

## Beckingham Parish Council

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2019

**Present:** Cllrs L Tatton (as Chair), A Brewer, P Wells, S Toomer & A Smith  
Terry Brown/Parish Clerk  
District Cllr Mary Green  
County Cllr Marianne Overton

Mrs Spray as reporter for District Cllr Spray (on harvesting duties)

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#### 19/072 Public Time

A parishioner had enquired about the possibility of undertaking maintenance work on a Hawthorne tree at the top of Hillside. Cllr Brewer is liaising with the Tree Officer at LCC and will report back to the Council.

Action Cllr Brewer

#### 19/073 Chairman's Announcements

Cllr Tatton thanked the Clerk for resolving satisfactorily the problem of a longstanding VOA payment.

#### 19/074 Apologies for absence

None

#### 19/075 Police Time

PCSO Sarah Lingard reported by email no incidents in the parish.

#### 19/076 District and County Councillor Time

Cllr Mary Green reported:

*"Thursday 25th July at the Memorial Hall North Hykeham - Millennium Green Nature Trail around the Millennium Lake approx. 1 mile. Bug hunting, tree identification and bird spotting all welcome*

*Reminder during the hot weather NOT to cool off in lakes and rivers - stay safe*

*Sleaford Leisure Centre 30th July 2019 will be holding 'come and climb' - see their website for details*

*Whisby Nature Park - seasonal outdoor activities for the under 5's on the first Wednesday of the month, next being 7th August 10am-11am.*

*The Nature World Centre is holding various craft activities for children throughout the school holidays*

*Consultation on the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan has now closed - any comments that have been received will help inform the drafting of the revised plan which should go out for consultation early 2020*

*The Heart of Sleaford regeneration scheme will benefit from an additional £2.5 million pounds as supported by full council. NKDC have already committed £1.5 million pounds to a new 3 screen cinema project with food court and Public Open Space area*

*Bassingham Village show takes place on Saturday 27th July 2-5pm*

*Bassingham village are holding a 'Christmas Extravaganza' on the 14th & 15th December 2019 and will have a synthetic Ice Rink together with seasonal stalls, Santa's Grotto."*

Cllr Marianne Overton commented on the current Boundary Commission Electoral Review and its possible consequences for NKDC.

She commented on the Central Lincs Local Plan consultation and in particular of the consequences for increased pressure for new building in the villages if the targets for new homes now set for 2040 continued not to be met.

She was hopeful that recent staffing changes at Lincs Highways would restore the department's response to problems to previously seen levels.

The Chairman complained about the lack of sensible reciprocity between Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire with regard to local waste facilities for residents. Cllr Overton agreed with this concern and would attempt a response.

Action Cllr M Overton

#### **19/077 Members' Declarations of Interest.**

None

#### **19/078 Approval of the minutes of the meeting 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019.**

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

#### **19/079 Matters outstanding from previous meetings:**

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

Cllr Brewer commented on the favourable responses to the plan outlined at the APM that he had received in the village.

Cllr Smith commented on the poor state of the equipment and that the range of provision was inadequate. Councillors speculated whether it was better dispensing with play facilities completely.

Councillors agreed that if the current equipment was to be retained with any new development then fencing would probably need to be provided. Cllr Brewer to get quotes and the Clerk to report back on the H&S issues.

The Clerk outlined the support that might be available from Woodland Trust and the Council agreed that a site visit should be arranged if possible.

Similarly the Clerk was asked to report back on the current NKDC guidelines on dog nuisance.

Action Cllr Brewer/Clerk

##### **/2 to review the status of grass cutting on the Village Green**

The Chair reviewed the history of the issues. The Clerk reminded the Council of NKDC's previous response such that the issue would be next considered in March 2020.

The Clerk is to write to remind NKDC of the Council's continued preference.

Action Clerk

## **19/080 Correspondence**

**Emails:** Noted

## **19/081 Planning**

### **Application 19/0883/FUL Field Farm Sutton Road Sutton-cum-beckingham**

Retrospective application for retention of temporary timber log cabin in revised location from approved position and retrospective application for retention of 2 No. storage sheds (renewal of existing permission 16/0384/FUL)  
Noted.

The Council considered and noted:

19/0815/FUL The Farm Sutton Road Sutton-cum-beckingham  
Siting of a static caravan (retrospective)

The Parish Council asked the Clerk to confirm with NKDC Planning the use of criteria LP55 in the refusal of 19/0621/FUL.

Action Clerk

## **19/082 Committees**

**Village Hall:** to discuss arrangements for future funding initiatives

The Council **resolved** to set up a committee to investigate funding and installation of new facilities such as improved toilets. The Terms of Reference is to be considered and set at the next meeting.

Action Cllr Tatton

Cllr Brewer reported on current developments including a gazebo and blinds.

### **Play Park: to discuss a current spate of vandalism**

Councillors expressed their dismay at such pointless and unnecessary acts and instructed the Clerk to include a short reminder about the consequences as an insert in the forthcoming September Bugle.

### **Village fete:**

Cllr Toomer reported that more than a thousand pounds had been raised by the recent Open Gardens Day and that a provisional date of the 4<sup>th</sup> July 2020 had been set for the next Village Fete day.

The membership of the Village fete committee was confirmed as S Toomer, A Brewer, R Blakesley, R and A Gibbons.

## **19/083 Matters for Discussion**

### **/1 to note advice on discretionary spending**

Noted

### **/2 to note advice on VAT**

Noted and the Council confirmed their previous instructions on VAT

### **/3 to consider a trustee for Beckingham Poor Garden Trust**

It was **resolved** that Richard Milne be a trustee and that both he and Mrs A Matson should act as such until 30/8/2023.

Action Clerk

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**/4 to discuss the September 2019 Bugle**

The meeting confirmed a distribution date of the weekend of 23<sup>rd</sup> August.

Action Clerk

**/5 to discuss the possible adoption of land adjacent to A17**

It was agreed that no action be taken at this stage.

**/6 to discuss Highway safety issues on A17**

The Chair reviewed the long history of concerns about access into and out of the village from the A17 particularly at the Chapel Street junction.

Cllr Brewer suggested that Sleaford Road at the east of the village would a safer access point and would get rid of the main danger of traffic turning across the fast A17.

The Clerk is to write letters expressing the Council's concern to the MP, Chief Constable and County Councillor Richard Davies.

Action Clerk

**19/084 Finance**

- /1 The Clerk submitted a late received invoice of J Daubney for £110 re grass cutting and then all payments were approved.
- /2 The meeting confirmed the reported bank balances at 13/7/2019.
- /3 The Council confirmed the amendments to the banking mandate.

**19/085 Date of next meeting**

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2019

The meeting closed at 9.10pm