

**Beckingham Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council**  
**Wednesday 4th October 2023**

**Present:** Cllrs Lawrence Tatton (as Chair), Phil Wells, Andy Brewer, Angela Smith  
District Councillor Lucille Hagues  
County Councillors Marianne Overton

No members of the public

In the absence of the Clerk notes on the meeting were taken by Cllr Smith

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**23/057 Public Time**

None

**23/058 Chair's Announcements**

The Chair officially recognised the passing away recently of Graham Else, a long time resident of Beckingham and a former Parish Councillor.

**23/059 Apologies for absence**

Parish Cllr Scott Toomer  
Terry Brown/Parish Clerk

**23/060 To receive declarations of interest and consider any requests for dispensations**

None

**23/061 District and County Councillor Time**

Lucille had nothing to add to her recent Newsletter and all Councillors were pleased fly tipping is now removed from the A17

The Chair thanked Lucille in her efforts in assisting to remove the above fly tipping

In discussing the new bench in the Village the Chair raised a scheme that has become known as "Chatty Bench" for a plaque to add encouraging people to sit and chat. Cllr Hagues is going to look for more information from NKDC

Marianne Overton asked Councillors to consider the impact of the proposed new solar panels which will take 2400 acres of land close to Navenby.

Cllr Overton commented that the two storey building on Poplar Meadows now has approved planning permission seemingly based on a family with 11 children. Parish Councillors pointed out that footings are now going ahead for a further dwelling with soil deposited on the A17 verge.

Cllr Overton reported that the A15 from Navenby to Harmston has a proposed speed limit change from 60mph to 40mph which all agreed seemed extreme. In addition junctions along this stretch of road are going to be looked at due to high number of accidents

**23/062 To approve the draft minutes of the meeting of the 8th August 2023**

These were accepted by the meeting, to be signed at the November meeting.

### **23/063 Matters arising**

**/1 to review the Parish Council's contribution to the costs of the new Church gate**

Clr Wells has discussed with the Warden at Beckingham Church PC the Parish Council contributing to Church Gates expected to cost between £2000 and £3000. The Parish Council may be able to contribute to the Graveyard Gate as this will be a benefit to the Village. This discussion is to continue.

### **23/064 Correspondence:**

Emails:

4/9/2023	Marianne Overton re September news
4/9/2023	Lucille Hagues re September newsletter
13/9/2023	Lucille Hagues re A17 fly tipping
21/9/2023	NKDC re Heritage grant scheme
27/9/2023	Planning Inspectorate re Appeal Ref: APP/R2520/W/22/3292337
27/9/2023	Marianne Overton re Appeal Ref: APP/R2520/W/22/3292337

Noted

### **23/065 Planning:**

**/1 23/1133/TCA Church Cottage, Sleaford Road, Beckingham**

Damson – Remove

**/2 23/1060/PAR Field Farm Sutton Road Sutton-cum-beckingham**

Application for prior approval under Class R of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) for the proposed change of use from agricultural building to commercial storage

**/3 to note Planning Inspectorate Appeal decision**

The Chair thanked everyone involved in opposing the Traveller site. All agreed that this is a great result but the Travellers have 56 days to appeal.

### **23/066 Committees**

**/1 Village Hall**

The Decorator for Village Hall will be asked to submit his quote on Headed Paper. Village Hall decorating will start 10<sup>th</sup> October

NA Services will be asked to trim Conifers at the side of Village Hall so that now we can access from the new neighbours.

A new Dimmer switch needs to be purchased

The Chairman will complete NK Food Questionnaire recently received regards cooking on the premises

**/2 Play Park**

Clr Brewer had researched purchasing Goal Posts for the Playing Field and recommended them to be too expensive. Therefore he is going to approach local Football Clubs to see if any old ones are available action Clr Brewer

**/3 Woodland**

No report

## 23/067 Matters for Agreement

- /1 There is a high level of Dog fouling in the Village at the moment including streets as well as new Woodland Path all of which is very disappointing.

It was agreed that new signs be ordered for the Woodland reminding of dog fouling and that dogs need to be on a lead when walking the footpath.

In addition the following ideas for the next Bugle were proposed:

An article re dog fouling with a photo of the sign on Chapel Street re £1000 fine for anyone caught.

The location of the 7 Bins in the Village

To report the Bugle Woodland Walk on Sunday September 24<sup>th</sup> attended by families and dogs.

To report that the Macmillan Coffee Morning was a huge success in the Village Hall raising in excess of £725

To report the addition of new street lights on Sleaford Rd and School Lane.

## 23/068 Finance

- /1 **The following payments were noted:#**

T Brown re payroo inv 02012	26	25/08/2023	6.00
Angela Smith re APM expenses	27	25/08/2023	28.64
T Brown re Sept Bugle	28	29/08/2023	77.38
Angela Smith re litter picker	29	06/09/2023	5.84
NA Services re bench instal	30	06/09/2023	97.20
NA Services re inv 23/08	31	07/09/2023	560.00
T Brown re half yr expenses	32	08/09/2023	143.13
T Brown re 2nd qtr salary	33	09/09/2023	460.25
T Brown re 2nd qtr paye	34	09/09/2023	115.00

- /2 **Bank balances at 27/9/2023 were noted:**

Money Manager (Deposit) £1009.01  
Community Account (Current) £17013.40

## 23/069 To receive items for the next agenda

None.

## 23/070 Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023