

Beckingham Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 6th January 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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21/001 Public Time

None.

21/002 Chairman's Announcements

None

21/003 Apologies for absence

None

21/004 District and County Councillor Time

Cllr Green - see attached report.

Cllr Overton gave a detailed report on national meetings attended to discuss the problems raised by Covid; for example, that the Government intends to issue one million laptops to children to cope with the problems of remote learning. She encouraged all businesses to be aware of the various schemes at both national and local level for support in this crisis.

She reviewed the meetings held with LCC Highways officers to tackle problems such as resurfacing and potholes and all agreed on the need to pursue the use of FixMyStreet to report all problems.

21/005 Members' Declarations of Interest.

None.

21/006 To accept the draft minutes of the meeting by Zoom of the 25th November 2020.

These were accepted by the meeting.

21/007 Correspondence

Emails:

1/12/2020	Woodland Trust re maintenance
2/12/2020	Cllr Mary Green re cycling strategy
2/12/2020	P Thorpe re woodland
4/12/2020	Cllr Mary Green re Christmas arrangements
19/12/2020	NKDC re 2021 census Cllr Tatton confirmed his attendance at a meeting 13/1/21
10/12/2020	Cllr Marianne Overton re December newsletter
26/12/2020	J Bartram re request for permission for metal detecting

21/007 Planning

Following parishioner comments the Clerk is to write to the relevant authority to complain of an illegal crossing of the verge in School Lane.

Cllr Wells commented on the need to encourage off road parking wherever possible.

Action Clerk
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21/008 Committees

/1 Village Hall

No report

/2 Village Hall Improvements Working Group

No report.

/3 Play Park:

No report.

/4 Village fete:

No report

/5 Woodland

Clr Wells reported on a meeting with Hill Holt to consider maintenance and possible future development of the playing field and newly created woodland area.

It was agreed to enter into working relationship with Hill Holt on the basis of a one day a month visit at a fee of £169 per day (plus VAT). Action Clerk

21/009 Matters for Discussion

/1 to consider a request for metal detecting

This request was approved. Action Clerk

/2 Councillors agreed a deadline of 13th February for submission of copy for the March 2021 Bugle. Action all

21/010 Finance

/1 Payments approved:

All Saints PCC	re Clock grant	£1000.00
T Brown	re Dec Bugle	£64.78
P Wells	re Christmas Tree	£47.75
T Brown	re 3 rd qtr. salary	£428.66
T Brown	re HMRC 3 rd qtr.	£107.20
T Brown	re Payroo Sept-Dec	£12.00

/2 Bank balances at 27/12/20

Money Manager (Deposit)	£11810.59
Community Account (Current)	£483.39

21/011 Date of next meeting: Wednesday 17th February 2021 Parish Council meeting

The meeting closed at 7.50pm

Cllr Mary Green reported:

"Happy New Year to one and all and I hope everyone is safe and well.

Well I won't dwell on 2020 other than to say thank goodness its past!

Some updates in relation to the district which you may/may not be aware of:-

** Whisby Nature Park - both pay and display parking machines are out of order so please, if visiting, pay for your parking at the kiosk. Apologies for the inconvenience the machines are being repaired.*

** Remember during lockdown you should 'only' exercise in your local area.*

** Lincolnshire Household Waste Recycling Centres will remain open throughout the lockdown.*

** Reminder that with around one in three people who have the virus no symptoms are displayed so Hands Face Space*

** Stay aware of Covid scams -*

- 1. Council Tax reduction phishing email*
- 2. Fake NHS Contact Tracing text*
- 3. HMRC Government Grant phishing email*
- 4. Microsoft 'Covid Relief Fund' phishing email*
- 5. Covid-19 vitamin pill cold calls*

With the recent approval of multiple vaccines in the UK, these type of scam attempts are likely to continue. Cold calls regarding the vaccine are also taking place - scammers are reportedly asking people to pay for the vaccine over the phone - if you receive a call such as this hang up.

There is also a reported scam circulating on social media purporting to be a survey from local councils about the Covid-19 crisis. The survey asks for personal details including bank and National Insurance numbers, which councils would never ask for.

Reminder to keep a look out for the latest edition of e-NewsNK for all updates on Covid-19 and current information on North Kesteven District.

Here's hoping we can be back to 'normal' as quickly, and more importantly, as safely, as soon as possible."