

Beckingham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 23rd March 2015 at 7pm

Present:

CLLr P Thorpe (PT), CLLr L Tatton (LT), CLLr A Brewer (AB), CLLr G Else (GE), CLLr Pat Woodman (PW) & Diana Johnson – Parish Clerk (DJ) and one member of the public.

Minute	Action
<p>15/13 Public Time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Member of public wishing to enquire about grass cutting in Sutton-cum-Beckingham. To be discussed in full later in the meeting. <p>15/14 Police Time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">No police present this evening, however they have emailed to let us know that there have been no reported crimes in the village in the last month. <p>15/15 District & County Councillor Time</p> <p>PW gave brief update of activities in the district, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Council Tax up 1.5% (4p per week for a band E) raising an extra £83,000.Council hoping to build a new depot for waste vehicles at Metheringham.Refurbishment of NK Sports Centre continuing.Building of council and affordable homes continuing.Economic development continues to thrive higher than the national average. <p>CLLr Sue Howe sent her apologies and emailed a brief report – see Clerk for information.</p> <p>County Councillor Ray Phillips gave brief update of activities in the Council, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">£24m has been spent on Lincoln Castle and the Magna Carta. Temporary Park & Ride from Whisby Garden Centre.Train services increasing for Lincoln.Looking into a fairer system for School Transport in Lincolnshire.'Legal highs' banned in Lincoln.£300,000 has been cut from the Police budget. <p>15/16 Apologies for absence and reasons given</p> <p>None</p> <p>15/17 Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting</p> <p>Minutes of the meeting held on 26.01.15 were discussed, approved and signed.</p> <p>15/18 Matters outstanding from previous meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">None, except where continued in Matters for Discussion later in the meeting. <p>15/19 Declarations of Interest</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p> <p>*Items on the Agenda changed as we were waiting for GE to arrive at the meeting. Finance dealt with after Planning Matters.</p> <p>15/20 Planning Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">We have received notice from SKDC that the Wind Turbines have not been permitted.15/0197/HOUS Erection of a single storey side and rear extension, Church View Cottage, Sleaford Road;	

Discussed, no objections.

15/21 Finance

- Clerk's wages - remaining 50% paid.
- Grant Thornton Annual Audit forms are in and have been passed to GE.

Bank balances at 26th February 2015:

Money Manager - £272.84

Current Account - £3,799.01

Invoices to be paid:

- John Daubney Gardening Services – Amenity Woodland fence £570.
- LALC Annual Subscription £133.55

15/22 Correspondence

- Letter from PCC regarding Churchyard grass cutting expenses, request for donation. To be discussed at the next meeting.
- Email from resident regarding A17 road safety. To be discussed at Annual Parish Meeting.

15/23 Matters for Discussion

- Elections – Election packs distributed and discussed. Notices from NKDC to be displayed.
- Phone Box and community defibrillator. DJ to continue to investigate.
- VETO – waiting for results summary.
- Village Hall Weddings – Beckingham Methodist Church (the Village Hall) – LT found an official notice in the Newark Advertiser on March 5th 2015. Property is no longer registered for marriages.
- Amenity Woodland – brief history as background for the benefit of the public present and to recap. New fence has been erected to define the boundary between The Old Rectory and the Amenity Woodland. Discussion regarding the need for a fence to define the boundary on the Churchyard side. Parish Council feel the request for a grass cutting donation from the PCC previously mentioned in the meeting needs to be considered against the cost of the fence. LT to draft letter.
- Tree Inspection and Survey - AB to get two quotes (Hill Holt Wood and NKDC), also find out if any of the trees have TPOs. If survey comes back with more work required than PC has the money for, then we will need to know how to finance this. DJ to discuss with LALC and report back. DJ to discuss future of the Amenity Woodland with Hill Holt Wood. DJ to contact insurers to check that we are suitably covered. A notice board/sign of some description will be required.
- Playing field and grass cutting costs – Beckingham Play Park Project (BPPP) are drafting application to Big Lottery Awards for All. LT to be Main Contact for the application. BPPP have requested for the whole field to be cut on a regular basis again. PC do not have this in the budget for this year. PC feel the drainage work should be done before regular cuts commence. Can the BPPP add in extra costs for the field to be made good and in a suitable condition once the drainage work has been completed? DJ to report back to BPPP. Discussion regarding Sutton-cum-Beckingham grass cutting for clarification for member of the public.
- Litter picking – DJ to write to litter picker.
- Clerk Vacancy – Application submitted and circulated.
- Register of Electors – copies distributed.

15/24 Date of Next Meeting

Annual Meeting of the Parish Council 11th May 2015 – 7.00pm

Annual Parish Meeting 1st June 2015 – 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 21:40pm

DJ agenda

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