

Beckingham Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
Wednesday 18th January 2023

Present: Cllrs Lawrence Tatton (as Chair), Scott Toomer, Angela Smith & Andy Brewer
District Cllr Mary Green and County Councillor Marianne Overton
Terry Brown/Parish Clerk
No members of the public

Minute	Action
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23/001 Public Time

None

23/002 Chair's Announcements

None.

23/003 Apologies for absence

Cllr Phil Wells

23/004 To receive declarations of interest and consider any requests for dispensations

None

23/005 District and County Councillor Time

Cllr Mary Green's latest newsletter: see attached.

Also Cllr Green emphasised the Photo ID needed to vote in elections on May 4 - see attached.

Cllr Overton spoke of recent changes of management in LCC's Highways Department which she considered had brought about some signs of improvement.

Extensive discussion followed with Parish Councillors highlighting the continued poor response from Highways and in particular to problems in Chapel Street. Councillor Overton noted the comments and she agreed to chase for further action.

In addition she would chase concerns of the lights from inside the traveller site that are very bright and distracting and blinding those who exit Beckingham onto the A17. Also to report an illegal sign on the highway by the traveller site needs removing.

23/006 To approve the draft minutes of the meeting of the 23rd November 2022

These were accepted by the meeting.

23/007 Matters arising

/1 to discuss recent developments in local planning issues

No further information had been received but Councillors asked the Clerk to write to the local MP Dr Caroline Johnson to bring her up to date on the current situation.

Action Clerk

23/008 Correspondence:

Emails:

4/12/2022	Mary Green newsletter
12/12/2022	Marianne Overton re December news
3/1/2023	LVET re funding of VH improvements

Noted

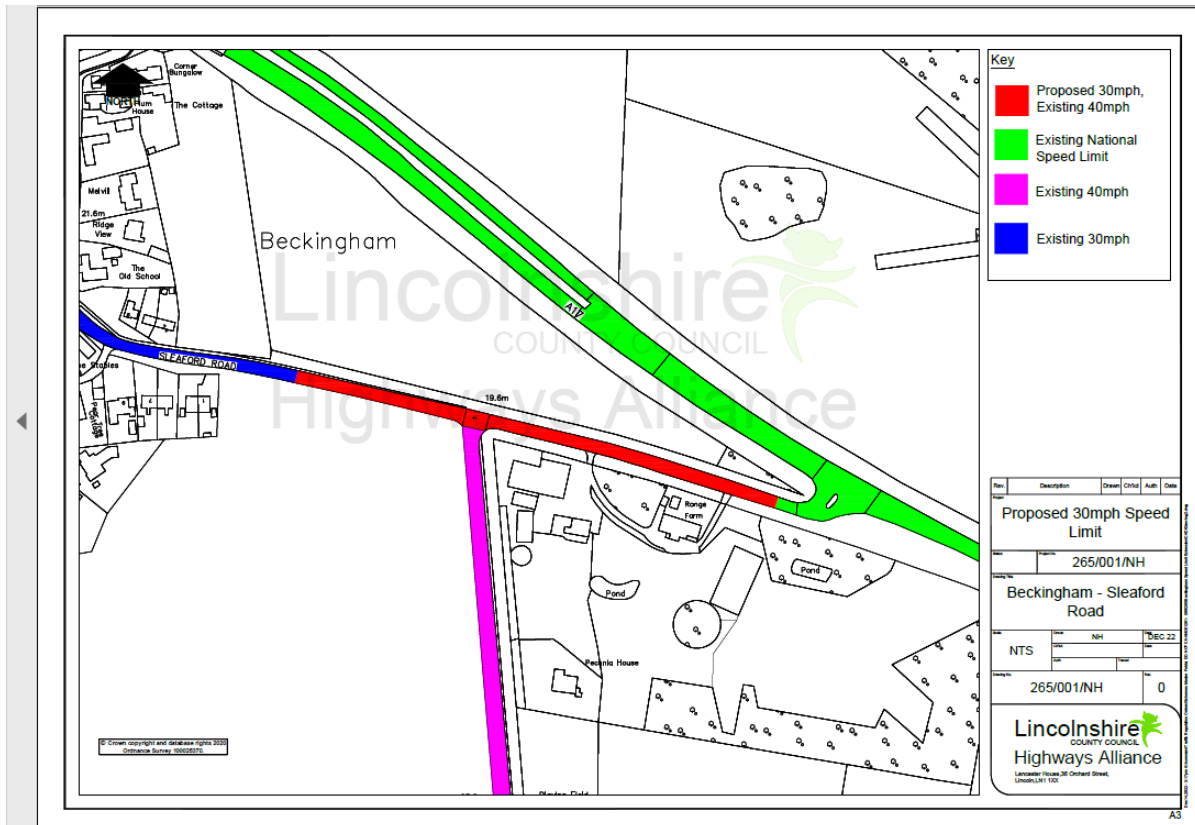
23/009 Planning:

- /1 22/1629/FUL Beckingham Training Centre Woodgate Lane Beckingham Extension to existing cadet training camp, comprising of erection of 3 no. dormitory buildings, 1 no. amenity block and storage building together with raised walkways, new car park and formation of new access road.

No comment.

In addition:

- /2 BECKINGHAM, SLEAFORD ROAD – PROPOSED 30MPH SPEED LIMIT



- /3 23/0015/FTPATH Beckingham Training Centre Woodgate Lane Beckingham Section 118 of the Highways Act 1980 - Extinguishment order for part of Beckingham Footpath No.2 Land at Beckingham Training Centre, Woodgate Lane, Beckingham
Application for an order to Stop Up or Divert a Footpath, Bridleway or Byway
- /4 22/1677/FTPATH Beckingham Training Centre Woodgate Lane Beckingham Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980 - Diversion of Beckingham Footpath No.2 Land at Beckingham Training Centre, Woodgate Lane, Beckingham (please note a separate extinguishment order will also follow for the site ref 23/0015/FTPATH)
Application for an order to Stop Up or Divert a Footpath, Bridleway or Byway
- /5 22/1643/HOUS Pecunia House Sutton Road Beckingham
Proposed single-storey rear extension

Items /1 to /5 – no comment

23/010 Committees

/1 Village Hall

Cllr Tatton proposed that some internal redecoration be considered.

/2 Play Park:

The meeting agreed to ask the Village Lengthsman to undertake minor works around some of the public seats in the Village.

/3 Woodland:

No report

23/011 Matters for Agreement

/1 to consider the 2023-4 budget and precept

After extensive discussion the Councillors approved a 2023 Budget set at £16622 with a precept requirement of £16000. This budget increase reflected the Parish Council's intention to address problems in the Parish caused by insufficient and inadequate road maintenance and repair by Lincolnshire County Council.

Councillors noted the Clerk's comment that this increase would only have a small impact on parishioners' Council tax since NKDC, LCC and Police Authority elements dominated the final Council Tax requirement.

/2 to review defibrillator maintenance

After discussion it was agreed that Cllr Toomer would both check its current state and repeat such a check every six months. The Clerk would confirm that it remains correctly registered on the EMAS database.

Action Cllr Toomer and Clerk

/3 to consider the May 2023 Local Elections

Councillors noted the timetable for sending in candidate forms for the May elections and agreed to have their forms completed by the next meeting for the Clerk to then register with NKDC.

Action all

The Clerk reminded the meeting of the need for Councillors to be elected rather than co-opted if the Parish Council was to invoke the General Power of Competence.

The meeting agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting be now held on the 10th May in order to remain outside the Local Election "purdah" dates.

23/012 Finance

/1 The following payments were approved:

Bank charges		16/11/2022	8.00
NA Services inv 22/09	38	23/11/2022	280.00
T Brown re 3rd qtr salary	39	12/12/2022	553.85
T Brown re 3rd qtr paye	40	12/12/2022	138.40
Bank charges		18/12/2022	8.00
NA Services re inv 22/10	41	18/12/2022	188.51

/2 Bank balances at 7/1/2023 were reconciled to:

Money Manager (Deposit) £2061.90
Community Account (Current) £10833.10

23/013 To receive items for the next agenda

None.

23/014 Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 22nd March 2023

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Cllr Mary Green's latest newsletter:

- March 25-26 marks Discover Lincolnshire Weekend the perfect opportunity to showcase businesses to residents and visitors. If you are, or know of a Lincolnshire attraction, retailer, or food and drink establishment you can email hello@visitlincoln.com providing details of what you're planning for the weekend.
 - Business views on climate change wanted. As part of our ongoing work to better support our local enterprises we want to understand your views and aspirations about tackling climate change within your business. Your responses will help us to shape the support we offer in this field, and to tailor our programmes to your needs. The survey can be completed online at NKDC website.
 - The Council is in the process of determining its budgets for 2023/24 which will include the setting of the Council Tax and Council house rents for that period. There is also a reminder that parish council precepts must be notified by 27 January 2023 if not already done so.
 - Councillors and other local politicians should feel safe carrying out the role they were elected to fulfil. Unfortunately, there are increasing levels of abuse and intimidation making some Councillors feel vulnerable in their own homes and communities. At the December Council meeting, the Monitoring Officer asked District Councillors for their views on the publication of home addresses, outlining options that could be considered by the Monitoring Officer. One included the proactive withholding of home addresses from the public register. Members unanimously supported this approach and its application to all Local Councillors (parish and towns) across the District. Following the elections in May 2023, the Monitoring Officer will apply a default redaction of a Councillor's home address on the Register of Interest form which in turn is published on the District Council's website. All other aspects around registering interests remain unchanged. The above approach cannot guarantee that a Councillor's home address might still be found or obtained by someone through other means, but it does make it a little more difficult to find.
 - A series of briefings for the upcoming elections (District/parish/town) are being offered for candidates, agents and clerks. Please book a place in advance. You can register your attendance now by emailing - nk-corporateandcivicsupportteam@n-kesteven.gov.uk - in the subject matter please include:- Election Briefing and date. Within the body of the mail, please state how many people are expected to attend and provide contact details for each - name, telephone number and email. Alternatively, you can telephone 01529 308208 or 308209.
 - Nomination packs for both district and local council elections will be available to download from the district corporate website w/c Monday 23 January 2023. The pack will include local and essential information about the polls and key documents to complete and return, such as the nomination paper to be HAND-DELIVERED to the Returning Officer.
 - Delivering Nomination papers - these can only be delivered from Thursday 16 March to Tuesday 4 April 2023, between the hours of 10am to 4pm to Meeting Room 1, North Kesteven District Council Offices, Kesteven Street, Sleaford NG34 7EF.
 - THE FINAL DEADLINE TO SUBMIT OR WITHDRAW A NOMINATION IS 4PM, TUESDAY 4 APRIL 2023.
 - Voter ID legislation - this has now been passed through the House of Lords and the provisions will be in place for local elections in England from 4 May 2023. Any further update will be on the corporate website. For those registered to vote who do not have any of the accepted Photo ID, they can apply for a Voter Authority Certificate through the online portal which opens on 16 January 2023. More details on Voter ID are available at www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/voterID
 - Warm Spaces register. Please help us to develop a list of warm spaces this winter. In common with other Lincolnshire Councils we are encouraging people to register their warm spaces on warmwelcome.uk website. The Hammond Hall in Bassingham is registered as a warm hub, to find availability times contact clerk@yourbassingham.co.uk
 - The government has announced the Platinum Jubilee Village Hall Fund has opened for applications. To be eligible the village hall must serve a community with a population below 10,000 and must be registered as a charity with community management. Capital grants will be allocated to support infrastructure improvements and measures to improve energy efficiency. The application window will close on 20 January 2023. More information can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/village-halls-to-see-major-revamp-as-platinum-jubilee-fund-opens> or <https://acre.org.uk/platinum-jubilee-village-halls-fund/>
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Photo ID needed to vote in elections on May 4

Anyone wishing to vote in person at the local elections to be held on May 4, to elect District and parish or town councillors, will need to take with them a form of photo identification.

This is a change being introduced by the UK Government for all of England and will apply across all of Lincolnshire's local district and parish elections.

Accepted forms of photo ID

You can use any of the following accepted forms of photo ID when voting at a polling station.

International travel

- Passport issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, a British Overseas Territory, an EEA state or a Commonwealth country

Driving and Parking

- Driving licence issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, or an EEA state (this includes a provisional driving licence)
- A Blue Badge

Local travel

- Older Person's Bus Pass
- Disabled Person's Bus Pass
- Oyster 60+ Card
- Freedom Pass
- Scottish National Entitlement Card
- 60 and Over Welsh Concessionary Travel Card
- Disabled Person's Welsh Concessionary Travel Card
- Senior SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- Registered Blind SmartPass or Blind Person's SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- War Disablement SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- 60+ SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- Half Fare SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland

Proof of age

- Identity card bearing the Proof of Age Standards Scheme hologram (a PASS card)

Other government issued documents

- Biometric immigration document
- Ministry of Defence Form 90 (Defence Identity Card)
- National identity card issued by an EEA state

Electoral Identity Card issued in Northern Ireland

[Voter Authority Certificate](#)

[Anonymous Elector's Document](#)

You will only need to show one form of photo ID. It needs to be the original version and not a photocopy.

Out of date photo ID

You can still use your photo ID if it is out of date, as long as it looks like you.

The name on your ID should be the same name you used to register to vote.

Beckingham Parish Council Budget and Precept 2023/24

		2022/23			2023/24
		Budget	12.11.22	Expected 31.3.22	Budget
Income	Precept	12000	12000	12000	
	NKDC litter	83	0	83	83
	LCC Grass	321	0	336	336
	Donations				
	Vat refund	250	586	586	1100
	Grants				
		12654	12586	13005	1519
Expenditure	Salaries	2215	1071	2292	2292
	Admin expenses	420	194	340	420
	IT	100	71	71	100
	Training	50	0	0	50
	Bugle	260	214	295	260
	Audit	100	100	100	100
	Subs	140	0	140	150
	Grass mowing	2000	1820	2000	2500
	Play field	800	3508	3508	1000
	Woodland	1500	1074	1074	1500
	Roads	1000	646	646	3000
	Insurance	1050	1163	1163	1200
	Projects	1600	809	809	2400
	Donations	300	0	0	300
	Litter	150	125	125	150
	Village Hall	1750	175	175	1000
	Misc	200	1687	1687	200
		13635	12657	14425	16622
	Year surplus			-1420	
Reserves	Operating		8587	7167	
	Election		300	300	
	V Hall		2000	2000	
	Projects				
	Play		1510	1510	
	Fete		302	302	