

Beckingham Parish Council
Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
Wednesday 12th March 2025

Present: Cllrs Lawrence Tatton (as Chair), Robert Tatton, Scott Toomer, Philip Wells
Borough Cllr Lucille Hagues
County Cllr Marianne Overton
Members of the public – one
Terry Brown - Clerk

Minute	Action
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25/012 Public Time

None

25/013 Apologies for absence

Parish Cllr Andy Brewer

25/014 To receive declarations of interest and consider any requests for dispensations

Cllr Toomer for residence in item 25/0192

25/015 District and County Councillor Time

Cllr Hagues had previously submitted her February and March Newsletter.

Cllr Overton updated the meeting about her work in opposing the increasing number of local planning applications for solar farms such as Coleby.

25/016 To approve the draft minutes of the meeting of the 15th January 2025

These were accepted by the meeting and signed by the Chair.

25/017 Matters arising

/1 Grass cutting

Cllr L Tatton reported on meetings with the contractor on problems that had arisen because of changes to the Lincolnshire CC regulations and that would necessitate a revision to the contract.

Cllr Tatton is to liaise and report back to the next meeting.

action Cllr L Tatton

/2 Hedges

Cllr L Tatton reported an overgrown hedge on Sleaford Road. Cllr Toomer is to attempt to identify the relevant landowner.

action Cllr Toomer

25/018 Correspondence:

Emails:

8/1/2025	Lincolnshire CC re Budget and Council Tax proposal 2025/26
8/1/2025	Cllr Overton re Solar Action Group - Public Meeting Navenby
3/2/2025	Lucille Hagues re February newsletter
10/2/2025	Marianne Overton re newsletter
28/2/2025	Lucille Hagues re March newsletter

Noted

25/019 Planning:

- /1 25/0211/PNAGR Lodge Farm Sleaford Road 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**

Proposal: Addition of an internal access road to improve accessibility around the farm which is operated as a free range egg unit and also to improve biosecurity.

No comment.

- /2 25/0270/TCA Hillside Cottage, Hillside, Beckingham
Notification of Intended Works to Trees in a Conservation Area**

T1 - Ornamental Plum - Fell due to excessive shading.

T3, T5, T6, T7, T8, T13, T14 - Hazel Trees - Fell as they have been planted too close to each other and too close to the boundaries.

T16 - Victorian Plum Tree - Fell as has been overshadowed by neighbouring trees, causing retardation and irregular growth.

T2 - Hawthorn & Hazel intertwined - Remove approx. 2-4 ft to reduce height and spread overall.

T12 - Red Hawthorn - Remove approx. 2-4 ft to reduce height and spread over

No comment

25/020 Committees

- /1 Village Hall**

Cllr L Tatton reported the imminent change at the Village Hall for a smart meter for electricity and also an impending Licensing Inspection.

- /2 Play Park**

No report

- /3 Woodland**

See 25/021/3

25/021 Matters for Agreement

- /1 to discuss the future Bugle**

Councillors agreed to a May issue which would focus on the current local government reorganisations and its implication for parish councils such as Beckingham.

- /2 to review website arrangements**

The Clerk reported on the recent failed attempt to move the website to a new provider.

It was agreed to remain as website beckinghavillage.co.uk and clerkpc@beckinghamvillage.co.uk but with intention to migrate at a future date.

- /3 to discuss Ragwort Control**

Councillors agreed to the revised arrangements proposed by NA Services. The Clerk is to confirm this to the contractor. action Clerk

/4 to discuss the Annual Inspection report

Councillors welcomed receipt of a very successful Annual Report that did not indicate any need for any immediate action.

25/022 Finance

/1 The following payments were approved

LALC re annual subs	33	13/01/2025	154.20
Sharon Bageley dec 24	34	13/01/2025	357.00
Service charges		31/01/2025	6.00
Sharon Bagley re VH cleaning	35	10/02/2025	204.00
T Brown re SLCC annual subs pro rata	36	10/02/2025	30.00
T Brown re Payroo inv 22652	37	10/02/2025	6.00
T Brown re Toner	38	10/02/2025	76.24

Play Inspection	re annual inspection	£108.30
NA Services	re inv 24/09	£330.00
T Brown	re 4 th quarter salary & HMRC	£692.75
T Brown	re Clerk's expenses Oct-March	£69.60
S Bagley	re Feb VHall cleaning	£212.00

/2 Bank balances at 26/2/2025 were reconciled to:

Unity (Deposit) £12305.93
Unity (Current) £1563.17

/3 Reserves at 26/2/2025

Reserves	Operating	11,358.88
	Election	252.5
	VHall	0
	Projects	
	Play	700
	Fete	1557.72
		13,869.10

25/023 To receive items for the next agenda

None

25/024 Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 14th May 2025 Annual Meeting of the Parish Council to be followed immediately by the Annual Parish Meeting

The meeting ended at 8.20pm