

Beckingham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 11th January 2017

Present: Cllr L Tatton (LT), Cllr P Thorpe (PT), Cllr A Brewer (AB), Cllr G Else (GE),
Cllr P Wells (PW)

Terry Brown/Parish Clerk (TB)

District Cllr Pat Woodman MBE (PW)

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17/2 Chairman's Announcements:

"The Chair expressed his good wishes for the New Year to his fellow Parish Councillors and extended those of the Parish Council to the residents of the Parish.

Thanking the Parish Councillors for their work and support in 2016 he continued to especially thank those Parishioners that have supported the monthly Evening Soirees at the Village Hall and those who also attended the lighting of the Christmas tree and New Year's Eve events. Without their support the events would have withered and died.

Marc Jones Lincolnshire Police and Crime Commissioner has been invited to the next Cluster Meeting and the Chairman asked if there were any relevant questions that he could carry forward to the meeting in March.

On a different note he reported that he had been approached by a local farmer requesting that trees in the verge on Sutton Road be trimmed to allow access for a hedge cutting tractor. The request is of some urgency as it will soon be nesting time and as a result hedge cutting is prohibited by the 1981 Wildlife and Countryside Act. The response to the request was that the matter would be discussed at this meeting and that it was hoped that an accommodation could be arrived at to suit both parties including removal of the Pack Horse sign on the A17."

Action Clerk

The meeting was informed of an email from Jane Bartle (NKDC Housing Strategy and Enabling Officer) providing details of the arrangements for residents in and around the parish of Brant Broughton to enquire about shared ownership and affordable housing for the Waterloo Housing/High Street scheme at Brant Broughton.

Details have been posted on the Parish Council notice board.

17/3 Apologies for absence

District Cllr Sue Howe

17/4 Police Time

PCSO Donna Hill reported (by email) that there had been no recent crimes in Beckingham.

Also, the next Neighbourhood Panel meeting will be held at Skellingthorpe Parish Office on the 3rd April 2017 at 7pm where the topic will be "Tackling school parking problems in the Village".

17/5 District and County Councillor Time

Pat Woodman reported:

"that the recent Devolution proposals had failed but she commented that in that process only some 4000 out of 750,000 possible Lincolnshire residents had commented on those proposals.

The focus of recent NKDC activity has been on budgets and that it was likely that Council tax would increase by £5 (or 1.95% to prevent the need for a referendum.)

Equivalent increases were to be expected in the Police Budget. Considerable progress had been made within the area in increasing the housing stock with Council houses in the pipeline and 27 flats for rent in North Hykeham.

The refuse facility in Metheringham is in the process of being resited."

17/6 Members' Declarations of Interest.

None

17/7 Approval of the minutes of the meeting 23rd November 2016.

Approved and signed by LT.

17/8 Matters outstanding from previous meetings

16/84 S16/0830 The Packhorse

PT confirmed that historical material released from the development of the pub had since been passed onto Lincolnshire Archives.

17//9 Correspondence

Emails 15/12/2016 LincsCC Highways grass cutting.

The Clerk commented that the email indicated that 20% transitional relief should be available to the Parish Council in 2017/8 for the amenity grass cutting that the Parish Council carries out for LincsCC.

Action Clerk

17/11 Committees

/1 Village Hall – Premises Licence Application.

AB reported on the continuing success with organising activities and events at the Village Hall.

The meeting discussed at length the arrangements for the meeting to be held on the 26th January in the Village Hall to gauge support for a Social Club in the Village.

It was agreed that it would be important to find someone with experience of managing the premises licence application process in a similar situation and in a neighbouring village to provide input at that meeting.

Action Clerk/PT

The Clerk reported ongoing search to find suitable suppliers of AV equipment the Village Hall.

Action Clerk

17/12 Matters for Discussion

/1 Possible use of the Playing Field.

Adam Cropper commented that at present it seemed that the effectiveness of the security at the Field made it difficult to put in place the temporary access required for to run a Car Boot Sale. But that together with AB he would continue to investigate other possibilities and report back at a further meeting.

/2 Village Car Parking.

The meeting reviewed the situation and instructed the Clerk to write to Highways to pass on parishioners' comments and parishioners' request for action on the problem.

Action Clerk

/3 Village improvements - gutters

The Clerk reported on the quotes received for this work and the meeting accepted a quote from JJH Services. The work is to be scheduled for June 2017 subject to satisfactory detail from the contractor on the weed killer arrangements to be used on the job and confirmed by AB.

Action Clerk/AB

/4 Dog waste

The meeting discussed the consequences of the advice from NKDC that dog waste could be put into normal litter bins. The Clerk was instructed to find out if this involved a change in the bin type.

Action Clerk

/5 Transparency Fund

The Clerk reported on an application made to LALC transparency Fund to provide a new laptop (and software) for the Parish Council. A decision on funding will be available for the next meeting.

Action Clerk

17/13 Finance

The meeting approved the reported payments schedule and further payments of:

J Daubney	grass cutting	£890
L Tatton	Village hall lighting expenses	£19.55

The meeting confirmed the reported bank balances at 24/12/2017

The meeting closed at 9.00pm