

**Beckingham Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021**  
**This meeting was conducted using Zoom.**

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

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**21/025 Public Time**

None.

**21/026 Chairman's Announcements**

The Chair passed on the Parish Council's condolences to the family of Peter Hallam for their recent sad loss and from the community for the loss of a long standing and much valued Beckingham parishioner and past Councillor.

**21/027 Apologies for absence**

None

**21/028 District and County Councillor Time**

Cllr Overton reported on her success in helping to achieve an increased LCC budget for rural road maintenance (£12.5m), local small businesses affected by Covid (£12.5m) and for improvements to flood defences (£6.2m).

In response to Cllr Tatton she agreed that road maintenance in Lincolnshire remained too heavily skewed towards problems on main roads at the expense of rural roads citing evidence that a target for repairs of 28 days had deteriorated to an outcome of 50 days.

All agreed on the need for constant use of FixMyStreet and monitoring of the logged incidents to see that some action was being achieved.

**21/029 Members' Declarations of Interest.**

None.

**21/030 To accept the draft minutes of the meeting by Zoom of the 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021.**

These were accepted by the meeting.

**21/031 Matters arising**

**/1 to receive an update on the employment of an ad hoc handyman**

Several Councillors had had walked the Village with the new handyman Neil Gratton and all reported that he seemed to be very much aware of the maintenance requirements of the Village.

Therefore, it was agreed he should be employed on a one day a week basis with the Clerk to confirm this and to confirm the arrangements for the removal of any rubbish from his work.

Action Clerk

**/2 to receive an update on a grass verge problem on Sutton Road.**

Following a review of recent letters on the situation the Council confirmed their requirement that the verge be restored to a state suitable for a resumption of grass cutting. They agreed the Clerk's attendance at a site meeting 30/3/21 with various interested parties to seek a resolution to the problem.

Action Clerk  
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- /3 to receive an update on a request for additional footway lighting.**  
No response had been received – the Clerk to chase. Action Clerk

### **21/032 Correspondence**

#### **Emails:**

24/2/2021 Lincs CC re household recycling centres  
1/3/2021 Cllr Mary Green re March news (see attached)  
1/3/2021 Sarah Lingard re Police newsletter  
5/3/2021 TSG Lincs CC re bus service changes  
15/3/2021 NKDC re May 2021 elections

#### **Letters:**

**23/2/2021 NFU Newark re Sutton Road**  
see 21/031/2.

### **21/033 Planning**

None

### **21/034 Committees**

#### **/1 Village Hall**

Cllr Tatton reported that the Emergency Plan contacts had been updated with LCC. Also, that no VHMG meetings had taken place in the year to March 31st because of the Covid situation.

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

No report.

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

Cllrs Tatton, Smith and Wells reported favourably on a recent site meeting with Kompan to discuss cost effective improvements to facilities such as a Trim Trail. Kompan's expected report is to be discussed at the next meeting.

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

No report

#### **/5 Woodland**

No report

### **21/035 Matters for Discussion**

#### **/1 to review grass cutting arrangements for 2021**

Cllr Tatton asked for the Play Field hedge to be cut if possible. Also, he asked for an update from NKDC on the possible transfer of grass cutting responsibilities of the Village Green. Action Clerk

#### **/2 to review May 2021 meetings**

Following a review of the latest Covid stage timetable it was agreed to reschedule the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council to 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021 and with a date for the Annual Parish Meeting to be decided in the light of evolving circumstances and local parish developments. It was agreed that the annual Zoom licence should be renewed 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

#### **/3 to discuss local footpath issues.**

The meeting noted the concerns of a local farmer for his difficulty in maintaining the hedge in the north east of the field just below the Rectory Street entrance as a consequence of new fence in an adjoining field. (see attached).

/4 **to consider the June 2021 Bugle.**

The meeting agreed a date of 21<sup>st</sup> May for the final submission of all material for the draft to then be considered at the May 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**21/036 Finance**

- /1 Payments approved:
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|-----------------|----------------------------|---------|
| Play Inspection | re Annual ROSPA inspection | £81.00  |
| LALC            | re Annual subs             | £142.11 |
| T Brown         | re March Bugle printing    | £64.78  |
| T Brown         | re Sept – Mar expenses     | £148.72 |
| T Brown         | re 4qtr 2021 salary        | £428.66 |
| T Brown         | re 4qtr HMRC paye          | £107.20 |
- /2 Bank balances at 14/3/2021 confirmed as:
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| Money Manager (Deposit)     | £11810.79 |
| Community Account (Current) | £274.97   |

**21/037 Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021 Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

