

Beckingham Parish Council
Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council
Thursday 11th May 2023

Present: Cllrs Lawrence Tatton (as Chair), Scott Toomer, Angela Smith, Phil Wells
Terry Brown/Parish Clerk
No members of the public

23/029 To elect the Chair of the Parish Council

Cllr Tatton was proposed and seconded to be Chair and signed a letter of acceptance.

23/030 To receive the Chair's acceptance of office

Cllr Tatton accepted the nomination to be Chair

23/031 To elect the Vice-Chair of the Parish Council

To be confirmed at the next meeting

23/032 To receive the Vice-Chair's acceptance of office

See 23/031

23/033 To receive remaining acceptances of office

Cllrs Toomer, Smith and Wells signed letter of acceptance

23/034 To note the Beckingham Parish Council Code of Conduct

All Councillors noted acceptance of the Code of Conduct

23/035 To receive members' declarations of interest

None

23/036 Public Time

None

23/037 Apologies for absence

Parish Cllr Andy Brewer

23/038 To receive consider any requests for dispensations

None

23/039 To receive the Clerk's report

Noted

23/040 District and County Councillor Time

The new District Councillor Lucille Hagues had submitted by email a May newsletter – see attached

23/041 To approve the draft minutes of the meeting of the 22nd March 2023

The minutes were approved by the meeting and then signed by the Chair

23/042 Matters arising

/1 to discuss recent developments in local planning issues

The Clerk was asked to write to Diane Lewis, Inspector for the forthcoming inquiry re Land adjacent to River Witham etc emphasising that the Parish Council "stood fully behind its commissioned traffic survey". action Clerk

/2 to confirm the current defibrillator condition

Cllr Toomer confirmed the defibrillator to be in good order. The Clerk was asked to arrange a service. action Clerk

23/043 Correspondence:

Emails:

1/4/2023	Marianne Overton re road repairs
10/4/2023	Cllr Mary Green re April news
20/4/2023	21/1375/FUL 3 Poplar Meadow Sleaford Road Beckingham Notification of Appeal date

Noted

23/044 Planning:

- /1 23/0406/HOUS Juniper House Sleaford Road Beckingham
Proposed single storey rear extension**
No objection

- /2 23/0410/FUL Norfolk House Sleaford Road Beckingham
Change of use of an existing office in Norfolk House from business use to residential**
No objection

In addition:

- /3 23/0332/FUL Poplar Meadows Sleaford Road
Erection of amenity building**
No objection

23/045 Committees

- /1 Village Hall**
It was conformed that a third quote for scheduled redecoration work was still to be obtained.

- /2 Play Park**
The Chair reported on current conditions in the Park.

- /3 Woodland**
It was agreed that the lengthsman would report on ragwort in his routine operations.

23/046 Matters for Agreement

- /1 to receive the Internal Auditor's report - 2022/23**
Noted

- /2 to approve the Annual Governance Statement - 2022/23
(Annual Return Section 1)**
This Statement was approved by the meeting and then signed by the Chair and Clerk.

- /3 to approve the Accounting Statements - 2021/23
(Annual Return Section 2)**
This Statement was approved by the meeting and then signed by the Chair and Clerk.

- /4 to approve the Certificate of Exemption**
The Certificate was then signed by the Chair and Clerk.

- /5 to consider a quote for mulching at the Play Park - £2487.00**
The meeting approved the quote and the Clerk is to confirm the order. action Clerk

23/047 Finance

/1 The following payments were approved:

NA Services inv 22/13	1	02/04/2023	280.00
T Brown re payroll processing	2	11/04/2023	6.00
Bank charges		16/04/2023	8.00
K Gresham re internal audit	3	20/04/2023	100.00
NA services inv 23/02	4	26/04/2023	560.00
NA Services inv 23/01	5	26/04/2023	43.20
Highland services playpark	6	26/04/2023	210.00
T Brown re annual website fee	7	26/04/2023	71.86

/2 Bank balances at 29/4/2023 were reconciled to:

Money Manager (Deposit)	£5365
Community Account (Current)	£20878.68

23/027 To receive items for the next agenda

None.

23/028 Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 5th July 2023

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

From: Cllr Lucille Hagues <cllr_Lucille_Hagues@n-kesteven.gov.uk>

Sent: 04 May 2023 13:13

Subject: MAY NEWSLETTER 2023

CENTRAL LINCOLNSHIRE LOCAL PLAN ADOPTED

The Central Lincolnshire Local Plan has been adopted and will be used in making decisions on planning applications across the City of Lincoln, North Kesteven and West Lindsey areas. This new local plan is pioneering in placing climate change at its core and will help ensure Central Lincolnshire is a net zero carbon area. This trailblazing approach will also lead the way for other areas to follow in tackling climate change.

The new Local Plan introduces a number of new policies to guide development in Central Lincolnshire, including:

Climate change – an ambitious and ground-breaking set of policies aimed at Central Lincolnshire net zero carbon, including in making sure new homes are efficient, attracting renewable energy generation, and ensuring new homes are adaptable to climate change.

Housing- new housing sites, capable of meeting our needs to 2040 and policies to ensure that the housing is in the right location and well designed.

Jobs- protection of existing employment sites and land available for more employment development in locations where housing is or will be built.

Shopping and city/town centres – policies to enhance our city and town centres and ensure they remain a destination, and to protect local centres which provide essential services across the area

Tourism – policies to support the tourism industry in Central Lincolnshire and to ensure that any tourism development is in the right location.

Environment – a suite of policies seeking to protect our environment including delivering biodiversity net gain, protecting our valued landscapes, protection of high quality agricultural land, and protecting trees and hedgerows.

Infrastructure – policies to help ensure that the infrastructure needed to support new development is delivered in the right places.

RAF Scampton – a policy which will allow the future redevelopment of this site be properly planned to deliver great benefits to Central Lincolnshire.

The new Local Plan was adopted by the Central Lincolnshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee at its meeting on 13th April 2023 and will be used on making decisions on planning applications immediately. The Central Lincolnshire committee is made up of a partnership of City of Lincoln, North Kesteven District Council, West Lindsey Council and Lincolnshire County Council should evolve between now and 2040.

ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS AT LOLLYLOCKS FIELD

Access to the Lollylocks field nature reserve in central Sleaford will be improved with a new ramp and a revamped section of footpath, with works now underway.

Lollylocks is home to an array of wildlife and has seen a number of improvements already through the partnership £1.29 million Witham/ Slea Blues Green Corridor project, including a kingfisher nesting bank, hedgerow planting and scrapes for biodiversity and an extended boardwalk around the pond to protect ground vegetation while providing access.

Now, as part of the remaining works for the project, the steps down to the nature reserve from Eastgate will be changed to a ramp, allowing better access for prams and wheelchair users. A new path will also be laid along the existing earthen path, from the new ramp until it meets with the existing tarmac path which then moves over the bridge to Sleaford Leisure Centre.

To help ensure the works are carried out safely and in the shortest timeframe possible, this section of path is now closed for the duration of the works, which are already underway.

A17 MAJOR ROADWORKS

Just to let you know that until July, there will be ongoing night closures and disruptions to the A17 in the Cranwell and Byards Leap area.

There has not been a lot of news to report this month due to the election.

Best Wishes

Lucille