

Beckingham Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 21st November 2018

Present: Cllrs L Tatton as Chair (LT), A Brewer (AB), P Wells (PW), R Gibbons (RG) & S Toomer (ST)

District Cllrs Sue Howe

Terry Brown/Parish Clerk

Minute	Action
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18/91 Public Time

None

18/92 Chairman's Announcements

LT warmly welcomed ST to his first Council meeting.

LT thanked everyone involved in the installation of the new suspended ceilings to the Village Hall. All agreed that the changes significantly improved the ambience and comfort of the surroundings.

18/93 Apologies for absence

District Cllr Pat Woodman

18/94 Police Time

No report

18/95 District and County Councillor Time

Sue Howe reported:

"The Joint Revenue & Benefits Service between Lincoln City Council and NKDC recently won the 2018 IRRV Award, Excellence in Partnership Working. NKDC has also been highly commended for its Women in Housing workforce strategy and earlier in November won the Lincolnshire Sport 'Active Workplace Award' noting physical activity in all walks of life.

The District has been selected by the Government as one of a few authorities nationwide to trial voted ID for forthcoming District and parish elections May 2019.

Lincolnshire Waste Partnership has place stickers on waste bins throughout North Kesteven to encourage households to keep their recycling clean. Current figures show that more than a quarter of recycling is contaminated and unusable.

Businesses and residents are encourage to have their say on the NK Plan, setting out the vision and priorities for the Council for the next three years, ensuring that the Council and its partners can deliver services and respond to challenges.

Heritage Lottery funding of £403,800 has been confirmed for the second stage of restoration of Mrs Smith's Cottage, Navenby to enable the project to continue its development.

NKDC has been named the 'Safest District' in the country for the 5th year running.

21.1.19: Witham & Brant Cluster Group: Norton Disney.

Terry O'Toole Theatre, North Kesteven School: 13/14/15 December, 'Miracle on 34th Street'; 16.12.18 RAF Voluntary Band (3pm) 'Festival of Christmas Music'; 22.12.18, (7.30pm), Steve Walker Swing Band Festive Programme.

The Chairman of the Council, Cllr Geoff Hazelwood, will be hosting a 'Brains of Kesteven Quiz Night' on 25th January 2019 should anyone wish to form a team with proceeds going to his chosen charity, Alzheimer's Research.

Fund NK - The Council operated 'Fund NK' a grant aid scheme for up to 50% of a project's cost. To be eligible to apply, groups must be 'not for profit', have a constitution or governing document, bank account, etc. The objective being working in partnership to improve quality of life, economic performance and the environmental sustainability of North Kesteven.

Nine homes for social housing, suited to younger people and small family units will be delivered by conversion of a former Quarrington School, being a £1m investment by the Council supported by £400,000 funding from Homes England's affordable housing programme.

Christmas and New Year bin collection dates will change and bins should be outside by 7.30am as collection times may vary. www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/findmybinday. Side waste will be collected for the first collection of the black and green-lidded bins after Christmas. Real Christmas trees can be chopped up and placed in the brown bin for collection. Normal bin collections resume effective from 7th January 2019.

Finally, may I wish you all a very happy Christmas and New Year 2019."

LT commented on the lack of a "Welcome to NKDC" sign on the Sutton Road approach to the village and Sue Howe agreed to investigate for one to be erected.

LT also commented about policies and practices introduced by Lincs CC with regard to travellers and traveller incursion in the Boston area and whether these would be adopted locally. Sue Howe agreed to investigate and report back.

Action Cllr Sue Howe

18/96 Members' Declarations of Interest.

None

18/97 Approval of the minutes of the meeting 26th September 2018.

An amendment was agreed to the District Councillors report and then the minutes were approved unanimously and then signed by LT.

18/98 Matters outstanding from previous meetings:

/1 to review progress on the VETO.

The Clerk reported that the transfer of funds had not been received.

/2 to review progress on defibrillator maintenance.

ST reported that his enquiries had indicated the need for a maintenance contract. LT would seek out the documentation initially provided at the time of installation in order to make progress.

Action ST & LT

/3 to review progress with the Village Hall Wi-Fi

The meeting agreed that the future requirements for improvements to Village hall facilities needed to be firmed up in order to make progress on the item.

18/99 Correspondence

Emails:

6/10/2018 LincsCC re Winter self-help

The meeting agreed to take no further action on this item.

15/10/2018 NKDC re Polling arrangements

The meeting noted the dates for nomination of candidates in the May 2019 election and the Clerk is to find the date when nomination packs will be available. Action Clerk

17/10/2018 NKDC re Flag pole advice.

see 18/101 Village Fete

30/10/2018 LincsCC re Grit bin filling.

The meeting agreed the need to install a new bin at the junction of Sutton Road and Sleaford Road. Action Clerk

5/11/2018 LALC re First Aid

The meeting agreed to enquire on the possibility of arranging a session in the New year once the defibrillator maintenance issue had been resolved. Action Clerk

6/11/2018 Lincs Highways re Grass agreement 2019/2020

The meeting agreed to continue to participate. Action Clerk

18/100 Planning

**Planning: 18/1449/PNND White Berries Sutton Road Sutton-cum-beckingham
Prior approval for a proposed change of use of agricultural building to a
dwellinghouse (Class C3) and for associated operational development.**

No comment.

18/101 Committees

Village Hall

AB reported that quotes are being pursued for the installation of new storage facilities, wall panelling and room dividers. In view of the combined prospective cost of these grant aid assistance is to be investigated.

Also the VH Committee is investigating new ways to improve noise abatement.

PW reported that the Social Club would like a notice board on the external wall of the Village Hall. The Clerk is to investigate possible planning requirements. Action Clerk

Play Park

PW reported no issues but reminded the Parish Council of their previous decision to carry out remedial maintenance work in the financial year commencing April 1st, 2019.

Village fete:

RG reported that his Group had made significant progress with plans for an Open Garden event on June 8th 2019 and that the Parish Council, the Church and the Village Hall Committee would be joint beneficiaries of the proceeds from the event.

The day would end with a social evening in the Village Hall

The Group had also begun to plan for the follow up event in 2020.

Fittings for the two flag poles were ready and were to be erected soon. LT recommended the Parish Council adopt a Flag Flying policy. Action Clerk

18/102 Matters for Discussion

- /1 **to consider the 2019/2020 budget and precept**
The meeting agree the need to allocate extra funds towards potential extension to grass cutting in the Village and extending various aspects of road maintenance. Even so the meeting **RESOLVED** to precept for a stand still budget of £9500 in 2019/20 with a slight reduction in the provision for reserves Action Clerk
- /2 **to review the December Bugle**
Amendments were made to the Village Hall Christmas calendar of events. The Bugle is to be distributed on or around Thursday 29th November.
- /3 **to review Parish Council policies: Financial Regulations, Risk Management, Financial Reserves and Asset Register**
These policies were reviewed and approved with one change to the Financial Reserves policy, namely that the target for the Operating reserve is held to be 50% of the current precept. Action Clerk
- /4 **to note advice to parish councils re tree liabilities**
Noted but no action to be taken
- /5 **to note advice on reclaiming VAT**
The Council noted the Clerk's advice on the requirements for the correct reporting of VATable expenditure to facilitate successful an s126 VAT reclaim
- /6 **to comment on Councillor training**
LT reported on his recent attendance on Councillor training with LALC. He concluded that in comparison with other comparable councils Beckingham Parish Council was compliant, transparent and organised.

18/103 Finance

The meeting **RESOLVED** to authorise a payment of £27.50 to LALC for councillor training.

The meeting then approved the payments and confirmed the reported bank balances at 26/10/2018.

18/104 Date of next meeting

Wednesday 9th January 2019.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm
