

Beckingham Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council Wednesday 17th May 2017

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

District Cllr Pat Woodman MBE and County Cllr Marianne Overton

Terry Brown/Parish Clerk

1 member of the public

Minute	Action
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17/29 Election of Chair

LT was unanimously proposed as Chair of the Council. He agreed and signed for the acceptance of the office.

17/31 Election of Vice Chair

AB was unanimously proposed as Chair of the Council. He agreed and signed for the acceptance of the office.

17/33 Apologies for absence

District Cllr Sue Howe

17/34 To receive declarations of interest and consider any requests for dispensations

None.

17/35 To confirm appointment of representatives to Committees

AB was confirmed to continue to represent the Council on the Poor Gardens Charity.

17/36 District and County Councillor Time

Cllr Pat Woodman reported on the development by NKDC to restore a waste depot at Metheringham.

Also, she outlined the success NKDC had achieved in increasing its stock of housing available for rent and share equity with examples at Brant Broughton and North Hykeham.

Cllr Marianne Overton introduced herself as the new County Councillor in succession to Ray Phillips. Potholes are one of her priorities, namely

"REPORTING POTHOLES

You will have noticed the Lincolnshire serious injuries in road accidents increased significantly in 2016, especially for bikes. I have argued it may partly be due to the broken road edges and potholes leaving bikes nowhere to go when two vehicles are passing at once. Please keep reporting potholes for urgent repair.

I have taken highways to task at all levels to the top. Their staff are hugely reduced and they were not speaking to me. They are now. I have asked for and received the target repair times on potholes, their performance and the condition surveys. Unclassified roads are worse than ever. Claims against the Council for vehicle damage are only valid if they find the correct pothole and it had not been reported. Please report them to get them fixed:

Go to www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/faultreporting Register. Download it onto your phone. Photo and report potholes, broken streetlights and fly-tipping. Now works well.

You can mark the location on a map there or at www.fixmystreet.com, phone 01522 780070 or use customer_services@lincolnshire.gov.uk”

(The full report can be found at <http://beckinghamvillage.co.uk/news/Overton-april17.pdf>)

17/38 Approval of the minutes of the meeting 29th March 2017.

These were approved and then signed by LT.

17/39 To receive the Internal Auditor’s report

The report was noted and agreed.

17/40 To approve the Annual Governance Statement (Annual Return Section 1)

The Annual Governance Statement (Annual Return Section 1) was approved and signed by LT and the Clerk.

Action Clerk

17/41 To approve the Accounting Statements 2016/17 (Annual Return Section 2)

The Annual Governance Statement (Annual Return Section 2) was approved and signed by LT and the Clerk.

Action Clerk

17/42 Matters arising from previous meetings

17/12/2 Car Parking in the Village.

The meeting discussed the measures that had been taken to control the problem and agreed that, in general, the situation had improved.

17/12/3 Roadside gutters.

LT asked the Clerk to remind NKDC to sweep the gutters along the full length of Sutton Road.

Action Clerk

17/43 Correspondence:

Emails:

15/4/2017 Mr Whitehead re Sutton Road trees.

LT expressed his thanks on behalf of the Council for the statement of support that had been received for what the actions the Parish Council continues to take to improve the Village environment.

17/45 Committees

/1 Village Hall – Premises Licence Application.

AB reported on a recent meeting of the Village Hall Management Committee at which good progress had been made on restructuring the Committee’s finances with a view to enable it to plan for future improvements.

LT commented on the costs of heating the Hall but no action is to be taken with respect to hire charges.

The Clerk agreed to revisit the possibility of listing a diary Village Hall activities on the website.

Action Clerk

17/46 Matters for Discussion

/1 Financial Reserves Policy

The Clerk explained the reserves available to the Council at May 2017 and the Council agreed a target for reserves at the year end.

The Council approved a revised Financial Reserves policy.

Action Clerk

/2 Co-option

The Council agreed the need to find two new Councillors as a matter of urgency with the expectation that at least one new Councillor could be found and then co-opted at the July meeting.

Action All

/3 PCC Donation

The Council agreed a donation of £300 towards grass cutting in the Church yard since a well-kept Church environment added to the general tidy appearance of the Village.

Action Clerk

17/47 Finance

LT, AB and PW were all confirmed as cheque signatories for the HSBC Current Account.

The meeting approved the reported payments and confirmed the reported bank balances at 7/5/2017

The meeting closed at 9.05pm