



Dear All,

hope you are all well and have been enjoying the wonderful weather we have been having recently, although not enough rain for our farmers I'm afraid. I don't know about you but it's been a busy few weeks with everything getting back to its new normal almost. We have had two wonderful services this last month celebrating the lives of both Fran Brealey and Bill Goodhand, both of whom will be missed by so many. We've also had a wonderful concert by the Military Wives choir as well as a lot of baptisms happening which are always wonderful and joyful events.

It's also getting even busier as we move towards our Jubilee weekend celebrations. I know many of you are looking forward to street parties, get togethers, picnics and lunches and I hope to see many of you at some of them over the weekend. We have our annual church fete in Welbourn on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> 3-5pm where there are lots of activities as well as a fun dog show which I will be judging so please come and join in and if anyone is lacking a dog most of you know I have some to spare to lend out!! Our main thanksgiving service will be at 1030 on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> where we will celebrate this once in a lifetime event and join together in thanks for Her Majesty's long reign. All are welcome – even if you have never set foot in the church before!

I mentioned in my last letter that we were launching a new family event at the church which we have called Forest Church. This is a new way of doing church and helps us connect with God in creation and is held outside. On the 15<sup>th</sup> May we held our first in St Chad's churchyard and we had over 40 join us for it. Fun was had by children as well as mums, dads and grandparents, searching around the churchyard for bugs and all things creepy with magnifying glasses just to help, of making bug hotels and planting wildflower seeds amongst singing and of course chocolate biscuits and marshmallows! Our next one is on the third Sunday of every month in the churchyard, come rain or shine so come and join us and see that church can be fun for all ages. We also have the prosecco and strawberries event at the Noble's in Brant Broughton starting up again this year, on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June so please join us, and at the same time raise funds for our churches.

An update on our local situation with welcoming Ukrainian refugees is that we have many more guests who have joined us in the area, with more expected. To support them and their families we do have a small fund now to call upon if anyone needs help so please give me a call. To boost this fund we have a silent auction being run on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June from 7pm in Leadenham Village Hall with some amazing lots to bid on, with all proceeds going towards helping local Ukrainian refugees.

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# The Beckingham & Sutton Bugle

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## Just in case you have not heard!!.....

### Notice of decision to refuse planning permission

Application number:	22/0081/FUL
Proposal:	Change of use from equestrian to residential to accommodate 1 static caravan, 1 touring caravan (parking) brick and tile built day room, parking for 2 vehicles and associated service roads.
Location:	Plot 1 Land Off A17 Adjacent To The River Witham Beckingham Lincs

North Kesteven District Council hereby give notice in pursuance of the provisions of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 that permission has been **refused** for the carrying out of development referred to above hereof for the following reasons: -

## and the reasons.....

- 1 The application form submitted with the planning application states that foul drainage from the development is to be directed to a septic tank. Beckingham Water Recycling Centre (WRC) is located adjacent to the north eastern boundary of the wider cumulative development site, and a 150mm diameter foul sewer pipe runs under part of the wider cumulative development site itself which conveys foul flows from Beckingham village to the WRC.
- 2 The application site and the wider cumulative development site is exposed to three existing primary sources of background noise, the A17 (traffic noise) the Beckingham Water Recycling Centre (WRC) (operational noise) and the Beckingham Defence Training Estate (DTE) (military training noise). The location of the A17, the DTE and the WRC relative to the wider cumulative development site is such that noise exposure would likely be experienced by future occupiers through all three boundaries of the wider cumulative development site.
- 3 The application site and wider cumulative development site are located outside of but immediately adjacent to the 'Beckingham Ranges' and 'River Witham - Auburn to Beckingham' Local Wildlife Sites (LWS) which border the wider cumulative development site on the north eastern and north western boundaries, and furthermore are located in a 'Wetland Habitat' opportunity area as illustrated in the 2013 Central Lincolnshire Biodiversity Opportunity Mapping Study (BOMS) and the Central Lincolnshire Biodiversity Opportunity Mapping Report (2019).

The LWS citations note that the primary and additional habitats contained within the LWS's comprise amongst other things of neutral, coarse or rank grassland, semi-natural woodland, scrub, rivers/drains/ditches/ponds, inland grazing marsh, tussocky vegetation and seasonally wet/damp areas.

The application is not accompanied by a Preliminary Ecological Appraisal comprising a desk study and a site walkover survey and furthermore the part-retrospective nature of certain operational development on the wider cumulative development site mean that the nature and ecological value of the baseline habitats prior to those works commencing cannot be readily quantified.

The proximity of the site to the River Witham suggests that Otter could be a relevant ecological constraint (a 'European Protected Species' subject to an enhanced level of legal protection under The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations) as well as potentially badger, water vole and white-clawed crayfish (depending on drainage implications).

Let me end with a wish for you all to enjoy the celebrations over the Jubilee weekend and for us all to come together in our communities to share this special time whilst remembering the promise our wonderful Queen made all those years ago:

*I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service... But I shall not have strength to carry out this resolution alone unless you join in it with me, as I now invite you to do: I know that your support will be unfailingly given. God help me to make good my vow, and God bless all of you who are willing to share in it. Princess Elizabeth, 21 April 1947*

Rev Chris



1 Newcastle (1-0 against Arsenal)  
2 Winston Churchill  
3 All popular makes of cars in 1952  
4 Elizabeth Alexandra Mary (Windsor)  
5 1 - ITV did not start until 1955  
6 50.6 million  
7 seven - now it is 52  
8 twenty  
9 6d is 6 old pence now about 2.5 pence  
10 fifteen - raised from 14 in 1944  
11 six although it was then called the European Coal and Steel Community  
12 1760  
13 Helsinki  
14 3rd Division North - in 1952 they came top  
15 four shillings and sixpence is now about 6 pence a litre!!  
16 Harry S Truman  
17 26 (dob 31/4/1926)  
18 England!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!  
19 All four  
20 £2028



About 3 years ago the Parish Council decided that it was time to make a little more use of the Playing Field on Sutton Road. In the past it had been the home of a cricket team and a football team and as the odd archaeological find indicates home to a body of men and maybe women in the Civil War as Roundheads were camped in the area enforcing a siege on the Royalist town of Newark. So as times change so do the pastimes of people and the Field witnessed little use.

So to make it a little more usable as a recreation area it was decided to split it into three areas. A fenced area surrounding the children's play equipment, delineating it as a non-dog area, an open area of cut grass for golfers and the like to practice on and the remaining 2/3s into a Woodland. We sought advice and were put in touch with the Woodland Trust, They suggested that it would be best to plant of variety of saplings that are native and which would be suited to the soil and the surrounding environment.

Before any work was started we had a pathway cut in the field about a kilometre in length to create a winding path for a dogwalker, a keep fit walker or for anyone to wander round the field. In the spring an assortment of 1750 trees were delivered along with the same number of stakes and plastic spirals. There are 20 different species of trees that will eventually provide a rich tapestry of cover and spectacle. The largest number is 300 of the Common Oak (*Quercus Robur*) down to 25 of the Scots Pine (*Pinus Sylvestris*). Each year, a small area surrounding each tree is selectively sprayed with a weed killer to provide an area that will encourage natural watering of each tree. The rest of the field is left to nature, the only exception to this is that any Ragwort that grows will be removed.

As the canopy of trees develops, the change in the light available to the ground will alter and as a result, the undergrowth will naturally change and develop into that that is normal to find in a woodland. As the trees grow, the protective spirals will be selectively removed. At the moment it may appear that the growth of some plants is being stunted by being surrounded by a plastic sleeve, this however is perfectly normal and the major effect is that the plants will more readily develop into upright trees rather than bushes. As the members of the Parish Council are not blessed with any great horticultural knowledge we have enlisted the help of another locally based charity, Hill Holt Wood, to carry out routine inspections to ensure that our investment will continue to thrive and be there for future generations to enjoy.



- 4 The application site and wider cumulative development site are located between around 5.4km and 17km from the closest education, medical and convenience retail services and facilities located variously in Brant Broughton, Claypole, Ancaster, Leadenham and Balderton/Newark. The location of the site and the wider cumulative development site to the A17, which is unlit and without linking footpath/cycleway connections thereto, allied with the travel distances and times means that access to these services and facilities would in all likelihood be by private car rather than other sustainable forms of transport (in the interests of promoting modal shift) and furthermore they are not within reasonable travelling distance.

In addition, whilst a limited Monday to Saturday bus service connects Beckingham village with Newark and Lincoln via intervening villages, there is no bus stop along the A17 site frontage and where access from the application site and wider cumulative development site to Beckingham village itself (bus stop, public house, village hall and church) would be across the highly trafficked A17 dual carriageway which has an Armco barriered central reservation, no safe central refuge or controlled crossing point. These factors are likely to dissuade future occupier access to and use of those more limited local services; including on foot or by cycle.

- 5 Beckingham is defined as a 'Small Village' in the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan, where CLLP policy LP2 'the Spatial Strategy and Settlement Hierarchy' sets out that, subject to other policy tests, such settlements will only accommodate small scale development limited to around 4 dwellings per site. Whilst the site is located in the countryside outside the developed footprint of Beckingham (and as such is not bound by the same site-specific allowances as the village itself), paragraph 25 of the Planning Policy for Traveller Sites (2015) requires Local Planning Authorities to ensure that sites in rural areas respect the scale of, and do not dominate, the nearest settled community.
- 6 The application requires the formation of a revised access onto the A17 however the proposals are not accompanied by the necessary supporting information to demonstrate that the required visibility plays can be achieved at the site access (in accordance with Design Manual for Roads and Bridges guidance), and that the access junction layout design as submitted is of the appropriate geometry (width and radii) to accommodate the largest vehicle expected to visit the site and to enable two-way vehicle movements.

In addition, a Transport Statement (TS) has not been submitted to consider the cumulative highway safety and capacity impacts of the proposal along with the 16 related planning applications to consider issues such as trip generation, the safety implications of development to include in relation to slow moving and turning caravans and light commercial vehicles, measures to promote sustainable travel and where applicable any required on- or off-site mitigation measures.

- 7 The proposed development, taken collectively with the 16 related planning applications, would create a significant adverse impact (albeit localised) on the character and appearance of the countryside beyond the developed footprint of Beckingham village. The cumulative development of a total of 51 touring and static caravans and brick and tile-built day blocks, along with parking/hardstanding for cars and light commercial vehicles laid out in an identical linear planform throughout the site would have a stridently urbanising impact on the local landscape and would fundamentally conflict with the key characteristics of the surrounding 'Terrace Sandlands' sub-area (as described in the 2007 North Kesteven Landscape Character Assessment) within which the site is located.

Whilst the cumulative site area benefits from varying degrees of screening and filtering in particular in mid- and long distance views from areas around Stapleford Woods/Stapleford and Woodgate Lane by existing woodland, land topography/localised undulations and structures within the Beckingham Defence Training Estate, these do not wholly mitigate the locally significant adverse impacts in approach from the east and west along the A17 in the environs of Beckingham village.

The removal and cutting back of sections of frontage hedgerow heightens these impacts, and where the design, colouration and the relative densely developed disposition of the cumulative touring and static caravan units in particular (34 in total) would compound those adverse impacts. These harmful impacts cannot be fully mitigated by soft landscaping, and where the installation of any solid boundaries around the cumulative area site perimeter (whilst not proposed by the applicants) would further urbanise the site.



### How well do you remember 1952??

- 1 Who won the 1952 FA Cup Final
- 2 Who was the Prime Minister in 1952
- 3 What do Jowett, Hillman, Riley and Talbot have in common
- 4 What are the Queen's other Christian names?
- 5 How many TV channels in 1952
- 6 What was the UK population in 1952 (Hint now it is 68.4million)
- 7 How many countries in the Commonwealth in 1952
- 8 How many shillings in a pound
- 9 What was the cost of a pint of milk in 1952
- 10 What was the school leaving age in 1952
- 11 How many countries in the EU in 1952
- 12 How many yards in a mile
- 13 Where were the 1952 Summer Olympics held
- 14 What League did Lincoln play in 1952
- 15 What was the cost of a gallon of petrol in 1952
- 16 Who was the US President in 1952
- 17 How old was the Queen in 1952
- 18 Who won the **1953** Ashes
- 19 How many of the Beatles had been born by 1952
- 20 What was the average house price in 1952

*No cheating please .... But the answers are on Page 7*

All contributions for the next Beckingham Bugle welcome. The deadline for the next September 2022 issue is August 14th 2022



## Street Party

Chapel Street

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2:00 – 5:30 pm

Dress Code  
Red, White &  
Blue

All  
Welcome

All proceeds to the  
DEC Ukraine  
Humanitarian  
Appeal

Bring Your  
Own Food &  
Drink

Quiz,  
Games &  
Stalls

To reserve your table (of 6 to 8 people, for a cost of £2 per person) or if you have any ideas/suggestions for games/stalls please contact Alex Williams at [alexsw@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:alexsw@hotmail.co.uk) or at 2 The Paddock, Hillside.