



Beckingham Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

Wednesday 4th September 2025

Present: Cllrs Lawrence Tatton (as Chair), Philip Wells, Andrew Brewer, Scott Toomer
District Cllr Lucille Hagues
Members of the public – none
Terry Brown - Clerk

Minute	Action
25/054	Public Time None
25/055	To receive apologies for absence. Parish Cllr Robert Tatton
25/056	To receive declarations of interest and consider any requests for dispensations. None
25/057	District and County Councillor time Cllr Lucille Hagues submitted the attached report:
25/058	To approve the draft minutes of the meeting of the 16th July 2025 These were accepted by the meeting and signed by the Chair
25/059	Matters arising /1 to discuss verges and dropped crossing for the disabled Cllr Brewer reported that Lincs Highways are in the process of installing for dropped kerbs and bollards as requested at the July meeting to improve access and parking at the Village Hall
25/060	Correspondence: Emails: 25/7/2025 Lincs CC re Village Hall parking 1/8/2025 Lucille Hagues re August Newsletter 1/8/2025 Marianne Overton re August Newsletter 6/8/2025 Solar Farm proposals for Barnby in the Willows 18/8/2025 Marianne Overton re Large Scale Lithium Battery Energy Storage 18/8/2025 Local Government Reorganisation in Greater Lincolnshire Noted
25/061	Planning: /1 25/0968/TCA The Sheridan, Sleaford Road, Beckingham Silver Birch – Fell No comment

- /2 **25/0786/LBC Yew Tree Farm House Sutton Road Sutton-cum-beckingham Replace wooden vertical slat panel and gate with hand-made metal slat panel with gate.**
No comment

25/062

Committees

- /1 **Village Hall**
councillors asked the Clerk to make changes to the website to attempt to avoid further confusions on location of the multiple Lincolnshire Beckinghams. action Clerk
- /2 **Play Park**
Cllr Tatton reported that safety signs had been installed at the Park indicating cracks in the surface because of the dry weather.
- /3 **Woodland**
Cllr Tatton reported that the tree guards around the trees were in the process of being removed and that very low ragwort incidence was now being reported.

25/063

Matters for Agreement

- /1 **to discuss updating the Village Hall toilets.**
Cllr Wells gave a resume of the past actions taken on this item and that much depended on finding the necessary grant funding to facilitate any such installation.

Cllr Tatton expressed some concern at the problems that might be caused for the operation of the Village hall whilst any such work was being carried out.
- /2 **to confirm the appointment of the 2026 Internal Auditor**
councillors agreed to reappoint the 2025 Internal Auditor for the 2026 AGAR.
- /3 **to report on 2025 SAPPP Practitioners Guide & Assertion 10 Compliance**
The Clerk explained the possible consequences of the changes to the 2026 AGAR s1 with the inclusion of a 10th statement on IT compliance recommending no change to existing procedures.

Councillors agreed to accept this recommendation in the short term
- /4 **to discuss defibrillator maintenance arrangement**
Cllr Toomer confirmed the current arrangements to routinely check the defibrillator's status and that he would follow up on purchasing any necessary maintenance supplies. action Cllr Toomer
- /5 **to appoint Randolph Pattinson Trustees**
The Council agreed the reappointment of Mr A Brewer and Mr N Ashworth as Trustees with effect from 30/1/2026 action Clerk

/6 to consider quotes for Play Field Hedge & Footpath Grass Edge Cutting

The Parish Council agreed to accept a quote of £1401 for Footpath Edge Grass Trimming and a quote of £270 for Playing field Hedge Cutting.

25/064 Finance

/1 The following payments were approved

P Neale re Village sign	16	17/07/2025	250.00
PCC Beckingham re grass grant	17	21/07/2025	525.00
S Bagley re Vhall June	18	24/07/2025	204.00
NA Services re inv 25/07	19	05/08/2025	113.19
NA Services re inv 25/08	20	05/08/2025	340.00
S Bagley re VHall July 25	21	12/08/2025	255.00

T Brown re Website domain renewal £15.59
T Brown re Payroo inv 30071 £6.00
T Brown re 2nd qtr salary £607.67
T Brown re 2nd qtr HMRC £151.66
T Brown re 1st half yr Clerk's expenses £100.52

In addition:
NA Services re invoice 25/09 Grass cutting £340.00

/2 Bank balances at 19/8/2025 were reconciled to:

Unity (Deposit) £18517.68
Unity (Current) £1072.47

/3 Reserves at 19/8/2025

Reserves	Operating	17,079.93
	Election	252.5
	VHall	0
	Projects	
	Play	700
	Fete	1557.72
		19,590.15

25/065 To receive items for the next agenda
None

25/066 Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 15th October 2025

The meeting ended at 8.25pm

Lucille Hagues's Newsletter:

FREE FRUIT TREES FOR COMMUNITIES

Following its success last winter, NK are pleased to relaunch their community orchard scheme for planting late 2025 to early 2026.

NK are offering free fruit trees to establish community orchards in North Kesteven as part of the Coronation Living Heritage Fund. Sites should be assessable to the public to some extent (e.g. amenity land, parks, village greens) and there should be plans for community engagement (such as tree planting, fruit picking). Trees are offered alongside stakes, guards, and ties in packs of five, but if you have space, please do apply for more than one pack.

You can find more information of the scheme and a link to the application form on our Trees for Communities webpage. THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS 12PM ON MONDAY AUGUST 18TH. Please note that priority will be given to new orchards, as well as locations and groups that have not previously received fruit trees from NKDC.

COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS 2025 LAUNCHED

Do you know someone who is making a difference within the community of North Kesteven through their kind consideration and voluntary endeavour? And have you always thought 'they deserve a medal' for what they do?

The next best thing is an NK Community Champion Award, backed by community minded businesses within the district and co-ordinated by North Kesteven District Council.

Across 11 categories, this year NK are looking for a champion:

Community Spirit

Young Achievers

Community Businesses

Contribution to climate action, arts and culture, sport, a better environment and good health and wellbeing

Good neighbours

Longstanding contribution to a single group or organisation

There is a new category this year to compliment the Chairs charitable theme to celebrate Contribution to Animal Welfare.

There's a category to capture all manner of expressions of voluntary action undertaken tirelessly, quietly, and selflessly for the benefit of people and communities within North Kesteven.

It could be supporting neighbours, befriending, contributing to a sport or art club, picking litter, maintaining paths, supporting those in need, contributing freely to a myriad of ways, changing lifestyles and business practice to reduce climate impacts or going over and above in any way that brings broad benefit of community enrichment.

Nominations can be made at www.NKawards.org where there is more detail. Deadline is 12pm on September 16th.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION: HELP NKDC TO SHAPE A PROPOSAL THAT WORKS FOR YOU

This change in the way Councils are structured will affect the way local services are delivered and the number of Councillors to connect with communities. That's why it's essential that your views as residents and businesses are factored into what is put forward.

Government wants to see structures that enable strong community engagement and deliver neighbourhood empowerment. That is why NKDC are proposing a middle ground between the size of the current district and the county councils, with three authorities keeping things as local as possible. It also wants new structures that prioritize quality, sustainable public services and proposals that meet local needs and are informed by evidence.

Please tell NKDC your thoughts and priorities for setting up the new council here: [LGR survey](#) on their website.

STREET IMPS YOUTH FOOTBALL COACHING

Free, fun football sessions for ages 11-18 (any gender) are on offer from NKDC and Lincoln City Foundation.

The sessions take place weekly at Better Gym, Sleaford on Thursdays from 5.30 – 6.30pm.

COSTA DEL SLEAFORD

Enjoy sand, sun and buckets of fun as the seaside is brought to Sleaford Market Place this summer! A pop-up beach is coming to SLEAFORD MARKET PLACE from AUGUST 20 UNTIL SEPTEMBER 4. Find out more on NKDC's website.

APPEAL FOR YOUTH PANEL VOLUNTEERS

Fearless, part of Crimestoppers, has opened applications for their 2025/26 youth panel.

The Youth Panel is made up of young people aged between 13 and 17 from across the UK who volunteer their time to help shape the work done by Fearless.

The Panel meets every six weeks or so to talk about all things Fearless, including ideas for campaigns, opinions on local crime issues and emerging trends, and how to reach and engage with young people.

To apply to be on the panel, complete a short application form here by August 31st, 2025. For any queries regarding the application form please email fearless@crimestoppers-uk.org

HERITAGE STRATEGY FOR NORTH KESTEVEN NEEDS YOU TO HELP

North Kesteven District Council is hoping to implement the district's first Heritage Strategy, as well as District-Wide Shopfront Design Guide.

NKDC are currently consulting on the draft strategy and design guide documents, which can be found in the Heritage Strategy and Shopfront Design Guide.

The consultation process will continue until August 31st 2025.

A DROP-IN SESSION WILL TAKE PLACE AT RIVERSIDE CHURCH, SOUTHGATE, SLEAFORD ON AUGUST 11TH 2025 FROM 10.00AM UNTIL 4.00PM.

Alternatively, response can be emailed to the Conservative and Heritage Teams at Planning@n-kesteven.gov.uk or by post to: Conservative Officer, Planning Department, NKDC, Kesteven Street, Sleaford NG34 7EF.

All comments will be considered at the North Kesteven Executive Board meeting in September 2025.

STREETS SAFE – ONLINE REPORTING TOOL

Have you heard of StreetSafe? It's an online reporting tool launched by the Home Office as part of the Government's Strategy to tackle violence against women and girls, although it's open to all of us.

It's a means to report where and why you don't feel safe and is quick to use and anonymous.

You can flag up locations and factors that make you feel unsafe or might help offenders either to commit or conceal a crime – such as lack of street lighting, abandoned buildings, poorly designed spaces or vandalism.

TEENAGE MARKETS ARE BACK

Sleaford's Teenage Markets have returned in 2025, offering young people a platform to showcase their talent and test their entrepreneurial skills.

Young people wishing to take part in the Teenage Markets can create a profile as a trader or performer at www.theteenagemarket.co.uk

The next teenage market is alongside the Sleaford on Sea event on Saturday 23rd August, from 11.00am until 4.00pm in SLEAFORD MARKET PLACE – please do come along and show your support or share the date with any young and budding entrepreneurs.