

Beckingham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 21st February 2018

Present: Cllr L Tatton (LT), Cllr A Brewer (AB), Cllr P Wells (PW), Cllr L Sills (LS),

District Cllr Sue Howe (SH), District Cllr Pat Woodman MBE

Terry Brown/Parish Clerk

Nick Ashworth

Minute	Action
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18/15 Public Time

A question as raised about the progress being made with the removal of the decommissioned telephone box. (18/1/1)

The Clerk will chase.

Action Clerk

18/16 Chairman's Announcements

LT proposed to introduce Planning Application 18/0219/VARCON - Beckingham House Sleaford Road Beckingham as a late item into the agenda under Planning

This had been received by the Parish Council on 20/2/18 comments to NKDC were to be made by 13/3/18 and before the next Parish Council meeting.

18/17 Apologies for absence

None

18/18 Police Time

No report

18/19 District and County Councillor Time

Sue Howe reported:

"Residents can join the Garden Waste Collection service on-line. The cost of collection remains at £30 for a single, brown garden waste bin with bins emptied every other week (except December and January when frequency reduces).

Armed Forces Week will be recognized throughout the District 25.06-1.07.18 with events arranged throughout North Kesteven, i.e. Flag Raising and a Veterans' Evening on 29.06.18.

In December the District approved a new 5th Priority, "Our Environment, to encourage cleaner air, better environmental conditions, etc. Sitting alongside this priority it has introduced a Cycling Strategy to encourage residents to cycle more, developers to introduce improved cycling infrastructure and thus promote positive health and well-being lifestyles. On 3.06.18, Cycling sportive event at Doddington Hall covering three distances, 33/54 and 105 miles.

Funding of £2m has been allocated towards the delivery of the Sleaford West Sustainable Urban Extn to provide a roundabout, access to a school and housing between The Dove, Sleaford and the A15.

A by-election takes place on 22.02.18 for the Eagle, Swinderby, Witham St Hughs Ward within the District following the death in December of Cllr Mrs Barbara Wells, MBE.

The District is this year supporting the "Great British Spring Clean", (2-4th March), aimed at raising awareness of the importance of keeping communities clean for the environment. The Council is able to

supply refuse sacks to those wishing to take part in the campaign and collection of the litter can also be organised.

Private sector landlords have until 31.3.18 to apply for funding to improve energy efficiency in their properties housing people in need of additional support.

NKDC has been shortlisted for a UK housing award having been identified as one of the best local authorities in the country for meeting housing needs within its local area.

Council Tax will increase by 3.23% in April 2018 and equates to less than £5 per year for a Band "D" property.

24/25 March 2018 will recognise Discover Lincolnshire Weekend, offering free attendance to numerous venues throughout North Kesteven, together with a "When in Sleaford" Arts and Heritage Trail to created rubbings of bronze roundels sited around Sleaford."

District Cllr Pat Woodman reported that the new refuse depot at Metheringham was due to be ready in April.

Also that the new flats in North Hykeham to be available at market rent were almost ready for occupation and that this demonstrated NKDC's policy as a housing authority to provide a wide range of housing in the area.

18/20 Members' Declarations of Interest.

None

18/21 Approval of the minutes of the meeting 10th January 2018.

These were approved unanimously and then signed by LT.

18/22 Matters outstanding from previous meetings:

/1 18/8/5 extending maintenance work to footpaths.

The Clerk reported that one tender had been received.

The Councillors agreed that it looked very reasonable and that it would be formally considered at the next meeting.

Action Clerk

18/24 Planning

**18/0219/VARCON - Beckingham House Sleaford Road Beckingham
Application for removal of condition 2 (the building shall only be used and occupied in conjunction with the existing dwelling and shall not be used as a separate unit) attached to permission 98/0679/FUL**

The Parish Council were concerned about the potential impact on traffic safety at the corner of Sleaford Road, Hillside and Chapel Street, already a dangerous corner.

Further the Parish Council could not understand the arrangements for access to the property and whether this might have implications for future permitted development on this site.

The Clerk was asked to send a letter of objection to NKDC.

Action Clerk

18/25 Committees

Village Hall

/1 to discuss the draft H&S risk assessment.

Nick Ashworth explained in detail the draft that he had sent.

The meeting agreed the important areas that needed further clarification and action.

LT is to respond back to Nick Ashworth with these to then produce a final agreed assessment and a Conditions of Hire document.

Action LT

The meeting agreed the need for an annual review of the assessment.

Action Clerk

LT reported on continuing actions to investigate the possible need for roof repairs. A quote had been received and the Council agreed unanimously to accept for the work to be carried out immediately.

Action Clerk

/2 to discuss the NKDC recycling charges.

The Councillors agreed that there was no change from the current arrangement and for the Clerk to inform NKDC.

Action Clerk

/3 to discuss suspended ceilings for the Village Hall.

The meeting agreed on the need for action if possible to improve energy costs and acoustics.

PW reported on a possible useful NKDC grant and would follow up.

Action PW

LT tabled the latest receipts and payments account for the VHMC finances and he reported the changes that had been made with the rent charged to the BVHSC on the basis of the first six months successful operation of the BVHSC.

Action Clerk

Play Park

PW reported on the increase in dog fouling around the Village. The Clerk will publish an item in the June edition of the Bugle highlighting the potential health risks.

Action Clerk

18/26 Matters for Discussion

/1 To approve a Committee to organise a 2018 Village fete

The Council agreed a committee to organise this under the chairmanship of Councillor Rob Gibbons and with members Anne Gibbons, Cllr Andy Brewer, Cheryl Barker, Scott Toomer and Rosemary Blakesley.

Andy Brewer reported on the current state of progress with the preparations. He listed the many activities in line for a very successful day and that appropriate insurance and risk assessment arrangements were in place.

/2 To discuss and approve changes to the Bugle.

The meeting reviewed the problems in producing the March edition of the Bugle and agreed to move to an 8-page edition For June and September.

Action Clerk

/3 To approve a Letter of Engagement for the Internal Auditor re Annual Return 2018.

This was approved unanimously.

Action Clerk

/4 To approve a Data Protection Policy.

The draft policy was approved for adoption to be reviewed February 2019 or earlier if required.

Action Clerk

/5 To discuss the General Data Protection Regulation.

The Clerk outlined the current situation and the possible requirement for appointment of a Data Protection Officer and the need to register with the ICO.

The Council agreed to keep the situation under review.

18/26 Finance

The meeting approved the reported payments and confirmed the reported bank balances at 26/1/2018.

18/27 Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 28st March 2018.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm