

**Beckingham Parish Council**  
**Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council**  
**Wednesday 17th January 2024**

**Present:** Cllrs Lawrence Tatton (as Chair), Phil Wells, Andy Brewer, Scott Toomer, Angela Smith  
 District Councillor Lucille Hagues

Members of the public - County Councillor Andrew Hagues

Terry Brown - Clerk

Minute	Action
<p><b>24/001 Public Time</b>            County Councillor Hagues received several comments and complaints from Parish Councillors about the standard of maintenance of the A17 Highway at the entrance to the Village and he agreed to raise these concerns with Lincs Highways officers.</p>	
<p><b>24/002 Chair's Announcements</b>            None</p>	
<p><b>24/003 Apologies for absence</b>            None</p>	
<p><b>24/004 To receive declarations of interest and consider any requests for dispensations</b>            None</p>	
<p><b>24/005 District and County Councillor Time</b>            The Parish Council noted Lucille's most recent Newsletter. Cllr Brewer raised concerns at the continuing costs of supplying an internet connection to the Village Hall and Cllr Hagues agreed to see if help was available from NKDC.</p>	
<p><b>24/006 To approve the draft minutes of the meeting of the 15th November 2023</b>            These were accepted by the meeting and signed by the Chair.</p>	
<p><b>24/007 Matters arising</b></p>	
<p>/1 <b>to review the Parish Council's contribution to the costs of the new Church gate</b>            The meeting agreed a grant of £1399.20 (Local Government Act 1972 s137) to All Saints PCC for the purchase and installation of a new Church yard gate. <u>action Clerk</u></p>	
<p><b>24/008 Correspondence:</b>            Emails:            28/12/23 Marianne Overton re Highways developments            1/1/2024 Lucille Hagues re January newsletter (previously circulated)            Noted</p>	
<p><b>24/009 Planning:</b></p>	
<p>/1 <b>23/1386/PNAGR Field Farm Sutton Road Sutton-cum-beckingham Town and Country Planning General Permitted Development Order 1995, Schedule 2, parts 6 and 7 - Application for prior notification of agricultural or forestry development</b>  <b>Proposal: Pro Proposed demolition of existing agricultural machinery shed and erection of new shed</b>            No comment</p>	

In addition:

- /2 Cllr Tatton reported a response from NKDC Planning Enforcement re Trailer(s) sited principally for the display of advertisements, Junction of A17 and Woodgate Lane, Beckingham, and that the owner of the trailer and had been given them a strict timeframe for removal.

## **24/010 Committees**

### **/1 Village Hall**

Cllr Brewer reported on the urgent need to upgrade the toilet cisterns in the Village Hall and Councillors are to seek quotes of the work for the next meeting.

action all Councillors

### **/2 Play Park**

No report

### **/3 Woodland**

No report

### **In addition:**

- /4 Cllr Toomer confirmed that there would be Village fete in 2024 with the probable aim to raise funds for a Village sign.

## **24/011 Matters for Agreement**

### **/1 to discuss the provision of sandbags (Cllr Tatton)**

The meeting agreed for the immediate purchase of a supply of sandbags with their storage location to be determined.

action Cllr Tatton

### **/2 to discuss Village signs (Cllr Tatton)**

The meeting viewed this proposal favourably with the possibility of some funds to be raised from the 2024 Fete.

The Clerk is to forward details of the Village Signs Society.

action Clerk

### **/3 to review the 2024 Grass Maintenance contract**

The meeting approved a revised contract for 2024. The Clerk is to get prices from the current contractor for consideration at the March meeting.

action Clerk

### **/4 to review the Clerk's contract.**

Councillors considered annual timesheet for the Clerk's work and agreed to increase the contract hours from 3 to 4 hours per week.

### **/5 to set the budget and precept for 2024-25**

Councillors considered a revised draft budget and after considerable discussion approved a precept of £13200 in 2024/25.

(See attached)

action Clerk

**24/012 Finance**

**/1 The following payments were approved**

T Brown re toner cartridge	38	15/11/2023	96.90
D Stafford re VH decoration	39	15/11/2023	2,480.00
Bank charges		16/11/2023	8.00
L Tatton re dog signs	40	21/11/2023	13.15
P Wells re Xmas tree	41	23/11/2023	97.50
T Brown re Bugle	42	28/11/2023	73.02
NA Services re inv 23/11	43	01/12/2023	28.80
NA Services re inv 23/12	44	01/12/2023	280.00
T Brown re 3rd qtr 23 salary	45	09/12/2023	554.15
T Brown re 3rd qtr HMRC	46	09/12/2023	138.60
T Brown re 2024 SLCC subs pro rata	47	09/12/2023	31.00
Bank charges		17/12/2023	8.00

**/2 Bank balances at 5/1/2024 were reconciled to:**

Money Manager (Deposit) £543.32  
Community Account (Current) £14088.74

**24/013 To receive items for the next agenda**

- /1 to discuss Village wide dog fouling concerns (Cllr Smith)
- /2 to discuss means to improve Village resilience and preparation for flooding (Cllr Smith)

**24/014 Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

The meeting ended at 8.22pm

**Beckingham Parish Council Budget and Precept 2024/25**

		2023/24			2024/25	
		Budget	12.11.23	Expected 31.3.24	Budget	
Income	Precept	12000	12000	12000		
	NKDC litter	83	0	83	83	
	LCC Grass	336	0	336	336	
	Donations					
	Vat refund	1100	586	586	1100	
	Grants					
		<b>13519</b>	<b>12586</b>	<b>13005</b>	<b>1519</b>	
Expenditure	Salaries	2292	1071	2292	3056	
	Admin expenses	420	194	340	420	
	IT	100	71	71	100	
	Training	50	0	0	0	
	Bugle	260	214	295	260	
	Audit	100	100	100	100	
	Subs	150	0	140	150	
	Grass mowing	2500	1820	2000	2500	
	Play field	1000	3508	3508	1000	
	Woodland	1500	1074	1074	1500	
	Roads	1000	646	646	1000	
	Insurance	1200	1163	1163	1200	
	Projects	1600	809	809	1500	
	Donations	300	0	1399	300	
	Litter	150	125	125	150	
	Village Hall	1000	175	175	1500	
	Misc	200	1687	1687	200	
			<b>13822</b>	<b>12657</b>	<b>15824</b>	<b>14936</b>
	Year surplus				-2819	-13417
	Reserves	Operating		8587	5867	
Election			300	300		
V Hall			2000	2000		
Projects						
Play			1510	1510		
Fete			302	302		