

Beckingham Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
Wednesday 13th July 2022

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

Minute	Action
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22/050 Public Time

None.

22/051 Chair's Announcements

The Chair thanked those parishioners who had recently volunteered their time to monitor and control weed problems on the Play Park. The Clerk was asked to write to acknowledge the Parish Council's thanks.

Action Clerk

22/052 Apologies for absence

Cllr Scott Toomer

22/053 To receive declarations of interest and consider any requests for dispensations

None

22/054 District and County Councillor Time

Cllr Mary Green's July newsletter is attached.

Cllr Overton reported on progress with Highways problems but all agreed that much more needed to be done and that all should continue to use the on line reporting system.

There was some discussion about the changed pattern of Community policing that is now seen in the Parish and Cllr Tatton referred to similar such complaints heard from other parishes at the most recent Cluster meeting (13/6/2022) that he had attended.

22/055 To approve the draft minutes of the meeting of the 5th May 2022

These were accepted by the meeting.

22/056 Matters arising

/1 to review progress on Village Hall security

Councillors agreed that it would be better to look to a solution that took into account the three related problems of security, access and a new door. Cllrs Tatton and Wells are to investigate quotes and funding for such.

Action Cllr Tatton & Wells

In addition:

- /2 Cllr Smith commented on a lack of progress on 21/007 (an illegal crossing of the verge in School Lane). Cllr Brewer reported that it was now a concern between the relevant householder and Lincs CC and that he would supply details for the Clerk to seek further information.

Action Clerk & Cllr Brewer

22/057 Correspondence:

Emails:

13/5/2022	Nina Camm/NKDC re grass cutting arrangements
13/5/2022	NKDC Planning re Application 22/0081/FUL Plot 1
6/6/2022	Cllr Mary Green re June news (see attached)
8/6/2022	Peter Brown re Bugle distribution
21/6/2022	Marianne Overton re June news
21/6/2022	Marianne Overton re Highways reports
28/6/2022	Lincs CC re Lincolnshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan

Noted

22/058 Planning:

/1 to discuss recent developments in local planning issues

The Chair had received the following response from Mark Willets:

"The position is simply that we have 17 appeals pending their official start date. All made before the 28-day deadline in the Injunction (whereas there is normally an allowance of 6 months to lodge an appeal) and all waiting on a start letter from the Planning Inspectorate. The appellants have all requested the Written Representations appeal method. I think given the nature of the appeals, and number of specialist Inspectors for dealing with these matters, we could be waiting on the start letter for some time.

In a written reps appeal, the Council will effectively forward on our file to the Inspectorate, including representations made, and we will also advise interested parties of the appeals. This will entitle stakeholders to make additional comments should they wish to do so. The appointed Inspector will assess all the material forwarded to them, any additional representations made and undertake a site visit. "

The Clerk was asked to respond to Mark Williets commenting on the Parish Council's continuing concerns. Action Clerk

/2 22/0878/TPO The Rectory, Rectory Street, Beckingham Proposed Works to Trees Subject to Tree Preservation Order

Noted.

In addition:

/3 22/0935/PNND Field Farm Sutton Road Sutton-cum-beckingham Prior approval for proposed change of use of existing barns into 2no dwellings.

No comment.

22/059 Committees

/1 Village Hall

See 22/056/1

/2 Village Hall Working Group:

No report

/3 Play Park:

See 22/059/1 The Clerk was asked to remind the lengthsman of outstanding jobs to be completed. Action Clerk

/4 Village Fete:

No report.

/5 Woodland

Cllr Smith again asked for discussion on the purchase of seats and tables for the area to be discussed at the next meeting.

22/059 Matters for Agreement

/1 to consider a quote received for maintenance work to be done in the Play Park

Cllr Tatton had received a quote for the remedial work previously identified but this was considered by the meeting to be excessive. More appropriate solutions need to be found. Action all

/2 to review Village grass cutting arrangements

All agreed the current arrangements were working very satisfactorily.

/3 to consider a revised Code of Conduct

Councillors resolved to adopt the draft Code of Conduct submitted by the Clerk. Action Clerk

/4 to review the distribution arrangements of the Bugle

The distribution of the Bugle was reviewed and help from parishioners was gratefully received in this operation.

22/060 Finance

/1 The following payments were approved:

NA Services re grass cutting	5	26/04/2022	480.00
Hill Holt inv 2761	6	06/05/2022	216.00
N Gration inv 705	7	06/05/2022	190.50
T Brown re Zoom subs	8	21/05/2022	48.06
T Brown re website hosting subs	9	21/05/2022	71.86
Allied Ins re VH insurance	10	22/05/2022	699.72
Hill Holt inv 2774	11	24/05/2022	216.00
T Brown re June Bugle	12	26/05/2022	67.73
NA Services re grass cutting	13	03/06/2022	560.00
T Brown re 1st qtr sal	14	08/06/2022	428.86
T Brown re 1st qtr HMRC	15	08/06/2022	107.00
N Gration inv 708	16	08/06/2022	60.00
Gallagher re PC insurance	17	27/06/2022	464.10
Eric Catten re VH inspection	18	28/06/2022	175.00
NA Services re grass cutting	19	04/07/2022	560.00
Hill Holt re fencing	20	13/07/2022	2,508.00

/2 Bank balances at 5/7/2022 were reconciled to:

Money Manager (Deposit) £8245.31
Community Account (Current) £10813.68

22/061 To receive items for the next agenda

/1 to discuss the purchase of seats and tables for the woodland area (Cllr Smith)

22/062 Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 17th August 2022.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Cllr Mary Green reported:

"Has summer arrived at last?"

Fingers crossed the good weather is here for the duration and farmers can gather their crops without the worry of torrential downpours. On the other hand, we are desperately short of rain so the crops may flourish.

The age-old dilemma over which we have absolutely no control

However, that does bring me to highlight that we must all be vigilant for the potential for fires throughout the district. Discarded glass bottles on verges that can magnify the sun's rays and spark a fire. Barbecues on riverbanks (thinking of you Aubourn & Haddington), cigarette ends from car windows etc., please be on the lookout.

Also be aware of the possible effects of the hot weather forecast for the weekend ahead, keeping out of the sun during the midday period and ensuring water intake is kept up. If possible keep a check on any elderly neighbours or families with young children to see if they are ok - let's look after each other!

- *NK Community Champion Awards 2022. There is a specific Community Business category which champions businesses that give freely of their time, effort, materials, and resources in support of community endeavour or which operate in a charitable or community-focused way and achieve social value that goes beyond the bottom-line. If you run or know of a business that you think should be nominated for a "thank you" please put in a nomination at www.nkawards.org before September 9th 2022.*
- *There are new strains of COVID-19 throughout the district and it is not unheard of for people to be infected more than once with this virus. It is important to bear in mind that although face masks are not compulsory, and distancing is not a requirement, if possible the practice of good hygiene should be encouraged with hand washing and the use of hand sanitisers where available being the norm.*
- *Residents are being asked to keep up their part in the fight against fly-tipping by staying vigilant, especially as households look to clear out and dispose of rubbish during the warmer summer months. Suspected fly tipping can be reported to the Council at any time at www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/flytipping, the Council has over the last four months, been successful with prosecutions having a combined total of £11,598.87 in fines, court costs and surcharges handed to five people plus a driving ban for one of them. NKDC will not tolerate fly tipping.*
- *Major road works will be taking place throughout the District starting in July. Some night time closures will occur. Roads affected are :- A17 Byards Leap and the A607 Fulbeck Bridge. Check before travelling if you use these roads as diversions will be in place and journey times may be affected.*
- *For up-to-date information re energy rebates visit NKDC website.*

- *Eight Council homes built to the internationally recognised Passivhaus standard have been completed in Potterhanworth. The Passivhaus mark means the properties are of the highest energy-efficient standard available in Europe. Although more expensive to build, with £1.6m of North Kesteven District Council investment going into the development, the houses are significantly cheaper to run for the occupants. They generally require about 75% less heating than standard builds. This is because the homes achieve an extremely low level of air loss, which in turn ensures heat is retained inside. The only requirement for conventional heating is a towel rail. The homes also have solar panels with electricity from them helping to cut energy costs.*
- *Community Champion Awards are now open for nominations across 11 categories, nominations must be made by September 9th 2022. Visit www.nkawards.org*
- *The Annual Canvass preparations are underway to keep the Electoral Register up to date. All households will receive either an email or letter between mid-July and early September, residents are asked to please respond immediately.*
- *The Sustainable Farming Incentive is open for applications. The scheme is available to all farmers who currently receive Basis Payment Scheme (BPS) payments. It is designed to reward sustainable practices that support food production and benefit the environment. There is no deadline by which farmers must apply so farmers can apply throughout the year at a time that works best for them.*

Should anyone wish to contact me, I will be on holiday from the 21st July to the 5th August inclusive, however if it is an urgent matter, please send an email and I will respond as soon as possible."