



It is with mixed emotions that I tell you that my time here as Priest in charge of Loveden Central Group of Parishes is coming to an end. I am finishing in Lincoln Diocese at the end of September and will be starting as the Chaplain of St Andrew's Church Porto Pollensa, Mallorca in November. My last service in this group will be the last Sunday of September which is a group service and will be Harvest Festival at Fulbeck at 10.30am. As you are all aware, this is a very large group of churches and whilst I have enjoyed my time here, I feel too stretched to be able to provide the pastoral care that I would like, and to develop our mission and ministry effectively.

I have been very fortunate to minister in such beautiful churches in this group with a supportive Ministry Team, organists and very hard working Church Wardens who I will miss. I have met some lovely people in our congregations who have encouraged me in so many different ways, quietly living out their Christian faith in practical ways.

Canon Geraldine our Rural Dean will be the point of contact for this group once I leave, but please remember she is a part-time volunteer. Archdeacon Gavin is now responsible for Loveden Deanery.

I am going to be busy as ever in the coming weeks with a wedding every weekend and a number of baptisms, as well as funerals and burials of ashes. We have a number of Harvest Services in the group during September.

Thank you once again for all the kindness that I have been shown. I know that you are in the prayers of the new church that I will be joining.

Sara

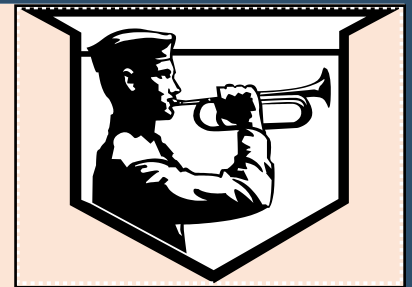
Harvest Festival – food contributions for the Emmaus Trust

We will, as usual, be collecting non perishable goods for Newark Emmaus Trust. Contributions can be left in church from the Thursday before the service. The Emmaus Trust does much good work supporting the homeless in Newark and surrounds.

The Beckingham & Sutton Bugle

September 2025

Beckingham and Sutton Village News and Information



*Planning
Why bother!!!*

~ BECKINGHAM VILLAGE HALL SOCIAL CLUB EVENTS ~
2025 – Dates for your Diary – 2025 [v2.0]

AUGUST

❖ **Sat. 30 August ~ Quiz Night**
 At: 7:30pm (ish) ~ With Pizza served at 8:30pm (ish)
 Entry: £2.00 per person

SEPTEMBER

❖ **Sat. 27 Sept ~ Macmillan Coffee Morning**
 At: 10:30 – 12:30
 Entry: £5.00 per person
 Raffles & prizes to be won

❖ **Thurs 04 Sept ~ Annual General Meeting**
 At: 7pm
 Venue: Village Hall
Please come & have your say

OCTOBER

❖ **Sun. 05 Oct – Conker Competition**
 At: 3pm
 Conkers provided
 Come & beat the reigning champion

❖ **Sun 12 Oct ~ Harvest Lunch**
 At: 12:30 for 1pm
 Entry: Tickets can be reserved in advance from Jean Martin
Cost to be confirmed

NOVEMBER

❖ **Sat 01 Nov ~ Silent Disco**
 At: 7:30pm
 Entry is £5.00 per person
 Come & join in the fun ~ Headsets will be provided

DECEMBER

❖ **Mon. 01 Dec ~ Wreath Making**
 At: Starting at 6:30pm
 Entry: £35.00 per person
 Everything is provided and you go home with your own Christmas wreath 🥰
 All Enquiries to Wendy Williams via email at: Wend68@btinternet.com

❖ **Wed. 17 Dec ~ Christmas Dinner**
 At: The Black Swan, Hillside
 All enquiries to Wendy Williams via Email at: Wend68@btinternet.com

❖ **Sun. 21 Dec ~ Christmas Carols**
 Details to follow

❖ **Mon. 22 Dec ~ Festive Florals**
 With prosecco and cocktail Bellinis
 At: 7pm in the village hall
 Entry: £30.00 per person
 Everything is provided and you will go home with a wonderful seasonal table decoration 🥰
 All Enquiries to Wendy Williams via email at: Wend68@btinternet.com

❖ **Wed 31 Dec ~ New Years Eve Party**
 celebrations – details to follow

Readers of the latest Parish Council minutes will know that steps have now been taken to improve access to the Village Hall and we expect Lincolnshire Highways to make the planned changes in the very near future. For example.....



→ Dropped kerb



North Kesteven
DISTRICT COUNCIL



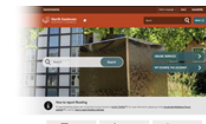
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Beckingham Parish Council Code of Conduct:

Section 51 of the Local Government Act 2000 requires Beckingham Parish Council (like all other Councils ...and Government!!!) to adopt a Code of Conduct which all its Councillors must follow based on the very important “Nolan” principles of standards in public life, namely:

Selflessness: for example Councillors must always act in the public interest

Integrity: for example Councillors must not disclose information given to them in confidence.

Objectivity: for example Councillors must have regard to any relevant advice provided to them by the Clerk

Accountability: for example Councillors must act in accordance with the Council's policies

Openness: for example Councillors must give reasons for any decisions taken on behalf of the Council

Honesty: for example Councillors must declare any disclosable (pecuniary and non-pecuniary) interests or conflicts of interest that may arise in respect of their responsibilities as a Member of the Council.

Leadership: for example Councillors must set an example by their behaviour and shall act in a way that enhances public trust and confidence in the integrity of the Parish Council

Harvest Lunch Sunday 12 October at 1pm at Beckingham Village Hall Home made food on offer for £10 per person. Choose from - Beef in Red Wine Sauce, Chicken Casserole; Vegetable Curry. For dessert- Rhubarb Crumble; Apple Pie or Trifle.

Drinks to be purchased from the Bar- kindly ran by the Village Social Club

All are welcome - non club members will need to be signed it at the door.

Wendy

All ticket sales proceeds to go to All Saints Church, Beckingham

Following recent planning applications in the Village it might be a good idea to have a brief recap of what can and cannot happen with any new planning application. Page 4 and 5 outline the mechanics of the planning process but it might be relevant to stress the following:

Timetable:

All planning applications have to follow a strict timetable (else the applicant has a legal recourse to object to the process followed.)

The timetable for any particular application is always set out on the NKDC planning portal under the particular planning application.

But usually the Parish Council has three weeks to respond to NKDC

Transparency:

Comments that go from the Parish Council (and they can be in favour as well as object!!) must be decided in a public Parish Council meeting where discussion on the application is a specific agenda item.

All Beckingham Parish Council agenda are published at least three days in advance of the meeting on the website to meet the legal requirements for the meeting.

Predeterminism.

Read about the Councillors' Code of Conduct on Page 6 but it is essential requirement that all Councillors have not decided their view on an application until they have heard all points made at the public meeting. Otherwise why have a meeting!!

A Councillor might be intimating a certain view as a private individual with a parishioner in a private discussion. That is part of the essential function of a Councillor, to liaise with Parishioners. But that knowledge only informs what they say at the meeting where other views and information can change the initial thoughts.

Individual action:

Any Parishioner can respond directly to NKDC on an application within the listed timeframe. But please understand what arguments the case Officer will accept—see Page 5

District Councillor Lucille Hagues:

Understand how important she can be as a direct conduit to the NKDC Case Officers and the Planning Committee's deliberations if relevant.

All contributions for the next Beckingham Bugle welcome. The deadline for the next December 2025 issue is November 19th 2025

The Role of a Parish Council on Planning Matters

The Mechanics.....the Important Stuff

The role of Beckingham Parish Council is to represent local views, provide local knowledge. and in raising areas of concern, involve our District Councillor Lucille Hagues if required.

Beckingham Parish Council is a statutory consultee in the planning process and must be informed of all planning applications, in the parish but it can only comment on these planning applications in the same way as any other member of the public.

However, any comments by the Council must be agreed during a properly called public council meeting and members of the public can attend to speak in support of or object to any application. Comments agreed in the Council meeting (*if any*) are then submitted by the Parish Clerk to NKDC.

Any Parish Council is only one of many consultees to any planning application: others for example include Highways.

Beckingham Parish Council will always seek the views of residents of the Parish, particularly in controversial cases, and will reflect such local feeling during the deliberation process. However, should there be widespread objection, or support, for a proposal then Councillors will always urge members of the public to send their own individually written letters or e-mails direct to NKDC.

Comments in response to a planning application can only be based on planning matters. Any comments or objections made must have a genuine material planning consideration

Around 95% of all decisions on planning applications are decided by the planning authority case officers without being reported to the NKDC Planning Committee. Planning officers make a recommendation to the Principal Officer with delegated authority to make decisions but the case officer's recommendation may not be accepted.

But any member of the NKDC Planning Committee may request an application is determined by the Planning Committee often because of the application has an exceptional level of public interest.



Material Planning Considerations include: -

Layout, density.
Risk of flooding or pollution.
Overlooking and loss of privacy.
Overshadowing and loss light (daylight/sunlight).
Access and traffic generation (highway safety). Local economy.
Design, appearance and materials.
Appearance, effects on street, specially designated area or building (e.g. conservation areas, listed buildings, ancient monuments, etc.).
Adequacy of parking.
Noise and smell. Landscape, contamination, loss of trees, etc.
Cumulative impact. Past planning history or appeal decisions of the site.
Central government policy and guidance (National Planning Policy Framework, Planning Practice Guidance).

The following are NOT considered to be material considerations: -

History of applicant.
Loss of view.
Commercial competition.
Change from previous scheme.
Impact on property value.
Restrictive covenants.
Ownership of land, right of access.
Noise & disturbance from construction work.
Land & boundary disputes.
Land ownership.
Damage to property.
Private rights of way.
Deeds & covenants.
Private issues between neighbours.
The number of objectors.

For more village news and to stay up to date with the latest Parish Council business visit the Village website at: www.beckinghamvillage.co.uk