

Beckingham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 18th November 2015 at 7pm

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

Karen Ashworth for PPP

Minute	Action
<p>15/72 Public Time No comments</p>	
<p>15/73 Apologies for absence Apologies for absence received from District Cllr Pat Woodman and County Cllr. Ray Phillips</p>	
<p>15/74 Police Time Apologies sent from PCSO Sarah Lingard. She emailed that there had been a garage burgled in Sleaford Road on the night of 25th October. She is happy to help anyone wanting to mark garage property with a UV marker pen</p>	
<p>15/75 District and County Councillor Time Cllr Sue Howe reported: <i>"There will be some changes to the Waste Collection service over the Christmas period and these changes are included in the annual Waste Collection Calendar. The collection of additional side waste after Christmas in black and green lidded bins will happen, as in previous years. During December and January garden waste collection will drop to 4-weekly collections.</i> <i>NK Sports Centre continues its refurbishment. The District has been praised by professional cyclists for its investment and state of the art gym facilities taking shape as One-NK. Organisers of the 2016 Lincoln Festival of Cycling chose the new cycle studio at the Centre to launch its Festival of Cycling and 61st Grand Prix. Last year the event drew an estimated 30,000 people to the area and generated £2.25m to the economy. Visitors attending the District's indoor sports and leisure facilities are some 100,000 ahead of target.</i> <i>NK has recently been recognised in a national survey undertaken by the BBC as the best performing Council in the country.</i> <i>A consultation programme has been developed entitled 1,000 Conversations in 100 days - aimed at engaging with a cross-section of the community and ensuring people have their say in future ambitions for the Council. It will take the format of a household survey, on-line survey and public and social media events during November and December.</i> <i>On-going craft events at the Whisby Natural World. Craft display by local artists on 13.12.15.</i> <i>The Local Plan is open for comment until 26.11.15.</i> <i>The District's recycling efforts have disappointingly fallen as more contamination is being discovered in our green bins.</i> <i>The next meeting of the Witham & Brant Cluster Group is on 23.11.15 at The Hammond Hall, Bassingham."</i></p>	
<p>15/76 Approval of the minutes of the meeting 15th July 2015 The minutes were approved</p>	
<p>15/77 Matters arising from previous meetings LT reported that the key safe had been installed. TB gave a report on his CiLCA training. AB reported back on 15/70/4 Footpath to Sutton Road and gave a contact for further follow up. TB to write</p>	<p><u>Action TB</u></p>

15/78 Declarations of Interest

None

15/79 Finance Matters

Invoices paid:

John's Gardening Services	£542
LT/ key safe	£47.50
NKDC Election expenses	£99.80
Clerk's salary July –October	£333.32
CiLCA training to LALC	£120

Bank balances at 26/10/15:

Money Manager	£272.99
Current Account	£16434.40

15/80 Planning Matters

Planning Application S15/1314/HOUS – no objections

15/81 Correspondence

NKDC email - Council Tax Support Scheme 2016-17
NKDC email - DCLG Open and accountable local government
NKDC email - Local Plan Briefings
NKDC email – copies of Electoral Register

NALC SLB Audit arrangements for 2017. The Council agreed to opt in to these new Audit arrangements.

15/82 Committees

PPP The Clerk reported on the Annual Inspection arrangements for the Play facilities
The Clerk pointed out the need for weekly inspections in addition to an Annual Inspections in order to meet our Insurer's requirements

After extensive discussion the Council agreed to remove the current old equipment prior to the Lottery funded works (expected January) and the installation of new facilities, hopefully supported by a WREN bid.

Action AB

The Clerk to clarify with our Insurers the exact nature and extent of our Liability for the play facilities.

Action TB

15/83 Matters for Discussion

15/83/1 Governance

The Council unanimously accepted the draft Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Freedom of Information Policy.
TB to post to website.

Action TB

15/83/2 Amenity Woodland

TB reported no further interest
Clerk asked to write to existing interested party
Clerk to contact ARB-CORE to investigate possible interest

Action TB

Action TB

15/84 AOB

TB to investigate current situation of The Pack Horse with owners and possible status as a Community Asset

Action TB

The Meeting discussed road safety and speeds of the A17 following the second crash on 30th October. TB to write to Highways

Action TB

PW raised the possibility of siting a defibrillator in the telephone box

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Date of next meeting Wednesday 20th January 2016