

Beckingham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 28th March 2018

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

District Cllr Sue Howe (SH)

Terry Brown/Parish Clerk

Minute	Action
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18/28 Public Time

No members of the public in attendance.

18/29 Chairman's Announcements

LT's opening remarks:

"LCC's recent information letter (BL/0273/NH) delivered to all households in the Parish recently has proven that parish councils and small communities do have a voice that is heard. If you are able to approach the relevant authorities in a manner that fundamentally demonstrates that your need is a valid one as with the A17 case in hand, then your desires and aspirations will be taken into account.

However to be able to make a substantial case that is worthy of attention enough background evidence must be available to support the argument as we have done with letters to LCC going back over almost twenty years. That and the fact that those who were responsible on the ground for implementing the work were able to be convinced by reasoned argument and demonstration of our case.

We are grateful for the time taken by the engineers to listen to us and to those elected representatives at NKDC and LCC who have assisted us and also to the relevant budget holders and decision makers in Lincs Highways.

The moral of the story is that parish councils are only as good as those that actually serve on them and the use they make of their records and history and their ability to change words into deeds."

This had been received by the Parish Council on 20/2/18 comments to NKDC were to be made by 13/3/18 and before the next Parish Council meeting.

18/30 Apologies for absence

District Cllr Pat Woodman MBE

18/31 Police Time

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

18/32 District and County Councillor Time

Sue Howe reported:

"Residents can join the Garden Waste Collection service for the year April 2018-March 2019. The cost of collection remains at £30 for a single brown garden waste bin, with bins emptied every other week (except December and January) when frequency reduces.

Armed Forces Week will be recognised throughout the District 25.06.18-1.07.18 with events arranged such as a Flag Raising Service at the start of the week and a Veterans' Evening on 29.06. 18. Cash Grants are available for projects in support of communities in North Kesteven for up to 50% of a project's cost. £1,000 community, £2,500 building, £1,500 recreational venture, with 50% match funding met by voluntary labour or donation of goods.

On 16.04.18 (5.30pm), the District will be hosting a two-hour workshop with industry experts, Kerching Retail sharing advice and tips for making the best use of social media, (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram), which can have a positive effect on business promotion if used in the right way. (e-mail ecodev@n-kesteven.gov.uk / (01529) 308177) for further details and to register your attendance.

The latest edition of NK News is currently being delivered to all homes and businesses within North Kesteven. Please advise if there is an area within NK that does not receive the March 2018 publication which features news about the Council's new leisure, countryside and arts contractors."

18/33 Members' Declarations of Interest.

None

18/34 Approval of the minutes of the meeting 21st February 2018.

These were approved unanimously and then signed by LT.

18/35 Matters outstanding from previous meetings:

LT asked about the correct procedure for bringing late items to the meeting.

The Clerk will investigate and report back to the next meeting.

Action Clerk

/1 removal of the decommissioned telephone box

AB reported that he had received notice of its removal on or around 3rd April.

/2 Village Hall Risk Assessment

LT reported on further actions that had been taken since the February meeting and confirmed that PAT testing and a Fire Safety inspection would be organised by the Village Hall Management Committee.

PW reported on actions that had been taken to install a suspended ceiling in the Village Hall. These included seeking quotes and following up on a possible NKDC grant for the work.

18/36 Correspondence

Emails:

8/3/2018 Martin Bex re 18/0219/VARCON

It was commented that it was known that (at least) three objections had been received by NKDC. Also, Highways have requested that the driveway be widened to allow two vehicles to pass and is also brought up to LCC standards.

18/37 Planning

None.

18/38 Committees

Village Hall

/1 to discuss LCC Emergency Planning Support Service database of keyholders.

LT, PW and AB were nominated as the current keyholders.

Action Clerk

LT commented that he was still chasing the Village Hall roof repairs and the contractor was waiting for a dry period to carry out the work.

Play Park

/1 To discuss the 2018 Annual Inspection Report

It was noted that there had been little change (and deterioration) since the last 2017 Inspection report.

/2 To discuss Play Field funds

The meeting noted the schedule of asset values for the Play Park equipment based on historic cost and commented on the mismatch between that and the funds held in reserve for the Play Park.

PW commented that he believed that some of those reserved funds had been collected for certain spending decisions and that they could not be used for other purposes.

The Clerk will look at the Play Park files and report back at the next meeting Action Clerk

Village fete:

RG gave a full report on Committee's meeting held 14th March and the list of events that are likely to take place on June 18th.

The next Committee meeting will take place on the 11th April.

It was agreed that a draft Risk Assessment should be tabled for discussion at the next Parish Council Meeting Action RG/AB

18/39 Matters for Discussion

/1 To approve the 2018 footpaths

This was approved, and the work is expected to be carried out soon after Easter.

Action Clerk

/2 To discuss a grant for churchyard maintenance

A payment of £300 from the 2018-19 budget was approved.

Action Clerk

/3 To approve Clerk's salary progression following Cilca award

This was approved unanimously with the change effective April 2018.

Action Clerk

18/40 Finance

The Clerk reported that the payment to PlayInspection should be correctly stated as £78 and that Receipts and Payments schedule showed an incorrect reimbursement for Bugle printing costs which would be corrected.

The meeting then approved the payments and confirmed the reported bank balances at 26/1/2018.

18/41 Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting as the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council was confirmed as Wednesday 2nd May 2018.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

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