

Beckingham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 27th July at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr L Tatton (LT), Cllr P Thorpe (PT), Cllr P Wells (PW), Cllr A Brewer
Terry Brown/Parish Clerk (TB).

District Cllrs Pat Woodman MBE (PW), Sue Howe (SH)
1 member of the public

Minute	Action
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16/65 Public Time

No comments received.

16/66 Chairman's Announcements

LT announced that there would be some comments to receive on the situation with regard to the site of the Pack Horse on Sleaford Road when the Planning was discussed.

The Chairman recorded his thanks to Tom Scott for his help recently in providing valuable information on the history of Beckingham.

16/67 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllr G Else

16/68 Police Time

PCSO sent in details of a recent episode of crop damage from illegal driving.

16/69 District and County Councillor Time

Cllr Woodman reported on progress on the Lincolnshire Devolution plan and suggested that whilst there was no great appetite for a mayor (and accompanying entourage), it was a precondition to the means for Lincolnshire to achieve a higher level of funding.

LT asked how the new mayor's office would be funded and PW replied that she would investigate and report back.

Cllr Woodman reported that the Local Plan had been sent to the Inspector and that until it had received final approval there would be some overlap (and confusion) between the existing 2007 planning framework, the new plan and the NPPF (National Planning Policy Framework).

Cllr Howe reported:

Community Champions' Awards take place on 20.10.16 and Parish Councils are encouraged to nominate local people, community groups and businesses as possible recipients of a Community Champion's Award in recognition of good work undertaken within the community. Nominations close of 12.09.16. www.communitychampions@n-kesteven.gov.uk

Learning sessions, to help people to get to grips with computer applications are taking place on Monday, 8.08.16, Tuesday, 16.08.16 and Friday, 26.08.16 from 9am-midday at the District Council offices.

RAF Waddington recently marked the 60th anniversary of the Vulcan Bomber's introduction into service.

People in Greater Lincolnshire have until 5pm on 8.08.16 to express opinion on creation of a Mayoral combined authority.

At the Terry O'Toole Theatre, (TOTT), summer events consist of (age 12/19), zest Theatre Challenge from 1.08.-.08.08.16 for those interested in writing, directing and performing. At Whisby Natural World Centre, Little Darters outdoor play area and Otters' Reach indoor play area are available to visit throughout the summer holidays.

Forms are currently being circulated to all households within the District for residents' completion and inclusion by all on the Electoral Register.

The 9th annual Spires and Steeples Challenge takes place on 16.10.16, consisting of the 26 mile walk/run/jog from Lincoln Castle and passing through various local landmarks and villages along the way marking 40 years of the Viking Way.

Affordable housing is taking place in Brant Broughton and progressing well in conjunction with Waterloo Housing Assn. The homes will be built of traditional designs and in keeping with the rural aesthetics of the area in the hope of attracting a wide range of purchasers and tenants.

For the third year running, North Kesteven has been found to be the safest place to live in England and Wales, with fewer crimes committed locally, and fewer than the year before - illustrating the strong partnership that exists between police, the community and the District Council.

Signs will be appearing within the District informing residents where illegal dumpers have been caught leaving waste, enforcing the message that action will be taken against offenders.

A video has been produced, entitled "Share the Road" to raise awareness of the safety of road users, both motorist and cyclists, and coincides with The Great Doddington Bike Race taking place on 14.08.16. The video can be viewed on YouTube.

The NK Wellbeing Service in partnership with LCC is to continue for another year, to provide integrated equipment and a free support service to anyone aged 18 and over for a six week period. Enquiries can be made to the NK Wellbeing Team at the District.

16/70 Members Declarations of Interests

None received.

16/71 To approve the minutes of the meeting 18th May 2016

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

16/72 Matters outstanding from previous meetings

/1 Update on removal of caravan on A17

The Chair thanked Cllr Howe for her help in resolving this issue.

/2 Update on Village green

The meeting agreed that the situation had improved but that that it needed to be kept under review whilst building works at the relevant site continued.

LT commented on the inefficiency and cost of having NKDC responsible for such a small area and Cllr Woodman replied that she would investigate it with NKDC officers to see if there was possibly a more sensible arrangement to be made.

Action PW

/3 Update on purchase of Village defibrillator

The Clerk reviewed progress and that a provisional date for training had been arranged. The meeting agreed that the Clerk coordinate the installation of the

cabinet with the improvement works for the Village Hall. (see item 16/76/1)

Action Clerk

16/73 Correspondence

Emails

16/05/2016 LCC footpaths cut in Beckingham

The Clerk to post the plan to the website (under/parish_council/grasscutting)

Action Clerk

16/74 Planning

No applications received

No planning application has as yet been received by the Parish Council for the Pack Horse but in the meantime Councillors have the general situation under review.

The Clerk was instructed to investigate the removal of the old pubs signs on the side on the A17.

Action Clerk

16/75 Committees

/1 Village Hall - Premises Licence Application

AB and PT to report back on the details of making an application.

Action AB/PT

Village Hall cleaning

PT to investigate contract cleaning and report back.

Action PT

/2 Play Park - field security

The meeting discussed various means to prevent further problems of illegal access and asked AB to investigate further his specific proposal and to get costings.

Action AB

Play Park - future development

There was a general discussion on the possible options. The meeting agreed that PT and PW should investigate the options further and report back to the next meeting.

Action PT/PW

16/76 Matters for Discussion

/1 Village Hall improvements

The Council accepted one of three quotes received and instructed the Clerk to proceed as quickly as possible.

Action Clerk

/2 Village improvements

The meeting accepted a quote for the removal of the old bus shelter on the corner of Sleaford Road/ Sutton Road and instructed the Clerk to investigate an improvement to the untidy roadside by the Church on Sleaford Road.

The Clerk was reminded about the need to get to improve the appearance of the post and telephone boxes.

Action Clerk

16/77 Finance

All invoices were approved and paid.
Bank balances were confirmed.

16/78 Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 28th September 2016

The meeting closed at 9.20pm