

Beckingham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 24th November 2014 at 7pm

Present:

Cllr P Thorpe (PT), Cllr L Tatton (LT), Cllr A Brewer (AB), Cllr Pat Woodman (PW)

Minute	Action
<p>14/72 Public Time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No public present at the meeting. 	
<p>14/73 Police Time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No police in attendance. 	
<p>14/74 District & County Councillor Time</p> <p>PW gave brief update of activities in the district, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget consultations in January 2015, hopeful that Council Tax will not increase. NKDC managing budget and by working with other Councils and maximising facilities were achieving savings. Anticipate that Government Grant will be less but Council will keep more of the business rates. • The newly refurbished Sleaford Leisure Centre won an award for the refurbishment. • The Sports Centre will undergo major refurbishment in 2015. • Christmas activities were planned at various centres throughout the district, including Hill Holt Wood, Whisby Natural World and the National Centre for craft and design at Sleaford. • Local Plan consultation finished on 11th November. The comments will be evaluated and another consultation document will be produced in 2015. There will be site evaluation for new houses. • PW explained how the lag between the adoption of the new Local Plan and saved policies had presented opportunity for developers to put in planning permission for some large developments, ie 120 houses in Bassingham which may prove difficult to defend as the District did not have a 5 year supply of land. • There is proposal for 14 affordable homes to be built in Brant Broughton but decision on which site still to be made. Affordable homes in Bassingham should be occupied by December 2014 with 15 to rent and 8 as shared ownership. • From 1st April 2015 fines will be levied for persistent offenders of garden waste in the black bins. 	<p>DJ DJ & PT</p>
<p>14/75 Apologies for absence and reasons given</p> <p>Diana Johnson (Parish Clerk) unable to attend due to work commitments. Councillor Sue Howe sent her apologies.</p>	
<p>14/76 Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting</p> <p>Minutes of the meeting held on 29th September 2014 were approved and signed.</p>	
<p>14/77 Matters outstanding from previous meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grass cutting payments – last cut completed for the year and invoice received and approved for payment. LT to give to GE for payment. • Grass Cutting Contract – final wording of contract agreed and to be used in the future for potential contractors to quote against. • LCC Highways various issues – email sent (see attached). AB to look into whether there may be opportunity for funding for drainage. Agreed to draw up programme of works, obtain quotes and see if funding available to complete work. 	

- Amenity Woodland – LT had obtained the conveyance document from Tallons, Solicitors in Newark. There is a requirement for boundary fence to be erected between the woodland and the Rectory, post and 3 wires. Quotation to be obtained for work and to be included in Precept for next year.

14/78 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

14/79 Finance

LT to pass on NKDC invoice for dog bins and remittance advice for grass cutting to GE.

14/80 Planning Matters

Planning application 14/1283/FUL for erection of two-storey dwelling was discussed and it was confirmed that the Parish Council had asked NKDC to ensure that any vehicular access to the road did not block the pathway.

Objections by local residents to the above application were noted.

14/81 Correspondence

- Voter registration information noted.
- NKDC Register of Electors letter was completed.
- Randolph Pattinson Trust – resignation of Trustee noted. LT to enquire whether a replacement is required.
- CAB donation request – it was agreed not to donate.

14/82 Matters for Discussion

- **Play Park Project update** – TT confirmed she was attending meeting on 27th November.
- **Christmas Tree Lighting** – TT confirmed tree being delivered on 5th December and would leaflet village in the next week. Plans agreed for the evening of 6th December.
- **Community Plan** – Survey returns were to be filed in the Parish Council cupboard in the village hall.

14/71 Date of Next Meeting

Parish Council Meeting Monday 26th January 2015 – 7.00pm

Meeting closed at 8:45pm

DJ & PT

From: LCCHighwaysNorth <LCCHighwaysNorth@lincolnshire.gov.uk>
Date: 29 October 2014 10:39:44 GMT
To: "beckinghamparish@outlook.com" <beckinghamparish@outlook.com>
Subject: RE: Various Highways issues in Beckingham

Dear Diana

Clerk to Beckingham Parish Council

Thanks for the recent correspondence regarding issues in your Parish, as discussed.

- 1) B.T. cover reported to Openreach 0800 023 20230. This number is available to any member of the public to report any issues found.
- 2) Drainage at A17 junction, standing water after heavy rain, a survey was carried out and works added to list of minor works for next financial year.
- 3) Hillside, drainage works. To my knowledge we have carried out works to stop this three times – and each time the spring finds an outlet further down the hill. Will add this to list of future works.
- 4) A17, concerns over recent incidents. No highway implications reported to Highways after incidents. Road Safety are aware of these issues.
- 5) Extra Grass cutting, please see emails from Ian Ward recently forwarded to you over this issue.
- 6) Overgrown hedges and trees throughout the village, unfortunately no officer time available to help with this issue. We are aware of a problem outside of the Rectory between All Saints Church and Rectory Street. Enforcement letter to be sent.
- 7) Sutton Road, overgrown hedge problem addressed by landowner
- 8) Siding and slurry sealing in village, unfortunately the new system promised by Alliance contractor (Micro Ash felting) proved to be too expensive and was not undertaken. These works will be added to the future works for Beckingham using tried and tested method, please accept our apologies over this delay.
- 9) Blocked Gullies and off/lets. Unfortunately an overhaul of the cleansing programme has been under taken, cost saving resulting in less cleaning. However if you can identify problem areas I will plan extra cleaning where possible.
- 10) Potholes in Village, Pothole Patrol team are programmed to visit Beckingham shortly and will attend to all areas above intervention levels to make safe. The team are tasked to cut-out and make permanent repairs where possible, time permitting.

Kind regards

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From: diana johnson [<mailto:beckinghamparish@outlook.com>]
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Subject: URGENT For the attention of Steve Welsh and Alan Brown Re. Various Highways issues in Beckingham

Dear Steve Welsh and Alan Brown

Following a recent Parish Council Meeting, could we please address the following matters [\(some LCC already know about, some you perhaps you don't\)](#):

1. [The BT cover on Sleaford Road](#) is **damaged and in a dangerous **condition** - **SERIOUS RISK OF INJURY immediate action** required. 1303211**

2. Drainage at A17 junction - still floods badly. Residents concerned as this is a dangerous junction at the best of times, much worse when wet and in freezing conditions. What is being done about this? 1303208

3. Hillside spring in road - Drainage work still not completed. Residents are still anxious to go **into another winter as this freezes to a thick sheet of ice. When will this work be completed?**

4. What road safety measures are being looked at on the A17 following fatalities and serious collisions this year? Is this area (particularly Beckingham to Brant Broughton) classed as an 'accident' black spot?

5. Extra Grass Cutting Areas - **could** we please have a definitive plan of the area we now cut and how much we can claim for it?

6. Domestic Hedges - Various domestic hedges around the village have been reported to the Parish Council as they are so overgrown people are having to walk on the road. Could you please identify hedges that are overgrown and discuss with the property owners?

7. Farm Hedges on Sutton Road - Has a complaint been made regarding a Farmer's hedge on Sutton Road? Apparently I have reported a problem, yet I know nothing about it?! Do you have any information on this please? 1303209

8. Siding and slurry seal within the village as promised some time ago plus weeds in gutters and repairs to the damaged caused. When can we expect this to be completed?

9. Blocked drains/gulley offlets around the village - identified by LCC but not yet remedied. When can we expect this to be completed?

10. Pot holes on Chapel Street - could you look at fixing these as soon as possible please?

Please feel free **to telephone me on 07740 047671** to discuss any of the above matters. I would be happy to meet you in the village if necessary.

Kind regards

Diana Johnson
Clerk to Beckingham Parish Council