

Beckingham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 20th January at 7.00pm

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

District Cllr Pat Woodman MBE (PW)

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16/3 Apologies for absence

Cllr Graham Else (work commitments), District Cllr Sue Howe (attendance at Norton Disney PC.)

16/4 Police Time

PCSO Donna Hill reported (by email) one crime between 18th November 2015 to 20th January 2016 in Beckingham, the theft of a Ifor Williams Trailer (19-11-2015).

Also the next panel meeting for the Hykeham Rural Neighbourhood Policing team at Skellingthorpe Parish Office 6th April at 7.00pm

16/5 District and County Councillor Time

PW indicated the probability of an increase in NKDC Council Tax as it sought a balance budget against the background of reduced central government support. Business rates are intended to compensate for this shortfall but these have less impact in a rural county area such as Lincolnshire. NKDC is working with other councils to seek economies and is talks with others on a devolution bid with the principal aim of promoting economic growth..

PW highlighted the closure of the tips at Leadenham and Whisby and there was a discussion on the shortsightedness of this policy.

The Clerk to write a letter to Cllr Overton expressing the Council's support of her campaign to stop the closures. Action Clerk

Councillors raised with her possibility of getting permission to build outside of the current curtilage and PW advised an initial approach to NKDC.

Action PW/TB

District Cllr Sue Howe who submitted the following report by email-

"It is with sadness that I have to inform you of the death of Cllr Geoffrey Whittle DFM on Thursday, 14th January 2016 after a period of illness. Aged 92, he represented Ashby de la Launde and Cranwell Ward for eight years, since relocating from Hampshire to be nearer to family. He was a true gentleman and displayed marvellous loyalty to the Council and was Chairman of the Performance & Resources OSP. As a nation he gave a distinguished 19 years service with the RAF, including service in Bomber Command. You can read a full tribute to Cllr Whittle on the NK website.

Please be aware that the garden waste collection service for January will be a four-weekly service.

Visitors to the District's indoor sports facilities are some 100,000 ahead of target. The 1NK Sports Centre in North Hykeham continues its £3.6m refurbishment programme. Phase 3 has commenced with male changing facilities and new dance and spinning studios.

The outcome of the Chancellor's spending review has been considered and it is anticipated that the Council's financial plans will project a balanced budget for the year 2016/17.

The District continues to work with Town and Parish Councils to bring its empty homes back into use.

There will be further consultation in the Spring of the Local Plan and those residents who responded to the initial Consultation will be contacted in due course.

The District has refreshed its Corporate Plan, setting out the direction of the Council over the next three years (2016-19), with a consultation exercise being carried out. Residents can complete an online survey.

Discover Lincolnshire Day will be held over the weekend of 12/13 March with various heritage sites being open to visitors. For more information visit www.heartoflincs.com.

Witham & Brant Cluster Group Meeting : 22.02.16 in Brant Boughton Village Hall. 7.30pm."

16/6 Approval of the minutes of the meeting 18th November 2015.

Approved and signed by LT.

16/7 Approval of the minutes of the meeting 16th December 2015.

Approved and signed by LT.

16/8 Matters arising.

15/85 Sale of the Pack Horse.

Councillors noted the interest by possible purchasers.

16/9 Declarations of Interest .

None

16/10 Correspondence

/1 LCC Highways re Speeding

Councillors expressed their dissatisfaction with the reply from NKDC and instructed the Clerk to pursue the matter with County Cllr Ray Phillips.

Action Clerk

16/11 Finance

Bank balances at 26/12/15:

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| Money Manager | £272.03 |
| Current Account | £15556.99 |

The balances were confirmed.

The meeting instructed the Clerk to transfer £10000 from the current account to the Money Manager (Savings) Account.

Action Clerk

16/13 Committees

/2 **Play Park**

The meeting noted the improvement to the facilities after the recent works

The meeting received the resignation of the Play Park Committee and instructed the Clerk to write to express their thanks for all the work the Committee had done and for their part in the successful Lottery Bid. Also for the Clerk to liaise with the Play Park Committee to arrange the transfer of records and funds before its closure 31st March 2016.

Action Clerk

The meeting approved a notice to be erected at the Play Park.
LT to order sign and arrange its installation.

Action LT

16/14 Matters for Discussion

/1 **Grass cutting**

The meeting approved a two year contract and instructed the clerk to seek three bids for discussion at the next meeting.

Action Clerk

/2 **Amenity Woodland**

The meeting noted the interest from a potential purchaser and instructed AB to make further progress on this possible sale.

Action AB

/3 **Precept 2016/17**

The meeting discussed at length the need for a precept which would provide sufficient support for the Council's long term program of maintenance of its assets.

The meeting agreed a precept of £8800.

Action Clerk

/4 **Fixed Assets**

The existing Register was amended to include seats and rubbish bins.
The Clerk to post to website.

Action Clerk

/5 **Apointment of Internal Auditor**

The meeting accepted the Clerk's recommendation.
The appointment to take effect at the Financial Year end.

Action Clerk

/6 **Governance**

The meeting accepted the proposed policies with some amendments.
Clerk to publish to website.

Action Clerk

AB to clarify a Health and Safety issue.

Action AB

PT to investigate a change of insurers.

Action PT

/7 **Training**

PW to attend a LALC Councillors Training Day

Action PW/TB

PW to attend Lincolnshire's Rural Economy – Making Connections
Conference Sleaford Tuesday 1st March 2016

/8 Village Communications

Clerk to write to Bugle about the state of progress in the Play Park area.

Action Clerk

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

Date of next meeting Wednesday 16th March 2016