adjoining property
- The two manhole covers outside the existing building had been removed and it was confirmed that the drains were in good order and serviced the existing toilets.
- It was not clear whether the downpipe which took surface water from the rear roof elevation fed into a soakaway, Further investigative work was necessary to establish how it discharged as it would need to be relocated as a result of the proposed building work.
- Agreed access to "Stoneleigh" the adjoining property was critical to the project, not just for the proposed building work but also for future maintenance and in particular access to the manhole covers.

- It would not be sensible to make further substantive progress with the project until the question of access from the adjoining property is resolved

6. Action points: It was agreed the following way forward should be presented for agreement with the PC at their forthcoming meeting:

- Contact should be made with the owner of "Stoneleigh" to seek agreement to allowing access for the purposes of the building work and future maintenance and repairs. If this was not forthcoming then further legal advice should be sought
- Clarification should be sought from the potential funders on what level of builders estimate they require, as if sufficient, the current drawings could be used and supplemented with brief discussions on client requirements with the builders; otherwise it will be necessary to develop the drawings to a building regulation stage before seeking estimates.
- Assuming consent for access was forthcoming, seek estimates from a minimum of three builders, which would provide a basis for formal application for grants from the funding agencies. ED to assist with is this process as required
- Identify potential sources for matched funding.
- Seek planning consent and apply for building regulations approval, when it became evident that it was a viable project
- If it became clear than the necessary access via the adjoining property was unlikely to be forthcoming to consider alternative options for improving the toilet facilities.

7. Any other business: Noted that both the Highways Trust and Social Club were possible sources for matched funding.

8. Date of next meeting: T.B.A following the next Parish Council meeting and contact with owner of "Stoneleigh"

Jane Wells
Secretary to the Working Group
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