

## Beckingham Parish Council

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019

**Present:** Cllrs L Tatton (as Chair), A Brewer, P Wells,  
Terry Brown/Parish Clerk  
District Cllrs Mary Green and Chris Spray

Minute	Action
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#### **19/109 Public Time**

None

#### **19/110 Chairman's Announcements**

Cllr Tatton on behalf of the Parish Council offered sincere condolences to the families and friends of the two parishioners who had recently passed away

#### **19/111 Apologies for absence**

Cllr S Toomer & A Smith

#### **19/112 District and County Councillor Time**

Cllr Mary Green reported:

*"Local Democracy Week took place in October. Two schools hosted the events, Carres Grammar in Sleaford and Sir William Robertson in Welbourn. Both days hosted students from other schools in the district and all attendees - including district Councillors - got involved in 'Mock Elections'.*

*"A great success" was the overall feedback to the days with the students campaigning on various topics but interestingly they were all involving climate change and the environment. Thanks go to Democratic Services for all the hard work under gone arranging the events and on the days, giving advice and guidance on the history and democracy of our electoral system.*

*The proposed Crematorium application at Haddington will be heard by the Inspector at an appeal on 3rd December 2019 at NKDC Offices.*

*The Norton Disney Rendering Plant application is listed for discussion and comment by NK Full Planning Committee as a statutory Consultee on 8th January 2020.*

*General Election 12th December 2019*

*It is important we remind residents who are not currently registered, of the need of registering to vote in time for the election.*

*Operation Raptor launched last week gives people in Lincolnshire the opportunity to surrender their unlicensed/unwanted weapons so members of the public can make sure they do not potentially fall in to the hands of criminals. Although the operation is focussed on the west of the county, anyone in the county can take their weapons to police stations at Lincoln, Grantham, Skegness and Boston. During the period those giving up firearms will not face prosecution at the point of surrender and they can remain anonymous. However, this is a surrender and not an amnesty, police may investigate offences in relation to firearms once the operation has concluded.*

*Motorists are warned to expect icy roads - it's that time of year again, extra care is needed following the recent heavy rains. Lincolnshire gritters are now on call 24/7 until April 2020.*

*NK Christmas Events*

- Sleaford Christmas Market Sunday 1st December 2019 10am - 4pm

- Cogglesford Watermill - holding a Festive Milling Day Sunday 8th December 2019 11am - 4pm gift shop, mince pies and mulled wine.

- Cranwell Aviation Heritage Museum Sunday 1st December 2019 10am - 3.30pm free festive drink

and mince pie.

- Basingham Christmas Extravaganza Saturday 14th December 1pm - 8pm & Sunday 15th December 2019 10am- 5pm. Craft stalls, Golden Ticket Cracker Lucky Dip, Licensed Bar, Hot food & a Skating Rink. Booking for skating is advisable on 01522 789758 - £5pp - Family Tickets (2 adults + 2 children under 16yrs) £15."

**19/113 Members' Declarations of Interest.**

None

**19/114 Approval of the minutes of the meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2019.**

The minutes were approved unanimously and then signed by the Chairman.

**19/115 Matters outstanding from previous meetings:**

**/1 to review progress on the Playing Field development**

The Clerk reported that they would be a site visit by the Woodland Trust to progress the submitted application on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November and Cllrs Tatton, Brewer and Wells are to attend.

Cllr Spray suggested the Rural Payments Agency as a possible source for grant aid.

**/2 to review progress on the A17 safety**

Cllr Tatton reported that there had been some evidence of progress on the matter.

Cllr Green offered advice on legislation that might be relevant and helpful in pursuing the issue.

**19/116 Correspondence**

**Emails: 07/11/2019 M Overton October newsletter:** noted

**01/11/2019 Lincs Police re monthly reporting:** The meeting noted the advice that the Police would no longer attend parish council meetings.

**07/11/2019 Lincs CC re 2020 grass cutting contract:** The Parish Council agreed that it would continue to operate this contract in 2020.

**08/11/2019 NKDC re notice of Election:** details posted to Notice Board

**19/117 Planning**

None

**19/118 Committees**

**Village Hall:**

Cllr Brewer reported on current improvements which included PAT testing and the fitting of an outside light and that the fitting of blinds remained an important future requirement. Cllr Tatton reported on a good flow of recent bookings and that funds showed a healthy surplus

### **Village Hall Improvements Working Group**

Cllr Wells gave a detailed report of meetings with the architect to discuss preliminary ideas. From this Councillors agreed that it was appropriate that the Group should proceed to engage the architect to produce a full design.

To achieve this, it would be necessary to amend Financial Regulations and it was agreed that an Extraordinary Meeting would be held Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November

### **Play Park:**

Cllr Wells reported no immediate concerns.

### **Village fete:**

Deferred to next meeting

## **19/119 Matters for Discussion**

### **/1 to discuss the 2020/21 Budget and Precept**

Councillors itemised three areas for action in the next financial year namely:

- \* an increased coverage of grass cutting to include the Playing Field, a section along Sleaford Road and a contingency for the Village Green, currently cut by NKDC
- \* increased road maintenance activity
- \* maintenance of the Village entrance gates.

Based on this increased activity the Council set a 2020 Precept of £10249. See the attached 2020/21 Budget

Action Clerk

Cllr Tatton is to revise the grass cutting contract according tender for the period 2020/22

Action Cllr Tatton

### **/2 to discuss the December Bugle arrangements.**

It was confirmed that the December Bugle would be distributed the weekend of the 27<sup>th</sup> November.

### **/3 to consider 2020 meeting dates.**

The submitted schedule was approved (see attached).

Action Clerk

## **19/120 Finance**

/1 All payments were approved.

/2 The meeting confirmed the reported bank balances at 26/10/2019 as

Money Manager (Deposit)	£6801.26
Community Account	£8985.68

## **19/121 Date of next meeting**

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 6pm

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

Beckingham Parish Council Budget and Precept 2020/21						
		2018/19	2019/20			2020/21
			Budget	Actual 11.11.17	Expected 31.3.19	Budget
Income	Precept	9500	9500	9500	9500	
	NKDC litter		83	83	83	83
	LCC Grass		216	0	281	290
	Donations					
	Vat refund		879	938	938	60
	Grants					
			10678	10521	10802	433
Expenditure	Salaries		2042	1032	2042	2082
	Admin expenses		340	138	260	340
	IT		100	72	72	100
	Training		50	0	0	50
	Bugle		340	130	260	300
	Audit		290	50	50	50
	Subs		140	0	140	140
	Grass mowing		1680	1100	1680	2750
	Roads		1600	0	200	1600
	Insurance		920	933	933	950
	Projects		1000	0	1000	1000
	Play field		420	108	420	420
	Donations		300	300	300	300
	Litter		100	142	142	150
	Village Hall		250	2860	2860	250
	Misc		200	78	200	200
	To reserves		1250	1250	1250	0
			11022	8193	11809	10682
	Year surplus				-1007	10249
						Precept required
Reserves	Operating		2500		4500	4500
	Election		300		300	300
	V Hall		1750		2000	2000
	Projects				1000	1000
	Play		3600		3600	3600
	Fete		302		302	302
	KNOT		1603		1603	1603

### Proposed meeting dates 2020

Wednesday Jan 8<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday Feb 19<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday March 25<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday May 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

Wednesday May 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Parish Meeting

Wednesday June 24<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday July 29<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>

Wednesday Nov 18<sup>th</sup>

All Parish and Town Councils throughout England are required by law to hold an Annual Parish Assembly, which must take place between 1st March and the 1st June (inclusive)

The annual meeting of a parish council shall be held on, or within fourteen days after, the day on which the councillors elected at that election take office, and in any other year the annual meeting shall be held on such day in May as the parish council may determine.