

Beckingham Parish Council

Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting 17th August 2016

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

3 members of the public

Minute	Action
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16/79 Public Time

LT outlined the history of the inability of the pub to run as a going concern over a succession of landlords. Also the meeting was reminded of the actions the Parish Council had taken in the past to promote and support the pub as a shop.

A member of the public criticised the way so much work has been carried out internally before it had been inspected by NKDC Enforcement Officer. It was most likely that this action prejudiced the possibility of the building being returned to its use as a pub.

All expressed their disappointment at finally losing the pub as a village facility. PT reminded the meeting of the plan to make more use of the Village Hall as a point for regular social gatherings and AB proposed a meeting to gauge support amongst the village.

16/80 Chairman's Announcements

LT recorded his thanks to the locals who had helped recently in with information on potential Traveller problems.

16/81 Apologies for Absence

None.

16/82 Members Declarations of Interests

LT and GE recorded an interest in agenda item 16/84 by virtue of being neighbours to the planning site.

16/83 Matters outstanding from previous meetings

Update on Village Hall improvements.

The Clerk outlined the difficulties in finding a suitable firm to carry out the required program of works. He gave details of a new and fourth estimate which the Council unanimously accepted as a better choice for the work Action Clerk

The Clerk gave the details of the work and cost to install the new notice board.

16/84 Planning

S16/0830 The Packhorse Sleaford Road Beckingham

Councillors agreed that the Clerk should respond to the application giving it the Council's broad support on the basis that it represented the best way of avoiding a poorly maintained building in a central site in the village.

However, the support should be qualified by reminding NKDC Planning to preserve as many of the external features of the building as possible and in line with the applicant's declared intentions.

Action Clerk

PT commented that the applicant had been working closely with Lincolnshire Archives to preserve and record the many materials stretching back over 300 years that had been found on the site.

16/85 Committees

Play Park - field security

AB detailed the discussions that had been held with the contractor to make the required improvements in security. LT reminded the meeting of the need to have such in place before the middle of November.

Action AB

At the same time the same contractor would carry out the required landscaping improvements in Sleaford Road by the Church.

16/86 Village Hall Cleaning

PT gave the details of the new contract for cleaning of the Village Hall. The contract was unanimously approved.

16/87 Finance

The Council approved a quote to install the defibrillator.

16/88 Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 28th September 2016

The meeting closed at 8.10pm