

## Beckingham Parish Council

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021 This meeting was conducted using Zoom.

**Present:** Cllrs Lawrence Tatton (as Chair), Phil Wells, Scott Toomer, Angela Smith, Andy Brewer  
District Cllrs Mary Green & Marianne Overton  
Terry Brown/Parish Clerk

Minute	Action
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#### 21/012 Public Time

None.

#### 21/013 Chairman's Announcements

None

#### 21/014 Apologies for absence

None

#### 21/015 District and County Councillor Time

Councillors considered Cllr Green's report on possible action to be taken on the dumping of spoil on the verge of Sutton Road.

Cllr Brewer reported that this work had interfered with the pipe off lets draining Sutton Road.

County Councillor Overton requested the problem be reported directly to Rowan Smith Lincs Highways with a copy to herself for action.

Cllr Overton then gave a detailed report on County initiatives such as the Covid Group, support for Mental Health and "Rainbow Letters for Children."

She referred to the ongoing planning application at Skellingthorpe and that an extra £2.2 m was to be released by the County Council for flood prevention work. Associated with this she was pressing for more funds for work on rural roads given that the criteria for the allocation of such funds between all classification of roads had become more transparent.

She encouraged all on the need to pursue the use of FixMyStreet to report all problems.

#### 21/016 Members' Declarations of Interest.

None.

#### 21/017 To accept the draft minutes of the meeting by Zoom of the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

These were accepted by the meeting.

#### 21/018 Matters arising

/1 The meeting noted that 21/007 (an illegal crossing of the verge in School Lane.) had actioned.



## **21/019 Correspondence**

### **Emails:**

8/1/2021	Cllr Marianne Overton re News
1/2/2021	Graham Else re Sutton Road verge
1/2/2021	Anne Greatorex re past holidays in Beckingham
2/2/2021	Sarah Lingard re Police newsletter
5/2/2021	Cllr Mary Green re report

### **Letters:**

23/1/2021	All Saints PCC re request for 2021 grass cutting support
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## **21/020 Planning**

None

## **21/021 Committees**

### **/1 Village Hall**

The meeting noted the forthcoming use of the Hall for the County Council elections on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

### **/2 Village Hall Improvements Working Group**

No report.

### **/3 Play Park:**

The meeting noted the receipt of the Annual Inspection report and whilst it did not highlight any immediate issues the meeting agreed that action should be taken on slippery and loose tiled surfaces.

The meeting agreed with Cllr Smith's argument that a changed village demographic with a recent influx of youngsters made it relevant to consider changes to the existing equipment if finances allowed.

### **/4 Village fete:**

No report

### **/5 Woodland**

No report

## **21/022 Matters for Discussion**

### **/1 to consider the employment of an ad hoc handyman**

Councillors approved this idea as a sensible way forward to provide regular maintenance activity to the Village environment.

Councillor Tatton is to meet with the suggested candidate to provide such services.

Action Cllr Tatton.

### **/2 to discuss a grass verge problem on Sutton Road.**

Following the discussions of this problem with District Councillors Green and Overton in item 21/015 the Clerk is to write to Lincs Highways to alert them to the problem and request a resolution.

Also, the Clerk is also to write to adjoining landowners to alert them to possible implications of any actions by the authorities.

Action Clerk

### **/3 to discuss a request for additional footway lighting**

Cllr Brewer reported that one complaint received had been resolved by Lincs Highways.

The Councillors considered the request for additional lighting on Hillside and whilst accepting the case for such a new light, the meeting was reminded of similar requests for additional lighting in the Parish. This would have obvious implications for the Parish Council finances and future Precepts.

Therefore, the Clerk is to request a review of the adequacy of all existing Parish lighting from Lincs Highways before taking further action. Action Clerk

/4 **to consider an All Saints PCC request for 2021 grass cutting support**  
This request for a grant of £300 from the 2021/2 Precept was approved. Action Clerk

/5 **to consider a March 2021 Bugle.**  
This was approved for circulation subject to two edits and the inclusion of a reference to the forthcoming March 2021 Census. Action Clerk

### **21/023 Finance**

- /1 Payments to be approved:  
None.
- /2 Bank balances at 7/2/21
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|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Money Manager (Deposit)     | £11810.79 |
| Community Account (Current) | £274.97   |

**21/024 Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021 Parish Council meeting

The meeting closed at 8.25pm