

Beckingham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 18th May at 7.00pm

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).

District Cllrs Pat Woodman MBE (PW) , Sue Howe (SH)

Minute	Action
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16/41 Election of Chair.

LT elected, proposed by PT and seconded by GE.

16/42 To receive the Chair's declaration of acceptance of office.

LT signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

16/43 Election of Vice Chair.

PT elected, proposed by LT and seconded by GE.

16/44 To receive the Vice Chair's declaration of acceptance of office.

PT signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

16/45 Apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Cllr Wells.

16/46 To receive declarations of interest and consider any requests for dispensations.

None received.

16/47 To confirm appointment of representatives to Committees.

GE agreed to continue to act as the representative for the Village Hall Management Committee.

LT to ask PW to stand as the representative for the Play Park.

Action LT

16/48 Police Time.

PCSO Sarah Lingard had previously sent details of the next Panel meeting in July. (Details of the website) and an Annual Report for the Parish (also on the website on the Neighbourhood Watch page)

16/49 District and County Councillor Time.

Sue Howe reported:

"Two Charters have recently been approved by Executive Board - a Sport & Physical Activity Charter and a Hate & Crime Charter, with the aim at providing a clear direction for an individual's health, addressing obesity and the risk of diabetes and heart disease. "Hate" being defined as those targeted for ethnicity, race, religion, belief or where a person has been exploited by someone considered to be a friend.

The District is rated 14th in the country as a great place to live (up two placed from last year).

"Otters Reach", a new children's indoor adventure playground opened at the beginning of April at Whisby Natural World - providing an all weather fun experience and educational resource for toddlers and young children. There is also "Little Darters" at Whisby, which is an outdoor activity terrain for children.

Devolution - In March, Councils in the Greater Lincolnshire area signed up to a deal with Government to have powers, resources and responsibilities devolved to the area. The first tranche includes a pot of £450m of investment (£15m per year for 30years), in addition to devolved powers. Members of all ten Councils will see more detailed proposals and will be

asked to approve a public consultation of proposals which will begin no later than 4 July 2016. NK will be considering this matter at Council tomorrow.

"V-Flume", the first of its kind in the UK opened at 1NK Swimming Pool, Nth Hykeham earlier this month. Taking its name, appropriately from aviation heritage in the District. 1NK offers its residents the opportunity to enjoy a range of sporting and leisure activities at both Sleaford and Nth Hykeham, as well as Arts and cultural events at The Terry O'Toole Theatre, Nth Hykeham.

The next Cluster Group meeting will be held on Monday, 23.05.16 hosted by Beckingham Parish Council.

Empty homes within the District continue to be brought back into use, providing more homes for local people in need of a residence. In 2015/16 the target was exceeded by 5% and alongside our Empty Homes Initiative, there is also an ambitious house-building programme to build 500 new homes over the next ten years.

The District is working together with the Council, Citizens Advice and Job Centre+ to deliver effective, efficient services for its residents to avoid the duplication of effort and make the best use of skills, knowledge and expertise centred around its residents."

PW gave details of the progress of the Local Plan Consultation which is expected to be finally approved by Christmas.

LT asked about the Garden Waste scheme and whether it also might be under threat. PW did not think since it had 30000 subscribers and was breaking even.

16/50 Approval of the minutes of the meeting held 16th March 2016.

The minutes were approved and signed.

16/51 To receive the Internal Auditor's report and approve the Annual Return.

The Council received the Internal Audit report.

The Clerk went through all the items in Annual Return and it was then signed off by LT and the Clerk.

The Clerk to post the Annual Return and Notice of date for Public Inspection to the website.

Action Clerk

16/52 Matters outstanding from previous meetings.

/1 A possible Defibrillator purchase.

The Clerk gave an update and that reported that seemed most likely that the Parish Council would be able to buy a package from EMAS which would also provide the necessary training.

Action Clerk

/2 Noticeboard replacement.

The meeting accepted a quote from Pelican Trust for a replacement noticeboard with a heading of "Beckingham Village".

The Clerk to order and collect.

Action Clerk

/3 Dog waste bin purchase.

The meeting discussed the problems and the possible siting of another dog waste bin.

They agreed in the first instance to place a sticker on the existing bins to clarify their use.

Action LT

/4 Possible revised meeting dates.

The meeting agreed the following changes:

Parish Council meeting 20th July 2016 to become July 27th 2016

Parish Council meeting 21th September 2016 to become 28th September 2016

Parish Council meeting 16th November 2016 to become 23rd November 2016

Parish Clerk to update website.

Action Clerk

/5 Parish response to Central Lincs Plan.

The meeting received PW report recommending no further action.

16/54 Finance

/1 To review the Council insurance policy.

The Parish Council approved the Clerk's recommendation to renew the policy with Came and Co.

Action Clerk

The Clerk was asked to look for alternative quotes for the Village Hall insurance, due for renewal 1.6.2016.

Action Clerk

/2 Review of reserves.

The meeting accepted the Clerk's recommendation on the allocation of reserves and for this information to update the Financial Reserves Policy published on the website

Action Clerk

16/56 Committees

/1 Village Hall.

All Councillors commented favourably on the increased usage of the Hall.

AB led a discussion on the benefits and problems of seeking a Premises Licence. AB and PT to investigate the issue and report back at the next meeting.

Action AB/PT

16/57 Matters for discussion.

/1 Playing field dog problems.

The meeting agreed that in the first instance, the best approach would be one of persuasion and communication via village networks and the Chairman's statement at the forthcoming Annual Parish Meeting.

Action LT

/2 Arrangements for Annual Parish Meeting.

LT outlined his presentation for the meeting.

PT agreed to prepare and distribute a flyer to encourage greater participation.

16/58 Date of Next Meeting

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 27th July 2016.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm