

**Beckingham Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council**  
**Wednesday 22nd March 2023**

**Present:** Cllrs Lawrence Tatton (as Chair), Scott Toomer, Angela Smith, Phil Wells & Andy Brewer  
County Councillor Marianne Overton  
Terry Brown/Parish Clerk  
No members of the public

Minute	Action
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**23/015 Public Time**

None

**23/016 Chair's Announcements**

None.

**23/017 Apologies for absence**

None

**23/018 To receive declarations of interest and consider any requests for dispensations**

None

**23/019 District and County Councillor Time**

Cllr Overton reminded the meeting about the arrangements for the forthcoming Local Elections and also suggested that resurfacing of Chapel Street might be more certain.

**23/020 To approve the draft minutes of the meeting of the 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

These were accepted by the meeting.

**23/021 Matters arising**

**/1 to discuss recent developments in local planning issues**

The Parish Council had received formal notification of the Public Inquiry re the Planning Applications 22/0081 to 99/FUL to be held 20<sup>th</sup> June 2023 and scheduled to last for 8 days.

Cllr Tatton reported on conversations he had with NKDC on this and in the light of this the Parish Council decided against any representation in person from any Parish Councillor on the basis that it would be best left to the professional representation by barristers from NKDC.

However it was decided that the Clerk should write to NKDC to emphasise that many of the issues foreseen at the outset of these events had now come to pass e.g. fly tipping and dangerous driving across the A17 and against the traffic flow.

Action Clerk

**/2 to confirm the current defibrillator condition.**

Cllr Toomer is to continue to confirm its current state and to confirm it is correctly registered at [thecircuit.co.uk](http://thecircuit.co.uk) database.

Action Cllr Toomer

In addition:

**/3** Cllr Tatton commented on the awful littering alongside the A17 and the Clerk was to investigate and write to the relevant bodies for action.

Action Clerk

## 23/022 Correspondence:

Emails:

6/2/2023	Cllr Mary Green re February news
7/2/2023	Marianne Overton re February news
7/2/2023	response from Dr Caroline Johnson MP re Travellers
14/2/2023	Marianne Overton re Highway repairs
21/2/2023	Play Inspection re annual Rospa report
7/3/2023	Marianne Overton re March news

Noted

In addition:

24/2/2023	Graham Else re Parish Accounts inspection
16/3/2023	Barnby in the Willows Parish Council re Newark and Sherwood District Council 23/00058/FULM - Proposed change of use for gypsy/travellers

The Clerk was asked to lodge an objection to the application.  
Action Clerk

22/3/2023	Sarah Lingard PCSO re redundancy of PCSO's See attached Councillors ( and Councillor Overton) expressed their extreme concern at this development and asked the Clerk to write in this vein to Dr Caroline Johnson MP and Police Commissioner Marc Jones.
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Action Clerk

## 23/023 Planning:

See 23/021/1

## 23/024 Committees

### /1 Village Hall

Cllr Brewer reported that two quotes had been received for the Village Hall redecoration with a third expected.

Cllr Tatton reported on the end of year annual Village Hall finances.

### /2 Play Park:

Cllr Tatton is to investigate with Lincs CC the necessary permissions needed to site the new seat at the Church side corner of Sleaford Road Action Cllr Tatton

### /3 Woodland:

The meeting agreed that the Handyman should be asked to make regular inspections for ragwort.

The meeting agreed that Hill Holt visits in 2023 were not useful and therefore to be cancelled. Action Clerk

The meeting agreed that Highland Land Management should again visit to spray around the tree bases. Action Clerk

The meeting agreed that the Clerk should arrange for another set of drone photographs to be taken so that the Parish could have a visual record of the progress of the site.  
Action Clerk

### **23/025 Matters for Agreement**

- /1 to consider a grant to All Saints Beckingham for 2023 grass cutting**  
The meeting resolved to increase the grant paid to PCC of All Saints for churchyard maintenance in 2023 to £350.

However there was a comment raised about the lack of access to the restored Church clock for which the Parish Council had made a significant contribution.

- /2 to consider the 2023 Play Inspection Annual Rospa report**  
Cllr Tatton reported that all issues raised in the report had been addressed.

- /3 to consider the May 2023 Local Elections**  
Candidate forms for the May elections from the Councillors were completed for the Clerk to then register with NKDC.  
Action Clerk

### **23/026 Finance**

- /1 The following payments were approved:**

T Brown re payroo inv 07967	42	10/01/2023	6.00
T Brown re SLCC subs	43	10/01/2023	34.75
LALC annual subs	44	16/01/2023	143.77
Bank charges		16/01/2023	8.00
Bank charges		16/02/2023	12.00
NA Services	45	21/02/2023	354.27
T Brown re Bugle	46	22/03/2023	73.02
Play Inspection	47	03/03/2023	87.54
T Brown re 4th qtr salary	48	08/03/2023	460.05
T Brown re 2nd half yr expenses	49	09/03/2023	116.80
T Brown re 4th qtr HMRC	50	09/03/2023	115.20

- /2 Bank balances at 11/3/2023 were reconciled to:**

Money Manager (Deposit) £672.18  
Community Account (Current) £10851.12

### **23/027 To receive items for the next agenda**

None.

### **23/028 Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council at 7pm to be followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.45pm

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Sarah Lingard writes:

*"Yesterday the PCSOs from the Hykeham Town & Rural, and Bracebridge Heath, Washingborough & Metheringham neighbourhood policing teams, attended a meeting at South Park Police Station. The meeting was to update us on the progress of the voluntary redundancy phase for PCSOs and inform us about the new neighbourhood policing model.*

*We now know that for the North Kesteven (NK) district we will reduce from **10** PCSOs to **2**. The **2** remaining PCSOs will cover **Sleaford Town only**.*

*From October 1st 2023, across the county PCSOs will now be deployed in vulnerable areas, where there is most harm and the most demand for service. Sadly for us in NK and in the wolds, we see the highest reductions in numbers down to 2 PCSOs respectively.*

*Mini Police will now only be offered to schools in the vulnerable areas. Our next sessions on scams awareness, will be our last at our Witham St. Hughs, Swinderby, Basingham, Hykeham and Heighington schools.*

*Your community beat managers, Matt Roberts and Jordan Bathie-Drexler remain in post.*

*I simply repeat to you all what I said to Assistant Chief Constable Di Coulson yesterday, **"We are heartbroken."***

*Lastly I want to thank you all again for your ongoing kindness and support at this difficult time for my colleagues and I. As challenging as it is at the moment, we remain steadfast in our service to you all, in our communities which we care so passionately about."*

Kind Regards

**Sarah Lingard**

PCSO 2120

Bracebridge Heath NPT