

Beckingham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 29th March 2017

Present: Cllr L Tatton (LT), Cllr A Brewer (AB), Cllr P Wells (PW), Cllr G Else(GE)

District Cllr Sue Howe

Terry Brown/Parish Clerk

Minute	Action
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17/31 Chairman's Announcements:

"It is with some pleasure that I report that Graham Else is stepping down from his role as a Parish Councillor and also from the Village Hall Management Committee. Not pleasure at his retirement from public life but the fact that I have been able to work alongside someone who has given the best part of three decades of loyal service to the Parish and the Community. His record will be one that may well stand, never to be beaten. I can safely speak on behalf of the whole Parish when I say thank you and well done. The fact that Graham's knowledge and experience will still be readily made available to us is warmly appreciated and will probably be needed.

This leaves the Parish Council with the bare number of Councillors necessary to conduct its' business, we therefore suggest that anyone who would like to step into one of the vacant positions should come and witness a PC meeting or two, listen to what we do and if they think that they meet the criteria and consider that they could bring something to the role then we would be delighted to hear from with a view to co-opting them onto the PC.

It is important that we take our time and ensure that the news of the vacancies is spread across the Parish, then everyone will have had an equal chance to put themselves forward."

17/32 Apologies for absence

District Cllr Pat Woodman MBE

17/33 Police Time

PCSO Sarah Lingard reported (by email) that there had been no crimes for the area.

17/34 District and County Councillor Time

Sue Howe reported:

"On 30.03.17, Members will appoint a new Leader of the Council following the resignation of Cllr Mrs Marion Brighton, due to ill health. The new Leader is expected to be Cllr Richard Wright. Cllr Wright has been an Executive Board member of the Council since 2011 and has represented Ruskington Ward within the District since 2007 as a Ward Member.

A newly formed housing company, owned by NKDC and known as 'Lafford Homes' is working on site in Steam Court, Nth Hykeham building 27 new flats for the private, rented market with tenants anticipated to be moving into the new homes in November 2017.

People can visit the firing of Welbourn Forge on Saturday, 1.04.17 between 10am - 1pm and see traditional iron making from within a Victorian Forge dating back to 1864. The Forge has recently been sold back to Welbourn Parish Council from NKDC.

Residents can still join the Garden Waste Collection Service @ of £30 for emptying a garden waste bin and £12 for additional bins.

The District will again be supporting annual Armed Forces Week (19-25.06.17), recognising service personnel across the three Armed Services. Veterans' Evening and presentation of badges will be on 23.06.17. 12th May is the closing date for Veterans' Badge applications.

The Spires & Steeples Challenge returns to the District for the tenth successive year on Sunday, 15.10.17 travelling along the Arts & Heritage Trail running through numerous villages and landmarks within North Kesteven."

17/35 Members' Declarations of Interest.

None

17/36 Approval of the minutes of the meeting 22nd February 2017.

These were approved unanimously and then signed by LT.

17/37 Matters arising from previous meetings

17/12/4 Dog Waste

LT proposed that the Council purchase stickers for the five bins in the Village to show that all the bins were now dual use. This was agreed unanimously

Action LT

17/24 Email 27/1/2017 NKDC re grass cutting

Sue Howe outlined the changes that are to take place at the NKDC department with responsibility in this item. LT suggested it would be a good time to remind NKDC of the Parish Council's continuing willingness to assume responsibility for this area by either a leasing or purchasing the area for a nominal sum.

Action Clerk

17/38 Correspondence

Emails:

3/3/2017 NKDC re Parish Councillor vacancy

The meeting agreed on the importance of the need to encourage parishioners to volunteer for this and various possible candidates were discussed.

The Clerk reminded Councillors of the need for the next two meetings to be quorate.

13/3/2017 NKDC re Refuse Collection at Village Hall.

AB outlined alternative and more cost effective possibilities in the light of the plans for the Village Hall currently under discussion.

17/40 Committees

/1 Village Hall.

PW reported on the further meetings of the BECKINGHAM VILLAGE HALL LICENSING GROUP and that it was most likely that an inaugural meeting of the proposed Social Club would be held soon.

LT reported on a meeting of the BECKINGHAM VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE and asked the Clerk that information about all the proposed plans and changes in the running of the Village Hall be displayed more prominently on the Website. Also for there to be a calendar system to display the bookings and availability of the Village Hall. Action Clerk

17/41 Matters for Discussion

PW asked for the Clerk to arrange another training session form the defibrillator.

Action Clerk

17/42 Finance

The meeting approved the reported payments and confirmed the reported bank balances at 29/3/2017

The meeting closed at 8.10pm