

Beckingham Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 5th May 2009 following the Annual Parish Meeting in the Village Hall.

Membership Councillor B Day (Chairman) Councillor P Hallam
Councillor G Else Councillor T Fox

Present J Lyon (Parish Clerk)
District Councillor Pat Woodman MBE
6 members of the public

09/29 Election of Officers

Chairman – Cllr B Day was nominated by Cllr G Else and seconded by Cllr P Hallam
Vice Chair – Cllr T Fox was nominated by Cllr B Day and seconded by Cllr P Hallam
Treasurer – Cllr G Else was nominated by Cllr B Day and seconded by Cllr T Fox
There being no further nominations, the officers were duly elected and Cllr B Day took the Chair.

09/30 Apologies

Apologies were received from District Councillor S Howe

09/31 Minutes of the previous meeting,

The minutes were accepted as correct and signed as a true record.

09/32 Matters Arising

The clerk has spoken to the ranger at Hill Holt Wood and he has been to assess the works required. They have proposed that if they allowed to take the wood removed away with them then no charge will be made for the works. All Councillors were in favour of this proposal and the clerk will notify Hill Holt Wood.

Bus Shelter – Councillor Hallam has contacted Mr Durham but he is very busy and unable to carry out the repairs needed until August. Another quote to be sought.

Gate at the bottom of Hillside – Councillor Day confirmed that approval has been given for the works – he then declared a pecuniary interest, and estimated that the works would cost between £120 and £150. Councillor Hallam will obtain another quote from E Durham for comparison.

09/33 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations at this point.

09/34 Reports from Councillors

There were no further reports after the Annual Parish Meeting

09/35 Finance Matters

The clerk has received the Annual Audit forms for completion and return by the Treasurer.

An insurance renewal has been received from Came and Company, for £262.50

An invoice has been received from Veolia for the April grass cutting of the Playing Field at a cost of £37.95 + £5.69 = £43.64. They have now been instructed to cut the grass fortnightly.

Cheques were written and signed for these two amounts.

A remittance advice has been received from HM Customs & Excise for a VAT refund for £427.93 – this covers two years, as a return was not submitted last year.

09/36 Planning Matters

Refusal of Planning Permission

N/08/0082/09 Erection of Wash Room at Plot 4, The Paddocks, Poplar Meadows – this has been refused due to insufficient supporting information to justify the scale, mass and height proposed. Also it is proposed to house domestic appliances which could be housed in the enlarged day block.

09/37 Correspondence

A letter has been received from the Trustees of the Randolph Pattinson Charity to say that the four year term for Mr M Neale and Mr N Ashworth has expired but that they are both willing to stand for another term. It was agreed that the vacancies be advertised on the Parish Notice board for a period of two weeks to see if anyone else is interested in becoming a trustee and then the Parish Council can appoint the two trustees at the next Parish Council Meeting.

North Kesteven District Council have written to ask if the Parish Council have any requests for the Footway Lighting Programme 2009/10. There are no requests outstanding and no additional requests.

Lincolnshire County Council have written to inform of a Temporary Road Closure of Chapel Street on Saturday 13th June between 10.00am and 4.00pm to accommodate the Village Fete.

The Land Registry have written to ask if the Parish Council have any areas of land that they would like to voluntary register – the Clerk will speak to Mr Tony Garfoot at the Land Registry to see what parcels are currently unregistered – ongoing.

A separate letter from the Land Registry has been received – a Notice to an adjoining owner of an application for registration of a person in adverse possession. This relates to the most easterly corner of land between Sleaford Road and the A17. It is a claim from Clare Leggott (nee Sheldon) to register the land – in her statement she states that her father bought the field in 1963 and it was subsequently divided into two by the new A17. The northerly part was sold to the Capp family, and the southern part has been farmed by the family ever since. There were no objections to the application and the clerk will reply to that effect.

09/38 Matters for Discussion

The dog waste bin is scheduled to be repaired. An additional dog waste bin has been requested for the end of Rectory Street – the clerk to submit the request to the Bugle, to ask for opinions.

The fly tipping on the old A17 has been reported to NKDC, but to date has not been cleared – the clerk to follow up.

Publication of Minutes – it was agreed that the draft minutes be circulated to Councillors as soon as possible after the meeting, and that the aforementioned unapproved minutes be available on the Beckingham website. A note to be put in the Bugle to let parishioners know this.

The Council were presented with suggested terms and conditions for the Clerk's position. Included in these are the financial roles which are currently carried out by the treasurer. It is unsure when and why historically these were separated from the Clerk, but the Clerk said that she was able and willing to take on these tasks – to be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

09/39 Date of the Next Meeting

The date for the next meeting was set for the 16th June at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.