

Beckingham Parish Council

Present:

Cllr P Thorpe (PT), Cllr L Tatton (LT), Cllr A Brewer (AB), Cllr G Else (GE) District Cllr Sue Howe(SH) , Terry Brown/Parish Clerk (TB).

One member of the public – Karen Ashworth (KA) for the Play Park Project (PPP)

Public Time:

KA asked two questions. After commenting on the difficulties that had faced the PPP in the last year owing to the difficult personal circumstances of some of the PPP members, she then asked why the PPP had been charged for the use of the Village Hall in its fund raising activities when she was of the opinion that no such charge had previously been made.

LT replied that there was a need to cover the costs of running the Village Hall. An evening's heating would cost £30 and therefore it is equitable that all events meet their share of such costs. But the Parish Council will reconsider this problem in setting the precept for the year 2016/17 (since the precept for 2015/16 has already been set)

KA then raised concerns about the cutting of grass on the playing field and that maintained that it had always been paid out of the precept. The current arrangements made it difficult for children to reasonably enjoy the facilities.

LT replied that the whole field had not been cut in the last two years because of the cost. And that it would be prudent to await for the completion of the intended improvements and remedial work to the field drainage before cutting should continue. But that this was an item to be reconsidered for the setting of the precept in the year 2016/17.

KA asked for her dissatisfaction on this issue be minuted.

Minute	Action
1. Election of Chairman Lawrence Tatton elected.	
2. Signing of declaration to acceptance of office Duly signed	
3. Election of Vice-Chair Patricia Thorpe elected	
4. Election of Responsible Financial Officer Graham Else elected.	

Two items were added to the agenda Transparency and Planning

5. Apologies
PCSO Sarah Lingard unable to attend because of duties but emailed an updated list of contacts with the local Police

PS Ken Whyte 01522 805721
PC Jess GOODALL 07825 100 370
PCSO Sarah LINGARD 07944 776 791
PCSO Jo MACKIE 07825 100 379
PCSO Donna HILL 07500 920 537

Team Email: hykehamrural.npt@lincs.pnn.police.uk
6. To receive any declarations of interest in accordance with requirements of Localism Act 2011 and to consider any applications for dispensations in relation to DPIs (disclosable pecuniary interests) .
None received.
7. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting held on 23rd March 2015.
Approved

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8. Matters outstanding from previous meetings:

- Beckingham Amenity Woodland.

The Council discussed the current situation. AB reported that the site would be covered by TPO's and that there was a duty of care.

LT to contact Arb-Core Tree Ltd to arrange a preliminary survey to assess what work might be required.

There were some initial discussions about how the land might best be disposed of.

- Church yard grass cutting

The Parish Council has given £300 towards grass cutting in the Church.

LT outlined correspondence with the PCC with regards to new fencing at the bottom of the churchyard.

9. To receive reports from the local Police.

Sgt Ken Whyte (covering for Sgt Hammond on attachment at Police headquarters) sent in a report which highlighted a specific problem in rural areas of the targeting of several construction and building sites.

10. To receive reports from the County and District Councillors.

SH reported:

The second phase of the NK Centre refurbishment continues with two new multi-purpose studios on the first floor and a female gym change facility. Phase 3 begins in late May to September 2015 with an extended gym on the first floor in place of the squash courts, male changing facilities, a Dance Studio and a Spinning Studio.

The new properties in Vasey Close, Bassingham have been officially opened and are becoming occupied.

Amateur photography competition open until 3.07.15 (capturing a landmark or something of significance) from within the District. First prize half-a-day spent with a professional photographer.

Examples of the District's excellent in building design and construction have been put forward to regional awards in the summer, recognising designs, developers and builders involved with such schemes.

Cluster Group Meeting 15th June, Brant Broughton.

At Whisby Nature Park and Natural World – a Midland artist crafting in wood. Free session on Sunday, 17th May, 10.30-3pm for visitors to create their own piece of artwork. Suitable for adults and children over 9-years.

September 10th is NK Community Champions Awards evening at The Venue, Navenby. 8 Categories to nominate through and nominations must be received by 27th July. Young Achievers Award. Community Business Award, Community Spirit Award, Contribution to a Better Environment. Contribution to Sustainable Transport. Contribution to Sport. Contribution to Arts and Culture. Contribution to Health and Wellbeing.

LT asked about the Broadband rollout and SH will report back

11. Appointments to the Parish Council Committees.

None made

12. Final Accounts for 2014/15 and completion of the Annual Return.

GE went through the Final accounts for 2014/15 and then the completion of the Annual Return. The Chairman took Councillors through the Statement of Assurance before signing it off.

The insurance policy "Local Council Insurance Scheme" is due for renewal 1st June 2015 at £288.85.

There was discussion about the coverage of the policy and specifically for street furniture.

TB to get more details of the coverage

Action TB

Invoices paid

John Daubney Gardening Services £360

Renewal of Village Hall insurance £489.99

Bank balances at 31/03/2015

Money Manager 272.84

Current Account £3318.65

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13. Correspondence.

- Beckingham Poor Gardens

The Council have received the 2014 Accounts and noted the situation as regards Trustees of the Charity. AB agreed to join as a Trustee to represent the Parish Council.

LT to inform Nick Ashworth at the Charity

Action LT

14. Matters for Discussion:

- Parish Councillor Training Events:
PT to attend NALC Code of Conduct Meeting 11th June.
- A17 flooding

The Council discussed continuing highway problems, specifically flooding on the A17 at two points continuing problems on Hillside and grass cutting. They referred back to an email exchange between Diana Johnson and Steve Welsh in October 2014 and directed the Clerk to find out what progress had been made by Highways.

Action TB

15. Date of Future Meetings,

Annual Parish Meeting 1st June 2015 at 7.30

Future meetings to be held on 3rd Wednesday of the month (if the Village Hall available).

Therefore provisionally July 15th, September 16th and November 18th.

16. Planning.

No comments were made to Planning Application 15/0498/HOUS Post Office Sleaford Road Beckingham. The Clerk to inform Planning at NKDC of the Council's decision.

Action TB

17. Transparency .

The Council discussed the problems with the current website provision and its use in meeting the new Transparency framework. The Clerk to write to the current site owner to seek a solution.

Action TB

Meeting closed at 21.30