

Beckingham Parish Council
Draft Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council
Thursday 5th May 2022

Present: Cllrs Lawrence Tatton (as Chair), Angela Smith, Andy Brewer
District Cllr Mary Green
Terry Brown/Parish Clerk
2 members of the public

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22/030 Public Time

A member of the public commented that he had only recently become aware of planning application 22/0081/FUL Plot 1 to 22/0099 Plot 17/FUL Land off A17 Adjacent to the River Witham Beckingham

The Chair expressed surprise but then outlined in considerable details the events that had followed the Parish Council having first receiving news of this development in October 2021.

The Clerk reminded the meeting that all agenda and minutes and Bugles can be found on the Parish Council website.

22/031 To elect the Chair

Cllr Tatton was proposed and seconded to be the Chair and he accepted the nomination

22/032 To receive the Chair's declaration of acceptance of office

Cllr Tatton signed the acceptance of office

22/033 To elect the Vice Chair

Cllr Brewer was proposed and seconded to be the Chair and he accepted the nomination

22/034 To receive the Vice Chair's declaration of acceptance of office

Cllr Brewer signed the acceptance of office

22/035 Apologies for absence

Cllr Phil Wells, Scott Toomer

22/036 To receive declarations of interest and consider any requests for dispensations

None

22/037 To receive the Internal Auditor's report

No issues had been raised but Councillors noted the Clerk's advice on the need to revise some policies because of recent legislative changes.

**22/038 To approve the Annual Governance Statement 2021/22
(Annual Return Section 1)**

This was approved and then signed by the Chair and Clerk

**22/039 To approve the Accounting Statements 2021/22
(Annual Return Section 2)**

This was approved and then signed by the Chair and Clerk

22/040 To approve the Certificate of Exemption 2021/22

This was approved and then signed by the Chair and Clerk

22/041 District and County Councillor Time

Cllr Mary Green had previously submitted her May newsletter ; see the attached

22/042 To approve the draft minutes of the meeting of the 30th March 2022

These were accepted by the meeting.

22/043 Correspondence:

Emails:

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| 6/4/2022 | Marianne Overton re April news |
| 7/4/2022 | CLr Mary Green re May news (see attached) |
| 12/4/2022 | Marianne Overton re 21/1550/FUL - Land North East of Glebe Farm - Proposed development of Houses and associated infrastructure |
| 26/4/2022 | Nick Ashworth re Randolph Pattinson Charity |

Noted

22/044 Planning:

- /1 to discuss recent developments in local planning issues
Planning Applications 22/0081/FUL Plot 1 to 22/0099 Plot 17/FUL Land off A17 Adjacent to the River Witham Beckingham
The Parish council had received no further news on this application
- /2 **22/0241/FUL | Erection of a single storey amenity block (Retrospective) | 3 Poplar Meadow Sleaford Road Beckingham**
Approved

22/045 Committees

- /1 **Village Hall**
CLr Tatton had tabled a further quote for an improved security system for the Village Hall. After discussion it was agreed that a decision should be deferred to a future meeting.
- /2 **Village Hall Working Group:**
No report
- /3 **Play Park:**
See 22/046 and CLr Smith reported that her recent inspections had highlighted the gaps reappearing between the matting. CLr Tatton is to investigate. Action CLr Tatton
- /4 **Village Fete:**
CLr Brewer gave details of the Jubilee Celebrations to be held on the weekend 4 June
- /5 **Woodland**
CLr Smith asked for discussion on the purchase of seats and tables for the area to be discussed at the next meeting.

22/046 Matters for Agreement

- /1 **to approve quotes received for fencing in the Play Park**
The meeting noted the very recent installation of the new fencing
- /2 **to discuss arrangements for the June Bugle**
A distribution date of 27th May was agreed to include details of the Jubilee weekend.
- /3 **to review Village grass cutting arrangements**
The meeting agreed that the new arrangements seemed to be progressing very well

22/047 Finance

/1 The following payments were approved:

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| ttc re Road survey | 1,560.00 |
| T Brown re April 2022 Bugle | 65.73 |
| H Gresham re audit | 100.00 |
| Bank Charges | 8.00 |
| Highfield Land Management | 210.00 |
| NA Services re grass cutting | 480.00 |

/2 Bank balances at 24/4/2022 were reconciled to:

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| Money Manager (Deposit) | £10812.32 |
| Community Account (Current) | £13581.06 |

/3 to review current outstanding invoice payments

The Clerk's comments on VAT liability were noted

22/048 To receive items for the next agenda

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

22/049 Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 13th July 2022.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm

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- A public consultation opened on the 3rd May 2022 on the proposed changes to the polling districts and polling places in North Kesteven. The consultation will be open until Monday 6th June 2022 (5pm). For any further information get in touch via the dedicated pollingreview@n-kesteven.gov.uk email address.
 - The LGA, among others, has issued a warning about fraudsters using the Council Tax Energy Rebate as an opportunity to scam unwary households. There are more than 47,000 households in NK who are eligible for this payment and NKDC are working hard to ensure residents receive their £150 as soon as possible. Anyone who calls now asking for bank details is likely to be a scammer and if a resident receives a call like this they should hang up immediately. If in any doubt about a call they've received, residents can contact NKDC Customer Services. If anyone receives a text message that they believe to be fraudulent, they can report it to the mobile phone provider or forward the message to 7726, a free reporting service provided by phone operators.
 - COVID hasn't gone away and you can protect yourself and others everyday by still practising good hand hygiene, leaving space and opening windows when with others indoors, and the precautions are all still required in NK offices and venues.
 - If you're concerned about climate change, and curious about what's being done - locally and further afield - you can sign up to NKDC's new Climate Action newsletter. It's a monthly bulletin rounding up the latest news, providing useful links and ideas, and reflecting a growing community of climate-conscious folk in are area. Visit NKDC website for more details.
 - Former Service personnel who have not received their Veterans Badge are invited to step forward to receive it in June. Email - Armedforces@n-kesteven.gov.uk or call NK Partnerships Team on 01529 414155.
 - People from Ukraine are now settling into homes and communities in Lincolnshire, facilitated by a range of support mechanisms put in place by local councils, agencies and community groups. Latest figures (28-4-22) show that so far 150 Ukrainians fleeing their country for safety reasons and seeking sanctuary in the UK are known to have already found new temporary homes with 70 sponsor families across Lincolnshire.
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