

## Beckingham Parish Council

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

**Present:** Cllrs L Tatton as Chair (LT), A Brewer (AB), P Wells (PW), S Toomer (ST)  
Terry Brown/Parish Clerk  
District Cllr Pat Woodman  
One parishioner

Minute	Action
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#### 19/015 Public Time

On behalf of the Parish Council LT extended condolences to the widow and children following the recent death of long-term resident Mr. "Bernie" Blackburn.

There was discussion on the proposal from a neighbouring parish for the Cluster to provide a fund to pay for clerking services at future Cluster meetings. Whilst Cluster meetings had some support, the above proposal was deemed to have too many problems for it to work satisfactorily.

#### 19/016 Chairman's Announcements

LT thanked Robin Gibbons for his excellent and enthusiastic contribution to the work of the Parish Council whilst acting as a Councillor.

#### 19/017 Apologies for absence

District Cllr Sue Howe

#### 19/018 Police Time

None

#### 19/019 District and County Councillor Time

Cllr Woodman reviewed the current state of progress with the setting of the 2019/20 budget and precept for NKDC.

She commented on the need for everyone to be aware of the changes in requirements for Voter ID at the forthcoming elections.

She gave a detailed overview of the NKDC's 10-year plan

#### 19/020 Members' Declarations of Interest.

None

#### 19/021 Approval of the minutes of the meeting 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

The minutes were approved unanimously and then signed by LT.

#### 19/022 Matters outstanding from previous meetings:

##### **/1 to confirm alteration to Grass Cutting Contract to include all verges in the village.**

LT conformed that all areas to be included had been identified and that the information was available for the Clerk to seek a change to the 2018/20 Grass Cutting Contract.

Action Clerk

## **/2 to review progress on the VETO payment**

The Clerk confirmed that a transfer of funds had still not been received.

### **19/023 Correspondence**

#### **Emails:**

#### **4/2/2019 CPRE re Lincolnshire Best Kept Village Competition**

Councillors agreed that it would be a beneficial exercise to enter the competition for 2019. The feedback would provide useful information to the Council and parishioners on ways to improve the village setting. The entry would impose a minimal cost.

Action Clerk

#### **8/2/2019 NKDC re Proposed Conservation Area – Beckingham**

The Council viewed the proposal positively but requested the Clerk respond to NKDC in advance of the proposed public consultation exercise in order to point to other interested parties in the Village of whom NKDC should be aware.

Action Clerk

### **19/024 Planning**

#### **18/1712/FUL- 1 Poplar Meadow Sleaford Road Beckingham Erection of amenity block (Part retrospective)**

No comment

#### **19/0146/LDEXI Orchard Park Poplar Meadow Sleaford Road**

Application for a lawful development certificate for an existing day room

Application for a Lawful Development Certificate – Section 191 Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

The Council considered the application carefully. On balance it was concluded that there had been a use of the site in the previous ten years but that in responding to NKDC, the Council could not make any further comment on the nature of that use.

Action Clerk

### **19/025 Committees**

#### **Village Hall**

AB reported that work was about to commence with carpeting and flooring. AB asked the Clerk to make progress on sources of funding to finance further and previously discussed improvements.

LT reported that the exercise classes continued with enthusiastic village support and that progress had been made with resolving issues around water supply and the payments thereof.

#### **Play Park**

PW reported no issues

#### **Village fete:**

No report.

### **19/026 Matters for Discussion**

**/1 to approve the March Bugle**

This was approved for publication subject to two minor changes.

Action Clerk

**/2 to review Parish Council policies: Data Publication Scheme, Freedom of information and Asset register.**

The Data Publication Scheme and Freedom of information Policy were reviewed and approved.

The Asset Register was reviewed, and some omissions were noted.

The Clerk is to update for further consideration at the March Council meeting

Action Clerk

**/3 to discuss a late received Valuation Office invoice.**

In view of the history of the invoice the Clerk was instructed to negotiate further with HMRC to seek a more equitable payment.

Action Clerk

**/4 to receive advice on the current parish councillor vacancy.**

The Council noted the Clerk's advice on procedure for co-option within six months of an election.

The meeting agreed to consider candidates for co-option at the March meeting.

Action Clerk

### **19/027 Finance**

The meeting confirmed the reported bank balances at 26/1/2019.

The meeting noted the request from the PCC for funding and this is an agenda item for the March meeting

### **19/028 Date of next meeting**

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm