

Beckingham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 6th December 2011

Membership Present Cllr. K Ashworth (K.A.), Cllr. T Fox (T.F.), Cllr. G Else (G.E)
Cllr. P Woodman (P.W.)
D Johnson (D.J.) (Parish Clerk) & 3 members of the Public.

11/69 Police and Public Time

Police

- No Police available to attend this meeting.
- Crime in the village – Member of public in attendance reported that he had his car number plate stolen, which was subsequently used in a crime. It is noted that the response and support from the Police was excellent.
- T.F. reported to the Police b.
- Blocks of tarmac stacked on the A17 entrances to the village. This is often a marker left by criminals. Removed by Police.
- It is known a horse box was stolen from the village since the last meeting.
- Police Panel Meeting – Next meeting is in January. New improved poster on the notice board. Any member of the public can attend. Note to go in The Bugle to ask for representatives to attend the Panel Meeting. If no one comes forward. Parish Councillors will step in following a rota.

Public

- No further public comments at this point.

11/70 Reports from District and County Councillors

Report from Cllr. Pat Woodman

- Budget work is ongoing.
- Siemens work on A46 Wisby Road has started.
- Council looking at closing both Wisby and Leadenham Recycling sites. Clerk to write to Lewis Strange, the Councillor responsible for waste. Loosing these sites would mean longer distances for public to travel and the likelihood of increased fly-tipping. These sites also employ local workers. It is believed contracts are due to end March 2012.
- Brown waste bins are to be emptied just once per month in the winter months.
- SID repair. Beckingham PC are happy to contribute, but on a pro-rata basis as the SID is very rarely in our area. D.J. to contact Sue Chambers at NKDC.
- Anemometer Mast – Unfortunately the extension was granted. The Committee believed the best way forward was to grant permission, with the proviso that steps to remove the mast commence on 14th February 2012, and must be completely removed by the end of February. This was deemed better than the possibility of Wind Direct appealing a rejection, which may take much longer. G.E. thanked P.W. for her continued support.

11/71 Apologies

Apologies received from Cllr. Trish Thorpe, Cllr. Robert Sheppard and the Police.

11/72 Minutes of the previous meeting, 25th October 2011

- With the necessary amendments, minutes were accepted as correct and signed as a true record.
- Minutes are now available on the village website.

11/73 Matters Arising

- K.A. visited resident concerned about the Street Lighting issues. Defer final decision on Street Lighting on Hillside until next meeting. D.J. to contact NKDC to confirm we wish to continue with request for additional Street Lighting on Sutton Road.
- The Housing Needs Survey is going well.

11/74 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest at this point.

11/75 Finance Matters

- HSBC Account Balances:
No Bank Statement since the last meeting. No payments have been made.
- At the next meeting the precepts will need to be agreed.
- HSBC mandates still to be handed in.

- T.F. has obtained quote for grass cutting from the company who cut the Church's grass. £480 p/a for up to 12 cuts for whole area as indicated on the map, excluding the Playing Field. (Although they can do this too and will amend quote accordingly.) T.F. to contact NKDC to confirm budget for next year, and copy the map for records.

11/76 Planning Matters

Plans Received:

11/1192/VARCON Variation of Condition 1 of application 09/0612/FUL to allow the retention of temporary 70m high anemometry mast for a further 6 month period (expiring 14th April 2012) Lodge Farm, Sleaford Road, Beckingham

- Granted – dealt with this issue earlier in the meeting.

11/1124/FUL Erection of agricultural workers dwelling Field Farm, Sutton Road, Sutton-cum-Beckingham

- Map received from LCC regarding footpath. No further comments or questions.

11/1292/FUL Livestock Building

- No objections.
- Agreed that all current Planning Applications are to be discussed at the meetings to give public chance to be involved in the decision making process.

11/77 Correspondence

- CCTV email – Not required by the Parish. The Church is believed have adequate security at present.
- Beacons for The Queens Diamond Jubilee. Although Beckingham is on a hill, there is no suitable land for this purpose. Also cost involved. Decision not to proceed with Beacons. Further discussion required as to a suitable celebration for Jubilee celebrations.
- Service Level Agreement. James Keane is not able to collect dog faeces due to his difficulties, and his carer has raised her concerns on the matter. D.J. to contact NKDC regarding this matter. A note to be added to The Bugle regarding dog fouling.
- Digley – Play Park Annual Inspection Report. A matter for discussion later in the meeting.
- SID repair. Already discussed earlier in the meeting.
- K.A.'s notes on the Severe Winter Weather Workshop. Council are urging residents to clear snow on paths and walk ways. The council aim to dispel the myth that you will be sued if someone slips and falls on the area you have cleared. Also, farmers can use vehicles fuelled by red diesel if they are voluntarily helping to clear snow.
- Gritting routes 2011/12 schedule. Keep on file.
- How to Deal with Planning Applications leaflet. Cllrs to circulate.

11/78 Matters for Discussion

- Regular dates of meetings - Cancel the January meeting and re-arrange for the 17th January. Meetings are to be held on the third Tuesday of each month. Therefore the meetings will then follow as the 21st February, 20th March, 17th April, and the AGM will be on the 15th May.
- Question from the public as to the use of LALC to the Clerk - D.J. to contact LALC to find out how to apply. Agenda point for the next meeting.
- PAYE - Council Clerks need to be paid through the new system. K.A. to make enquiries.

Cllr. Woodman left the meeting.

- Parish Council procedures identified. Agenda to be put up on notice board and forwarded to village website 7 days in advance. Draft Minutes to be circulated within 2 weeks, and confirmed within 3 weeks. Cllr. Thorpe to manage an email group for the public. Public time will be limited to 15 minutes. Public Speakers will be made first possible Agenda item with a 15 minute speaking limit with 15 minute for questions.
- Community Lead Planning Report. The Launch was not as well attended as it would have been hoped. It is the intention of the Parish Council to look at two recommendations from this report per meeting where possible throughout the year, prioritised accordingly. Agenda point for the next meeting.
- Footway Lighting – discussed earlier in the meeting.
- The Queen's Diamond Jubilee – The Beacons idea discussed earlier in the meeting and discounted. Intention to include all groups within the village, with the idea of possibly holding a traditional Street Party. Need to check the Palace's preferred date for celebrations. K.A. to arrange a date to advertise a meeting to get anyone interested together.
- Play Park Project – Annual Inspection Report circulated. Following the report, urgent issues at the Park regarding Health and Safety have been dealt with as best as possible. The Play Park Project members held a 'Clean up Day' with 7 people attending. The main entrance was cleared, rabbit holes filled,

moss cleared, litter picked, equipment washed and nut and bolts tightened. Urgent issues remaining – The garage and bramble are needs to be removed and cleared. The rusty goal post also needs to be removed asap. The garage and goal post are in dangerous condition. The hedges have not been cut all year. T.F. to get quote for an immediate cut, which can be approved by all councillors by email.

- All other points from the Agenda have already been dealt with during this meeting.

11/ 79 Other Business

- Dog bins. Possible candidates within village to be approached to re-site bins.
Agreed purchase asap of 2 x Glasson Dog Bins with posts FIDO25 @ £129.84 each and 1 x Glasson Super trim line bins 50HSL @ £97.46

11/68 Date of the Next Meeting

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Meeting was closed at 8.50pm.