

Beckingham Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 26th September 2018

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

District Cllrs Sue Howe & Marianne Overton

Terry Brown/Parish Clerk

Minute	Action
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18/76 Public Time

None

18/77 Chairman's Announcements

LT reviewed the discussions at the most recent Cluster meeting.

18/78 Apologies for absence

District Cllr Pat Woodman

18/79 Police Time

PCSO Sarah Lingard reported by email that she had received no reports of incidents for the Parish in the last month.

18/80 District and County Councillor Time

Sue Howe reported:

"Tribute is being paid to former North Kesteven Leader, Mrs Marion Brighton, OBE who has passed away at the age of 88. She was a District Councillor for some 44-years and led the Council for 16 years, being Chairman twice.

Spires & Steeples Challenge returns to the District on 14th October, comprising of a 26-mile run/walk from Lincoln Castle to Sleaford and passing sites and landmarks of interest.

The District's Deputy Leader will be leaving her post at the end of this month to take up the role of CEO at Gedling Borough Council. Karen has been at NKDC since 2008 and Deputy CEO for three years.

The Chairman of District, Cllr Geoff Hazelwood is holding a 'Brains of Kesteven' charity quiz on 25.01.19 in aid of Sleaford Dementia Support should anyone wish to form a team to participate.

The Joint Revenue & Benefits Service has been shortlisted for three awards, following onsite inspection of its operations and workforce.

Two projects promoting North Kesteven's aviation heritage have been awarded money by the District Council. Bomber County Gateway Trust, £10,000 towards its plans to build a replica Lancaster Bomber sculpture on a site alongside the A46 at Norton Disney and The Friends of Metheringham Airfield, £5,000 to develop an aircraft hanger to house a Dakota plane undercover.

Newfield Road, Sleaford continues its regeneration and footings are in place on some new-build properties within the site.

Nine categories in the annual district Community Champions' Awards have been shortlisted and will be announced on 10th October at a presentation event.

Tickets on sale for the Autumn season at the Terry O'Toole Theatre, Nth Hykeham featuring Tom Thumb (October), The Andrew Wood Jazz Trio plays Gershwin (November) and Dance Theatre (November). At Whisby Natural World, Children's events and activities (under 4's), Adult Craft Workshops on 3rd Thursday of month, 10.30-12.30pm.

The next Cluster Group: 21.1.19: Norton Disney Village Hall.

Electoral canvassers will visit households that did not respond to the recent Household Enquiry Form or Invitation to Register, which is a legal requirement to non-responding families.

As part of Lincolnshire's contribution to National Re-Cycling week (24th-30th September), the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership are distributing stickers to encourage households in the county to keep recycling clean. Current figures show that more than a quarter of all recycling is un-useable due to contamination."

Marianne Overton reported on the problems that might be raised for the Local Plan and the building of new homes because of the revised ONS projections and the new NNPf; in particular how the resultant increase in housing density might have an impact of the character of Lincolnshire villages such as Beckingham.

Also, Marianne reported that Universal Credit would start locally on November 14th and early difficulties with the scheme were not expected to occur.

18/81 Members' Declarations of Interest.

None

18/82 Approval of the minutes of the meeting 25th July 2018.

These were approved unanimously and then signed by LT.

18/83 To consider co-option for the councillor vacancy

Scott Toomer (ST) was put forward as a candidate.

LT reviewed the qualifications for the vacancy and ST assented to all.

ST signed the Acceptance of Office and DPI.

LT thanked him for his interest at a time when many parish councils were having intense difficulty attracting new councillors.

18/84 Matters outstanding from previous meetings:

/1 to discuss progress on Village Hall insulation.

PW reported on the progress of the submission for an NKDC grant towards the work. The meeting agreed that this progress now permitted the immediate authorisation of the work.

PW to order and AB to supervise the work.

Action PW/AB

/2 to review the Poor Field hedge payment.

LT reported that this was no longer relevant since the Poor Gardens had taken care of the matter.

18/85 Correspondence

30/8/2018 Matthew Connor re village Play facilities

The Councillor reviewed the correspondence on this matter.

The Clerk was asked to respond pointing out the history of the situation, the current population of the village, the probable costs of new equipment and the lack of alternative sites.

The Council did agree to review the use of the Play Park reserve to improve the maintenance of the current facilities at a later stage in the financial year.

Action Clerk

18/86 Planning

18/1263/TPO – reduce horse chestnut

The Villa, Chapel Street, Beckingham

No comment.

18/87 Committees

Village Hall

AB reported at length on the following developments:

- The removal of a tree adjoining the Village Hall
- Seeking a quote for the construction of a store room attached to the hall to store chairs and thus meeting safety requirements inside the Hall.
- Seeking quotes for blinds
- Installing a new dishwasher
- To install panelling to areas of the hall to combat damp
- To inspect the loft space for possible asbestos before the insulation work is carried out.

In addition, he reported that the Social Club was investigating the purchase of a SKY TV facility and to improve carpeting and partitions.

The Clerk was asked to investigate possible grant funding to install Wi-Fi.

Action Clerk

Village fete:

RG reported that his Group had decided that the best way forward would be to plan and support an Open Garden event to be followed by a fete in the following year.

The meeting supported the idea of installing a flag pole to be paid from the Village Fete reserve.

The Clerk was asked to report on possible planning conditions

Action Clerk

18/88 Matters for Discussion

/1 To decide the 2019 Parish Council meeting dates.

The meeting **RESOLVED** to accept the Clerk's recommendations.

Action Clerk

/2 To note SLCC/NALC advice re Parish Council support for Church activities.

Noted.

/3 To review policies: Code of Conduct, Code for Volunteers, Complaints Policy

These were reviewed and agreed as remaining appropriate and compliant.

Action Clerk

/4 To review the maintenance of the defibrillator

The Clerk reminded the meeting of the need to have regular inspection.

Cllr Toomer agreed to organise an immediate inspection.

Action ST

/5 To review progress of the December Bugle

The Clerk reminded the meeting of the last date for copy as November 14th.

The meeting agreed to work towards another 8-page Christmas themed edition following the good response to the September Bugle.

Action all

18/89 Finance

The meeting **RESOLVED** to authorise a payment of £1081.48 to R Gibbons for supplies for the erection of village gates as previously reported. The sum to be drawn from the Village fete reserve.

The meeting noted the Clerk's report that HMRC paye payment for this second quarter had increased to £103.20 and not the £92.40 as itemised in the agenda. The Clerk is investigating the reason for this

The meeting then approved the payments and confirmed the reported bank balances at 26/8/2018.

18/90 Date of next meeting

Wednesday 21st November 2018.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm
