

Beckingham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 16th March 2016 at 7.00pm

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

Terry Brown/Parish Clerk (TB)

Cty Cllr Ray Phillips(RP), District Cllrs Pat Woodman MBE (PW) and Sue Howe (SH)

Three members of the public.

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16/27 Public Time

The meeting discussed the idea of purchasing a defibrillator for the village. Several Councillors and members of the public spoke in support. LT recommended that it be discussed at the forthcoming Annual Parish Meeting and that it was more likely to be possible to achieve now that the Parish Council had dealt with issues such as the Amenity Woodland.

16/29 Apologies for absence

None.

16/30 Police Time

Apologies were sent by PCSO Lingard (who also reported a recent garden theft in The Pastures

16/31 District and County Councillor Time

District Cllr Sue Howe reported:

"The District's proportion of Council Tax will increase by 3.41% in April, equating to .09p per week on a Band D property.

19 new workshops at Blackwood Court, Teal Park, (constructed by Lindum Group), are now complete and represent a £2.2m investment by NKDC, consisting of business units aimed at start-up and small business premises on "easy-in easy-out" flexible lease arrangements.

Entries for the 9th annual Spires & Steeples Challenge can now be submitted - the event taking place on 16.10.16.

The NK Plan 2016-19 has been published, supporting the economy, our homes, communities and Council and outlining budget spends.

Households can join the Garden Waste Collection Service for 2016-17 @ £30, with the brown bin being emptied from homes on alternate weeks. Bulky waste collection (3 items) has increased to £11.22 per collection.

There is to be no change to the waste collection day service for villages within the Ward in the forthcoming year.

A bi-election is being held tomorrow within the District for the Ashby-de-la-Launde and Cranwell Ward, following the death in January of Cllr Geoffrey Whittle DFM.

The CEO of NKDC (Ian Fytche) has had a response from the LCC Executive Member for Waste and Recycling but it seems likely that the sites within the District will close at the end of the month. The Newark site remains open for use by householders."

Cty Cllr Ray Phillips outlined the proposed Devolved Government for Lincolnshire that had been announced by the Chancellor in the Budget with its intention to bring more money, training, housing and growth into the County. It would also involve an election for a Mayor who would operate with 10 county councillors at a level above Lincolnshire county Council.

LT questioned whether this would have any consequences for parish councils and RP suggested it would not. The new body would have a strategic function.

RP highlighted the problems for the LCC budget resulting from an increasing proportion of older residents, particularly on the coast, even allowing for the 2% increase in the Council Tax for Adult Social Care.

RP outlined the recent changes in the reorganisation of the LCC Highways Department. LT reminded him of the Parish Council's concerns on speeds and volumes of traffic on the A17 and that there had been no formal reply to the Council's letter on this matter.

16/32 Approval of the minutes of the meeting 24th February 2016.

Unanimously approved and then signed by LT.

16/33 Matters arising.

LT queried progress on the review of the Council's insurances. The Clerk is to chase.

Action Clerk

LT queried if any response had been received from any village organisation for help towards new projects. The Clerk reported none yet.

PW reported on a CPRE conference on the Rural Economy that he had attended recently. Since it revolved around European funding, in view of the forthcoming referendum, the implications were uncertain.

16/34 Declarations of Interest

None

16/36 Finance

Invoices were approved and cheques signed

Bank balances at 26/02/16 were confirmed as:

Money Manager	£273.07
Current Account	£15934.42

16/37 Planning

A late received application 16/0240/LBC 3 Chapel Street was discussed. No comments are to be submitted.

16/38 Committees

/1 Village Hall

GE reported the good use that had been made of the Village Hall recently. There was then some discussion on maintenance problems for the Hall and AB is to seek quotes for repairs to the roof on the entrance porch.

Action AB

/2 Park Park

The Clerk reported that a procedure for the transfer of documents and final accounts from the Play Park Committee to the Parish Council had been organised.

Councillors discussed the recent Play Park inspection report. No immediate concerns had been raised but there was a problem with a swing seat. It was agreed that a replacement would be ordered and LT would fit.

Action Clerk/LT

16/39 Matters for Discussion

/1 Grass cutting

The meeting approved a quote for two years from John Daubney. The Clerk to write to confirm.

Action Clerk

/2 Maintenance of the Village Churchyard

Councillors agreed to award £300 (in September) towards the cost of grass cutting in the Churchyard acknowledging the positive impact that a tidy Churchyard had on the overall appearance and presentation of the Village.

Action Clerk

/3 Policy for Volunteers.

The Policy was unanimously approved. The website is to be updated and AB is to liaise with the relevant individuals.

Action Clerk/AB

/4 The purchase of a defibrillator for the Village.

The meeting agreed that this should be an item for the Annual Parish Meeting together with an invitation to parishioners to discuss and suggest other village improvements.

/5 Revised meeting dates.

The meeting accepted the Clerk's recommendations. The Clerk to update the website.

Action Clerk

16/40 Date of Next Meeting

Date of next meeting Wednesday 18th May 2016 the **Annual Meeting of the Parish Council**

The meeting closed at 9.15pm