

Beckingham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 15th July 2015 at 7pm

Present: Cllr P Thorpe (PT), Cllr L Tatton (LT), Cllr A Brewer(AB), Cllr G Else (GE), Terry Brown/Parish Clerk (TB).

Three members of the public – Philip Wells, Karen Ashworth, James Keane

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| <p>15/48 Public Time No discussion</p> | |
| <p>15/49 Police Time PCSO Sarah Lingard sent notice of the next meeting of the Hykeham Rural Neighbourhood Panel Meeting on 6th October 2015 at Aubourn Heritage Room Clock Tower, Bassingham Road, Aubourn</p> <p>AB reported a recent disturbance in the Village. AB to provide details to TB for letter to Police</p> | <p><u>Action TB</u></p> |
| <p>15/50 District and County Councillor Time Apologies sent from Cllrs Pat Woodman, Sue Howe and Ray Phillips</p> <p>Cllr Sue Howe sent the following report:</p> <p><i>September 10th is the NK Community Champions Awards at The Venue, Navenby. Nominations must be received by 27th July. 8 categories to nominate through - Young Achievers, Community Based Award, Community Spirit, Contribution to a better environment, Contribution of sustainable transport, Contribution to sport. Contribution to arts and culture, Contribution to health and well-being.</i></p> <p><i>The memorial spire aspect of International Bomber Command is insitu in memory of those who served in the 2nd World Ward. The Chadwick Centre, a Memorial Park and digital archive are also being created.</i></p> <p><i>The new Chairman for the District for the year is Cllr Mrs Gill Ogden, representing Billinghay and the surrounding villages.</i></p> <p><i>The Info-Lincs office at NK Sports Centre has temporarily closed for refurbishment works and has moved to North Hykeham Town Council premises on Fen Lane.</i></p> <p><i>Phase 3 of the NK Sports Centre refurbishment will provide an extended gym in place of the squash courts, male changing facilities, a Dance Studio and a Spinning Studio.</i></p> <p><i>27th-31st July there is a Performing Arts Summer School at The Terry O'Toole Theatre, comprising music, dance and drama.</i></p> <p><i>The District maintains high standards of food hygiene within its food establishments. In the latest Which? Report of 398 councils nationwide, the District came 39th - placing it in the top 10% of local authorities.</i></p> <p><i>The Deputy Chief Executive, Alan Thomas, has recently retired after 27years loyal service.</i></p> <p><i>Lincolnshire has been highlighted as a top world destination for a holiday in 2015 by the Sunday Mirror, with 800th anniversary celebrations for Magna Carta and the re-opening of the revamped Castle, world class aviation venues, historic and picturesque countryside and the Int. Bomber Command Spire Memorial to visit.</i></p> <p><i>Major improvements to services on the Castle Line between Nottingham and Lincoln will be of significant benefit to businesses in the LN6 area of the district with an extra 13 trains a day stopping at stations on route. The District has committed £30,000 over three years to help fund the new timetable.</i></p> | |
| <p>15/51 Approval of the minutes of the meeting 11th May 2015 The minutes were approved</p> | |

15/52 Matters arising from previous meetings

Parish Councillor Training;
PT gave a report on an excellent Training Session led by Eleanor Hoggart.

15/53 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

15/54 Parish Councillor Co-option

Philip Wells (PW) welcomed by LT and invited to explain why he wished to stand for the post.
LT checked PW had no disqualifications for the office.
The Council unanimously voted that PW be co-opted.
PW signed the Acceptance of Office and PDI

15/55 Finance Matters

Clerks Salary and Contract
The meeting agreed the contract proposed by LT but amended to allow for TB to become RFO if necessary.
The meeting agreed the Clerk to be paid quarterly.

Invoices paid:

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| Previous Clerk's outstanding salary and expenses | £281.58 |
| Website setup fee | £43.04 |
| John's Gardening Services | £820 |
| Keys for LT | £18.68 |
| Clerks Salary (May/June) | £166.67 |
| Litter picker's gratuity | £100 |

Bank balances:

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| Money Manager | £272.91 |
| Current Account | £8926.26 |

15/56 Planning Matters

None

15/57 Correspondence

TV Licensed Premises
LT reported that he had informed tvlicensing that the Village Hall did not need a licence

15/58 Committees

No discussion

15/59 Matters for Discussion

15/59/1 Standing Orders

The meeting discussed an appropriate style and content of Standing Orders required by Council.

The Council agreed to revisit the item after PT circulates documentation produced by the previous Parish Clerk

Action PT

15/59/2 Beckingham Amenity Woodland

- LT had email correspondence with Cllr Pat Woodman to seek on what help might be available at District and County level with the valuation of the land, the sale of the land, an assessment of the state of the trees and financial help in the event of significant costs in the disposal of the site.
- The Council agreed to seek to divest itself of the property.
- TB to write to neighbouring properties to inform them of this policy
- PT to approach Woodland Trust for further advice
- The Council agreed to seek a valuation of the site and PT will investigate Valuers for the site

Action TB

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The meeting closed at 9.30pm

Date of next meeting Wednesday 16th September 2015