

Beckingham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 27th September 2017

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

District Cllr Sue Howe (SH), District Cllr Pat Woodman (PW)

County Cllr Marianne Overton MBE (MO)

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17/71 Chairman's Announcements

In the Clerk's absence PW agreed to take the minutes.

The Chair commented on the speed with which Parish Councillors had noticed the attempted removal of the telephone box and this reflected well on the Council's awareness of issues within the village.

17/72 Apologies for absence

Terry Brown/Parish Clerk

17/73 Police Time

PW reported on PCSO Sarah Lingard's report to the cluster meeting regarding thefts of tools from Ford Transit vans which seemed to be part of a larger operation and he suggested appropriate residents should be made aware of this. It was agreed that this should be included in the forthcoming Bugle.

Action Clerk

17/74 District and County Councillor Time

Sue Howe reported:

"Effective from this month, charges are being introduced for waste collection from certain premises/community buildings/charitable organisations. There will still be free collection of a 240 lt residual bin and 240 lt recycling bin. The charges will be reviewed annually.

Residents are asked to be minded of an increase in the number of scams being reported, seeing fraudsters posing as council officials, professional body representatives or cold callers claiming that a person is eligible for council/tax rebates and noting their personal details.

The Council voted last week in favour of lobbying with other authorities for fairer funding from local government, securing resources for the economy, infrastructure, housing and community projects.

Businesses throughout the District will be able to apply for extra rate relief designed to help those affected by changes to their rateable value, ensuring businesses are treated fairly across clear criteria.

Work on the new waste depot and business units is progressing well and will include 10,000 sq. ft. of industrial space split into business units supporting the local economy and job creation. To be completed Spring 2018.

Exhibition at Cranwell Aviation Museum exploring the role of airships, etc. You can also learn about the Zeppelin raids on Lincolnshire. 30.09-25.03.18.

The Spires & Steeples Challenge returns for its tenth year on 15.10.17 consisting of a 26mile charitable walk from Lincoln to Sleaford and return following the Spires & Steeples Arts and Heritage Trail.

NK Community Champions have been decided and will be announced at an event at The Venue, Navenby in October.

A newly formed Dementia Hub opened at OneNK, Nth Hykeham earlier this month offering a range of services to sufferers and their carers. Open the first Tuesday of every month 10am-12noon.

"Get on Line Week" 2-8.10.17 running weekly sessions in Ruskington, Heckington and Info-Links, Nth Hykeham providing guidance and tuition to those wishing to learn more about computer/internet procedures.

Cluster Group: 27.11.17: Beckingham Village Hall.

Walking Festival in areas of Nth and Sth Kesteven 23.09-29.10.17.

NK Chairman's Charity Quiz: 6.10.17: money raised will go to Cllr Sally Tarry's charity LIVES.

Performance of Desperado (The Eagles Music): Terry O'Toole Theatre, One NK: 7.10.17."

Pat Woodman commented on:

"the turning down of recent appeals to the inspectorate for developments at South Rauby and Bassingham, which reflected well on NKDC's planning process. LT raised the issue of the village Green which was owned by NKDC and whether this could be sold to the Parish Council for a nominal sum of £1. So that it could be incorporated into the grass cutting programme for the village."

Action PW/SH

Marianne Overton reported:

The content of her recent newsletter (previously circulated) and drew particular attention to the European funding for rural projects in Lincolnshire which was still unspent and applications could still be made. Agreed Parish Clerk should investigate further.

Action Clerk

The need to be vigilant in reporting potholes and other road defects to County Highways by using their website and providing supporting photographic evidence if possible. It was agreed should be included in forthcoming Bugle.

Action Clerk

All three Councillors encouraged the Parish Council to add their support to the "Fairer Funding for Lincolnshire Campaign by sending an appropriate letter to the Secretary of State.

Action Clerk

17/75 Members' Declarations of Interest.

None

17/76 Approval of the minutes of the meeting 14th June 2017.

These were approved and then signed by LT.

17/77 Matters outstanding from previous meetings:

The funding mentioned in the NALC Newsletter was not likely to be of any use to Beckingham.

Highways contact information was now on the village website.

The requested small amendment to the Village Hall insurance policy was now in place.

17/78 Correspondence

Emails:

2/8/2017 Marianne Overton newsletter

already noted and discussed.

Highways re Parish Self Help

Councillors agreed that the Parish was already undertaking most of the activities which were to be delegated to Parish Councils and the extra costs needed to be built into next year's budget.

Highways re Village walkabout response – Agreed "pot holes" should be included on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Action Clerk

PW drew the meeting's attention to a letter received from a Hillside resident drawing attention to the increasing danger arising from parking outside the three newly renovated cottages on the corner of Sleaford Road with Church Street. It was agreed that the Council supported these concerns and a letter should be sent to the County's Road Safety Officer seeking an on-site meeting to discuss the issue. The resident's letter should be attached to support the Council's case.

Action Clerk

Sarah Lingard PCSO re Neighbourhood Panel meeting

noted

LALC re Community Diversity meeting

noted

17/79 Committees

/1 Village Hall

AB reported on the recent very successful "Ladies Night" and the proposed Harvest Supper evening in conjunction with the PCC. Other events were being planned throughout the remainder of the year.

LT reported that there was a regular booking for a toddler's dance class on Thursday morning of each week until Christmas.

The Management Accounts to 14 Sept were signed as correct by two Parish Councillors.

It was agreed that it would be sensible to install PIR operated lights for the toilets to avoid the need for access to the now locked kitchen to turn them on. At the same time the Electrician should be asked to replace the existing u/s electric water heaters for each sink in the toilets.

It was noted that damp still seemed to be present and that several slates had slipped down following the recent strong winds. Agreed a builder should be instructed to replace the slipped slates and carry out an inspection in the roof space to ascertain the cause of the damp and estimate for the remedial work. LS would supply the contact details for the builder she had used for work to her property.

Action Clerk

PW stated that the current more frequent use of the premises necessitated a regular weekly clean, preferable on a Friday.

It was agreed that the existing cleaner and one other (name to be supplied by AB) should be invited to tender for the work against a specification to be drawn up by VHMC in consultation with the VHSCMC. The new arrangements to be put in place as soon as practically possible.

Action Clerk

/2 Play Park

PW reported on the recent discovery of a broken beer bottle in the play park area and dog waste and another bottle in the waste bin, together with the recent deterioration of the corner of one of the supporting panels on the climbing frame.

It was agreed that a reinforcing piece of timber should be mounted on either side of the damaged area to reduce the risk of possible collapse of the panel.

Action Clerk

John Daubney should be asked to undertake one further grass cutting of the verges, but not the play park. The contracts for grass cutting and gutter cleaning should be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

Action Clerk

17/80 Matters for Discussion

/1 Village Communications

The Clerk's report and "mock-up" of a new look Bugle were considered and it was agreed that the Parish Council should support the issue of the newsletter on a quarterly basis for a trial period of one year commencing December 2017. A final version with appropriate content should be considered at the next meeting before distribution in December.

17/81 Finance

The meeting approved the reported payments and confirmed the reported bank balances at 15/9/2017.

17/82 Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 22nd November 2017.

RG requested the inclusion of an Agenda item at this meeting to discuss the possibility of a Village Fete combined with the open gardens events held previously. This was agreed.

Action Clerk

The meeting closed at 9.00pm