

**Beckingham Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

**Present:** Cllr L Tatton (LT), Cllr A Brewer (AB), Cllr P Wells (PW), Cllr L Sills (LS)

District Cllr Sue Howe

Terry Brown/Parish Clerk

Minute	Action
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**17/58 Chairman's Announcements**

The Chair agreed that future agenda would confirm that meetings would continue to start at 7.00 pm with 15 minutes allowed for Public Time but that if no members of the public were in attendance then the formal meeting would commence immediately.

Action Clerk

LT outlined the division of responsibilities for the Village Hall and the new Social Club. There has been a promising start to the Social Club's activities from the beginning on 8<sup>th</sup> July and that, although it is early days, the prospects for the Club look promising.

LT congratulated Cllr Sue Howe on her election as Deputy Leader of the Executive Board of NKDC and wished her well in the post.

LT noted the response from NKDC to the Clerk's request (minute 17/54) that in future road sweeping along Sutton Road will be carried out completely along the road to the end of the houses that are adjacent to the 40mph sign.

**17/59 Apologies for absence**

District Cllr Pat Woodman MBE

**17/60 Police Time**

PCSO Sarah Lingard reported (by email) the theft of a mini-digger and quad bike from Beckingham Camp in the last 28 days.

**17/61 District and County Councillor Time**

**Sue Howe reported:**

*"The District will again be present at The Heckington Show on 29/30th July.*

*Work has recently started on the Council's new Waste Services Depot on land off Moor Lane, Metherringham, being financed through the allocation of additional receipts as new homes are delivered. The site will include 10,000 sq ft of industrial space split into new business units, thus supporting the local economy and job creation.*

*The District's Building Control Team has been recognized for the quality of service it offers across the District and is one of three winning projects to move forward to national awards in the autumn.*

*A production of "Desperado", a mix of Eagles musical hits will be performed at The Terry O'Toole Theatre on 7th October / 7.30pm. On 24th-28th July, 8-14 year old's can attend a Summer School comprising of a mix of music, dance and drama performances @ £65 for the week.*

*Witham & Brant Cluster Group - 11.09.17 @ Norton Disney Village Hall.*

*For the second year, the District will be hosting a 2hr Christmas Workshop on 12.09.17 offering advice to traders and businesses in preparation of / and making the most of the festive season ahead.*

*W.E.F. September, charges will be introduced for waste collections from certain premises, i.e. community buildings and charitable organisations. A collection credit scheme will be in place for village halls and similar facilities based on continued free collection of a 240-ltr residual bin and a 240-ltr recycling bin effective from April 2018.*

*The District has retained its title as "The Safest Place to Live in England & Wales" for the 4th year in succession, with fewer crimes committed locally set against a population of 111,000 residents".*

**17/62 Members' Declarations of Interest.**

None

**17/62 Approval of the minutes of the meeting 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017.**

These were approved and then signed by LT.

**17/65 Correspondence**

**Emails:**

**23/6/2017 NALC Newsletter**

PW commented on the available Funding that had been listed in the Newsletter and whether Community-led Building Grants would be applicable to Beckingham.

LT pointed out the use of such funding to reduce the ceiling height in the Village hall and thus save on heating costs.

The Clerk was asked to follow up on this.

Action Clerk

**3/7/2017 Highways Liaison**

Councillors agreed that it would be appropriate to take up the offer from Highways for a parish walkabout to be carried out as soon as possible.

Action Clerk

Also, PW asked the Clerk to put the useful Highways contact information attached in the email onto the website.

Action Clerk

**17/67 Committees**

**/1 Village Hall**

AB reported on the continuing success with organising activities and events at the Village Hall.

LT reported on actions taken with respect to the banking, electricity and water accounts such that the outgoings on these utility expenses for the Village Hall could be more routinely monitored.

The Council agreed to a small amendment to the Village Hall insurance policy. Action Clerk

**17/68 Matters for Discussion**

**/1 Village Communications**

The Meeting agreed that even in the age of Social Media, channels of communications like Newsletters remained important. The Clerk was asked to enquire on the status of the Bugle and the Council would return to this item at the next meeting.

Action Clerk

**17/69 Finance**

The meeting approved the reported payments and confirmed the reported bank balances at 26/6/2017

**17/70 Date of next meeting**

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2017

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

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