

**Beckingham Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2019**

**Present:** Cllrs L Tatton (as Chair), A Brewer, P Wells, S Toomer & A Smith  
Terry Brown/Parish Clerk

Minute	Action
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**19/100 Public Time**

None

**19/101 Chairman's Announcements**

All Councillors warmly congratulated Cllr Brewer on his recent success in the NKDC Community Spirit awards ceremony.

**19/102 Apologies for absence**

None

**19/103 Members' Declarations of Interest.**

None

**19/104 Approval of the minutes of the meeting 25<sup>th</sup> September 2019.**

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

**19/105 Correspondence**

**Emails: 03/10/2019 CPRE re BKVillage competition**

Councillors agreed that the village had performed very well in its first entry and that the feedback gives very clear guidance how with improvements made, a further entry in 2020 might produce a more successful outcome.

The Clerk to relay the outcome to parishioners via the December Bugle.

Action Clerk

**11/10/2019 Lincs Police re FOI request**

The Chair reported that a site meeting was scheduled 24/10/19 between three Parish Councillors and three officers from the LRSP to discuss the road safety issues raised.

**19/106 Matters for Discussion**

**/1 to consider progress with the Village Hall improvement**

Cllr Wells reported on a meeting Evolution Design. This had generated a proposal to proceed with an initial survey and sketch plan at a cost of £125, a sum that would be waived if Evolution then took the scheme further.

Councillors considered whether three quotes should be sought. They decided not to do so since the work was preparatory, limited to an initial plan and that the lead had come highly recommended by a District Councillor

Councils resolved that the initial plan should proceed to a limit of £125.

Action Cllr Wells

Cllr Wells confirmed the membership of the VH Improvement Group as Cllrs Brewer & Wells, Jane Wells and Gillian Green. Further that the meetings of the Group would follow normal Transparency requirements with agenda published at least three days before to give notice of an open meeting and with appropriate minutes presented to the Parish Council the following Parish Council meeting.

**/2 to consider an update to Financial Regulations.**

Councillors discussed at length how to ensure that progress of the VH improvement could proceed both with the existing schedule of meetings and the need to observe transparency and accountability. There had been previous situations for the Council where delays to payment had resulted from the length of time between Council meetings.

It was proposed that in Financial Regulations

***4. Budgetary control and authority to spend***

*4.1. Expenditure on revenue items may be authorised up to the amounts included for that class of expenditure in the approved budget....."*

be changed to

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*4.1. Revenue items authorised and minuted at a previous Council meeting, may in a situation which requires payment before the next scheduled Council meeting, be authorised for payment by the unanimous email confirmation from all Councillors to the Clerk up to the amounts included for that class of expenditure in the approved budget. The action would be confirmed and minuted at the next Council meeting....."*

The Clerk was instructed to seek advice as to the advisability of such change from LALC and if that was supported then the changes would be confirmed by resolution at the forthcoming November meeting. Action Clerk

**/3 to discuss the December Bugle arrangements.**

The deadline for copy was confirmed as 7<sup>th</sup> November with distribution to be done the weekend of the 27<sup>th</sup> November.

**/4 to discuss A17 fly tipping.**

Cllr Brewer reported that some progress had been made with the continuing problem caused by the open access to a disused part of the A17.

Further progress awaits the determination by Lincs Highways of the current ownership of the contended old roadway.

**19/107 Finance**

/1 The Clerk confirmed that all accounts remained with HSBC

**19/108 Date of next meeting**

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019

The meeting closed at 8.30pm