

Beckingham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 22nd September 2021

Present: Cllrs Lawrence Tatton (as Chair), Phil Wells, Angela Smith
District Cllrs Mary Green, Marianne Overton & Russell Eckert
Terry Brown/Parish Clerk

Minute	Action
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21/073 Public Time

None

21/074 Chairman's Announcements

The Chair welcomed Cllr Russell Eckert to his first meeting of the Parish Council.

21/075 Apologies for absence

Cllrs Scott Toomer & Andy Brewer

21/076 Members' Declarations of Interest.

Cllr Wells declared an interest in 21/081/2

21/077 District and County Councillor Time

Reports from Cllrs Mary Green and Russell Eckert are attached:

Cllr Overton reported on current problems faced with Neighbourhood Policing due to stretched resources. She emphasised that recent Government announcements on extra police officers would not see an additional numbers for Lincolnshire.

Also she emphasised the significant changes for reduced limits to new houses in Villages implied in the Local Plan.

21/078 To accept the draft minutes of the meeting of the 28th July 2021.

These were accepted by the meeting.

21/079 Matters arising

/1 to give an update on progress with items 21/053/1 and 21/053/3.
Deferred to the next meeting

21/080 Correspondence

Emails:

9/8/2021	Woodland Trust re site visit report
16/8/2021	Cllr Marianne Overton re Local Plan consultation
23/8/2021	NKDC re litter picking grant
25/8/2021	Cllr Mary Green re August newsletter
30/8/2021	Cllr Russell Eckert re Parish Council meeting 22/9/21

21/081 Planning

- /1 21/1091/LBC Apricot Hall Sutton Road Sutton-cum-beckingham
Proposed Internal alterations to Apricot Hall
No comment
- /2 21/1179/HOUS 1 Hillside Beckingham
Erection of orangery to side of property
No comment

21/082 Committees

/1 Village Hall

Cllr Wells reported that activities in the Hall had started with Sean Conway as the new Chairman and Alex Williams as Secretary of the Beckingham Village Hall Social Club.

/2 Village Hall Improvements Working Group

No report.

/3 Play Park:

see 21/083/2

/4 Village fete:

No report

/5 Woodland

No report

21/083 Matters for Discussion

/1 to further consider village grass cutting arrangements

Cllr Tatton tabled a draft tender contract for discussion and three possible parties who might tender were identified.

Further consideration will be given to this item at the November meeting.

/2 to further consider Play Park development

Cllr Tatton reported that painting of the play equipment had been started.

It was agreed to purchase another waste bin for the Play Park.

Action Clerk

In addition:

- /3 The Clerk was asked to make enquiries re the excessive weed growth in the river which might exacerbate flooding problems.

Action Clerk

21/084 Finance

- /1 Payments approved:

James Keane	06/08/2021	125.00
Hill Holt inv 2605 June/July	08/08/2021	384.00
CB Ground inv 942	09/08/2021	92.50
N Gratton inv 664	09/08/2021	176.00
Hill Holt inv 2620 August	27/08/2021	192.00
T Brown re Sept Bugle	27/08/2021	64.78

- /2 Bank balances at 13/9/2021

Money Manager (Deposit) £7451.15
Community Account (Current) £10811.42

21/085 To receive items for the next agenda

- /1 gave an update on progress with items 21/053/1 and 21/053/3 (Cllr Brewer)
/2 to consider the purchase of a new outdoor seat (Cllr Smith)

21/086 Date of next meeting: Wednesday 17th November 2021

Cllr Russell Eckert reported:

Firstly, I would like to provide you with Council Update with regards to the political balance on the Council. NK Admin Group - 26 / NK Independent Group - 13 / Unaligned Councillors -3 / Vacancy 1 with Nick Byatt Councillor for Metheringham Ward recently announcing of his resignation and a By-election will be held and date TBA.

As our Council focus is to ensure its Climate Action Plan is as robust as possible, therefore if any supporting information of relevance can be made available through The Democratic Services Team towards the end of this week

Any Residents who have question with regards to the Purple Bin or general bin usage a useful guide has been provided online available from the NKDC website.

As much as possible the Council would like to try and avoid sending canvassers to carry out with The Annual Household Canvass. If any forms are received by post they only need to be completed if there are no changes to report and please note It is a legal requirement to respond.

Covid Update News - the take up rates for the vaccine remain amongst the very highest in England. However the fall off for second doses in younger age groups continues not just unique to NKDC but is a National Issue also.

Second Dose take up in NKDC is - 50-54's at 91% - 25-29's at 71% this take up is the highest of any English Council for this age group for both doses.

COVID Cases up to end of last week in North Kesteven have remained flat around 400per100,000. A reminder of the essential maintenance works linking Lincoln to M1 via A46 which started on July 12th. The next phase of works is planned to [start on Friday October 15th](#) and should be completed by [Thursday 18th November](#). Carriage sections will be closed between Winthrop interchange and Hykeham roundabout. Diversions will be made available and details accessed from EMADcomms@Kier.co.uk.

Note - The District Council itself is still due to open up [on Monday 4th October](#) at this there are no plans to change however COVID infections rates may contribute to a possible change of date. Staff are continuing to split working from home and office.

Cllr Mary Green reported:

- Canvass - If a household has received a form recently, they are asked to please respond promptly. It is a legal requirement for households/individuals to respond. It can help improve credit ratings by being on the Electoral Register. It remains a choice whether a registered elector wishes to vote but they must be registered.*
- Right Thing Right Bin - The first collections of purple lidded bins (cardboard & paper) commence 27th September 2021. If you have had an advisory green tag on your bin, don't worry - it's there to help you put the 'Right Thing' in the 'Right Bin'. We won't be able to collect bins that contain wrong items. It might take a bit of getting used to the changes, but we know you can help us improve the quality of recycling and enable us to help the environment. Long term this is of benefit to both residents and the planet. The leaflet which each household should have received, gives a really good heads up about what goes in which bin. If you have mislaid the leaflet, it can be downloaded from the NKDC website as a useful aide memoire.*

- *Greater Lincolnshire Online Jobs & Careers Fair - The next in the series of virtual jobs fairs will be live on 29th September 2021 from. 10.00am until 1.00pm. The event is free for both visitors and exhibitors and can be accessed via the Greater Lincolnshire LEP's custom built website.*

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- *Natasha's Law - This will come into effect from October 2021. The new law requires food businesses to provide full ingredient lists and allergen labelling on pre-packaged foods for direct sale. For example the Name of the Food, a full list of ingredients with allergenic ingredients emphasised in bold, italics or a different colour print.*
- *Lincolnshire councils are working collectively and closely with the Home Office to support Afghans who left their country over recent weeks to arrive in the UK. Anyone wanting to help can find out more by visiting www.gov.uk/help-refugees.*
- *COVID-19 - The fall off for second doses in the younger age groups continues to stand out - this is a national issue , not just in our District - with a 20-point difference in 2nd dose take up between the 50-54s at 91.2% (16th highest in England) and 25-29s at 71.2% and bearing in mind our 25-29 take up is the highest of any council in England (for both 1st & 2nd dose).*

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